



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 26 January 2024

UPCOMING DATES

RAPS daycare: Breakfast Club from 8-8:45am &
After School Club from 3:30pm-5:15pm

Monday 29 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Forest School for 3M

Tuesday 30 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Reception &
Yr 6

Forest School for 5W

Swimming for Y3

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 31 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1 & 5

Thursday 1 Feb

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

Swimming for Y4G

Basketball for Y5/6

Friday 2 Feb

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for Y4S

Future dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th February from 9.10am

Y2's assembly for families

Special lunch for Chinese New Year

Friday 16th February

School closes for half term

Thursday 29th February

Parents afternoon & evening

Thursday 21st March

Y3's assembly for families

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, It's been another busy week as we race towards February. Although it's continued to be wet, this has done nothing to dampen our spirits. Each morning our children rush through the gates with great enthusiasm showing that they are eager and ready to learn. Thank you for working with us to get your children into school on time to ensure that we have a prompt start to learning at 9am. Across school children have been engaged in and enjoying their learning. They are doing the best that they can in all areas of learning. Speaking of enjoying their learning, our Year 2's are looking forward to welcoming families to their class assembly which takes place in our school hall a week on Wednesday (7.2.24). Please come in through the main entrance where we will be on hand to warmly welcome you. The assembly to begin at approx. 9.10am and last for 20 minutes. Families and friends of Year 2 are welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend. With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney

Miss McKinney and all of the staff at Richard Avenue Primary School

In this week's assemblies... We have continued our PSHE learning through collective worship this week. Our topic for the half term is 'Living in the Wider World' and we are learning about 'Belonging to a Community'. All of our children are further developing their knowledge and understanding of this topic through these key questions:

Y1: What should the rules be for playing outside?

Y2: What does it mean to be responsible? What responsibilities do we have at home?

Y3: What communities do we belong to?

Y4: What are the rules and our rights in school? Is it important that we have them?

Y5: How can we protect and support our local environment in and around school?

Y6: Should we challenge stereotypes?

Perhaps you could discuss these at home?



Basketball for Y5. Congratulations to the Year 5 basketball team who are the new **Sunderland Hoops4Health 2024 champions!**



After a whole day of basketball in the first round, the team qualified for the semi-finals which took place at the Newcastle Vertu Arena, during a home game for the Newcastle Eagles. Our semi-final was against Barnes Junior School. A close game ended 4-4 after two brilliant baskets from **Aadil and Ethan**. A tense shoot-out followed with **Leon and Fateha** representing the team. Shots were taken for quite some time before **Leon** came up with the winning hoop to push Richard Avenue into the final. The final was played at halftime, in front of thousands of Eagles' fans. An even closer game finished 0-0, after some excellent last minute defending from **Isa**. It was time for another shoot out. This time **Fateha** would be the shoot out hero as she scored with the last throw - Richard Avenue were the winners! This was a fantastic team effort with every player showing determination, passion and teamwork to contribute to the success of the team. A HUGE well done to **Aadil, Isa, Fateha, Dylan, Varin, Ethan, Leon and Aisha**. We are all so proud of you! Thank you to the families who were able to attend and helped support the team. Last but not least, great big thank yous to **Miss Scott and Miss Hoggett**, with extra-special thanks to **Mr Spoors** for all he did to organise the evening and for his brilliant basketball skills and tactics #superMrSpoors **See page 4 of our flyer for photographs!**

1G's Mrs Gorton. We are delighted to let you know that **Mrs Gorton** is expecting a baby due to arrive in mid-March. Whilst this is some time away, governors have been working hard to organise staffing to cover Mrs Gorton's maternity leave. Once checks are complete, we will be in a position to share more details with you all but in the meantime, we wish Mrs Gorton well as she speeds towards the end of her pregnancy. 🥰

Assembly stars. Last week's stars linked to the theme of **aspirations**:

Nursery: Vanni

Reception: Gracie

Y1: Aiza & Swathik

Y2: Aniyah & Durkhanai

Y3: Iyaaz & Yaqub

Y4: Zayd & Aiyaz

Y5: Aisha & Hana

Y6: Noah & Zaeem

Well done everyone, you are all
RAPS stars!

Polite request. Please be considerate when arriving at school by car and be aware that Richard Avenue is not wide enough for families to perform **three point turns**, especially during our busy drop off and collection time. This creates an even more dangerous situation for our children which we know everyone wants to avoid. We know these periods are challenging and are working hard with the council to make more changes, but for the time being, please avoid turning in the road. Many thanks for your continued support in helping to keep all of our children and families safe.

Nuts. Due to potential allergies which can lead to pupils having severe reactions, we are a nut free school. This means that packed lunches and snacks must not contain nuts or products including nuts, such as **Nutella or peanut butter**. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Dear Families, the school meals service is holding a "Year of the Dragon" promotional day on **Thursday 8th February** to celebrate Chinese New Year. For this special lunch, the menu will be:

Chicken fried rice with curry sauce or stir fried quorn and noodles or sweet & sour vegetables

All served with chips and all accompanied with a vegetable spring roll

Banana pancake & ice cream pots

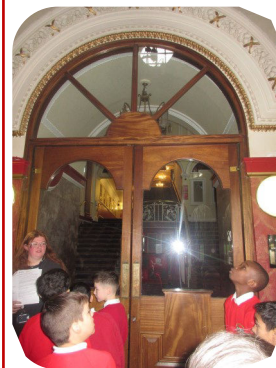
We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. If your child does not normally have school dinners then please let the school office know in advance and **before Thursday 1st February please**, if they want to be part of the promotional day so that our school kitchen can plan to feed them.



Reception open afternoon. You are invited to join the reception team for the second of our open afternoons which, this term, will give you an opportunity to find out more about the **maths curriculum** - resources we use, how parents might support at home, and of course enjoy a cuppa and chat. This term's opportunity will take place on **Tuesday 13th February from 2.15-3.30pm**, with time to visit the reception classroom and work alongside your child. Please sign in at the front door, and the office team will look after you. We look forward to seeing you then.



Y6 at the Theatre Royal. On Tuesday last week, Year 6 went to the Empire Theatre for



a wonderful visit. We enjoyed a fantastic backstage tour as well as a drama workshop which we absolutely loved. We played many fun and exciting games as well as listening to a

few humorous stories which we really enjoyed too. While on the tour, we learnt about the history of the theatre; about how and when it was made. When we were in the workshops, we were taught a joyful dance which some of enjoyed more than others! All of this was fun-filled - we felt like we were entering a whole new world and we loved it!

By Noah and Simran in 6C



Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **4G** who are our weekly winners.

*Weekly whole school attendance is **83.08%***

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	87.8	3D	80.0
NURSERY AFT	73.0	3M	79.0
RH	82.7	4G	93.8
RM	85.0	4S	93.3
1G	80.0	5B	85.7
1W	79.3	5W	79.3
2CW	81.3	6C	82.1
2W	81.9	6H	87.6

98% - 100%	Excellent Attendance
95% - 97.9%	Good Attendance
92% - 94.9%	Caution
90% - 91.9%	Cause for concern
Below 90%	Serious Concern

"Being around teachers and friends in a school or college environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. That's why school attendance is so important."
Department of Education

Photographs of the Mayor's visit...



Sunderland Hoops4Health 2024 champions...



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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

YEAR OF THE DRAGON

CHINESE NEW YEAR

- ★ Chinese New Year starts a new animal's zodiac year.
- ★ The celebration lasts for 15 days till Lantern Festival.
- ★ One sixth of the world's people celebrate it.
- ★ The celebration decorations are mostly in red.
- ★ As the longest festival in the Chinese calendar, Chinese New Year can last as many as 15 days.
- ★ Children take an entire month off of school.
- ★ Firecrackers are popular during the Chinese New Year. They are thought to scare off evil spirits.
- ★ This is the only time in the year that you can set off fireworks.
- ★ One of the traditional treats is a candied crab-apple on a stick.

ZODIAC MAZE

Find your way to the Chinese Dragon

START



WORDSEARCH

Can you find the 12 Chinese zodiac animals?

- Rat
- Rabbit
- Horse
- Rooster
- Ox
- Dragon
- Goat
- Dog
- Tiger
- Snake
- Monkey
- Pig

R	M	O	N	K	E	Y	G	D	P	H
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