



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 8 March 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 11 March

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Tuesday 12 March

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Reception & Yr 3

Swimming for Y5

Infant Agility for Y1 at Sunderland Tennis Centre

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 13 March

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

Visit of Rev'd Dowsett for Y2

Thursday 14 March

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y6

RSPB Bird Watch for Y1

Heart on Sleeve Festival for Y3/4

Swimming for Y4G

SATs information meeting for parents of children in Y6 from 3.50-4.30pm

Friday 15 March

Comic Relief

Captain Chemistry for Nursery & Rec

Captain Chemistry for Y1

Trampoline Festival for Y3

Swimming for Y4S

Future dates for your diary

Thursday 21st March

Y3's assembly for families from 9.10-9.30am

Thursday 28th March

School closes for the Easter holiday @ 1.45pm

Y6 FAMILIES PLEASE ACCEPT YOUR CHILD'S Y7 PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, Another busy week has flown by and the children have again enjoyed many wonderful opportunities including a celebration of books and reading. As we know you know, teaching our children to read is our highest priority. It is the doorway to so much in life and we are determined that our children will learn to read as soon as possible. Reading and the promotion of reading for pleasure reminds our children of the joy books bring and of the power of reading. Reading for pleasure is something we promote every day in our school. Spending just fifteen minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success and it's fun for all involved. World Book Day is a great reminder of how developing a life-long habit of reading for pleasure supports your child's learning and future success. All of our children have weekly options to choose a book they find interesting and bring it home to read. **Here are the DfE's 10 top tips for you to try when supporting home reading: encourage your child to read; read aloud regularly; encourage reading choice; read together; create a comfortable environment; make use of your local library; talk about books; bring reading to life - role play and drama; making reading active - fun activities such as treasure hunts or quizzes; engage your child in reading in a way that suits them - read in your first language, add a creative element and find the best time.** Most importantly, find the time to read together. Finally, it's a Happy Mother's Day to mothers and mother figures everywhere. Wishing you a lovely day and perhaps some time to flop and put your feet up? Have a lovely weekend everyone. With very best wishes, *Clare McKinney.*

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



Assembly stars. Last week's stars linked to the theme of **being hard working** were:

Nursery: Ariella

Rec: Momoreoluwa & Maarif

Y1: Yasir & Amanda

Y2: Daniel & Yaqub

Y3: Luna & Dawood

Y4: Jahari & Midhun

Y5: Abyaad & Kenuli

Y6: Ade & Abdou

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



In this week's assemblies... What a packed week this week has been. In assemblies, we have been focusing on equality and rights. We have talked about how unique we all are and the importance of the Equality Act and the Protected Characteristics. In class, we discussed their impact and how important they are to everyone. We have also



We have also found out about Fair Trade Fortnight and International Women's Day on 8th March. In school we have celebrated World Book Day and have also made Mother's Day cards ...

Goodbye to Mrs Gorton. We said our goodbyes to Mrs Gorton today and wished her well as she makes final preparations for the arrival of her baby. We will let you all know as soon as we hear anything from Mrs Gorton at this very exciting time, and send our love to Mrs Gorton and her husband. We are delighted that **Miss Purvis** will take over the teaching of our 1G children from **Monday 11th March**, and would like to officially welcome her to our team!



Year visit the Stone Age! Year 3 took part in a Stone Age Workshop! They got the opportunity to experience what life was like for people in the Stone Ages. They learnt about how fires were lit using a bow drill. The children then built their own Stone Age homes using raw materials. The children enjoyed their day and are looking forward to learning more.



Comic Relief is back. On Friday 15th March, we will join thousands of schools up and down the country coming together to raise money for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. This year's theme is all about having fun and spreading joy. **On the 15th, School Council ask that pupils come to school dressed in red or in an outfit that makes them happy.** We ask for each child to bring a **voluntary donation of £1 in exchange for their choice of outfit.** Children will also be participating in a range of activities across the school day. We know there's a lot going on and for many people things continue to be incredibly difficult. If you are able to make a donation that would be brilliant. If not, please send the children into school in their choice of outfit for the day. *The Richard Avenue School Association, through termly discos and other fund-raising events, will be making a Comic Relief contribution on behalf of our school community.*



As well as this non-uniform day, **red noses are available to purchase for £1.** This year, there are four fun characters to collect as well as the chance to get hold of a limited edition rare "gold nose". Red noses will be sold at break times by School Council.

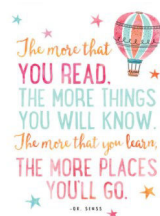
ChildNet Moving On Up! We are pleased to say that we have still have lots of time remaining with our Year 6 pupils in this academic year. However, the preparations for transitioning to secondary school begin to enter the thoughts of many children as they progress through the year. A lot of work goes into helping young people make a smooth transition from primary to secondary education. Part of this process is to support the children in feeling as prepared as possible for a range of scenarios. ChildNet have produced a range of resources to address some of the online aspects of moving to secondary school. There are a range of videos for Year 6 children to watch, which address common concerns, in addition to a helpful safety guide for parents. [All resources can be accessed via this link.](#)



Women's History Month. March is Women's History Month, so we will be learning about lots of aspirational women and girls in school over the next two weeks. Thank you to everyone who returned their homework project based on this, we are blown away by some of the amazing work that the children have produced! Please help us by discussing equality at home, as we want ALL of our children to know that that can be and do anything they want with hard work and dedication!



World Book Day at Richard Avenue. The children have enjoyed a wonderful week taking part in reading-linked activities some of which tested their reading knowledge to the maximum - ask the children! We also celebrated our own special books as we shared book talk with friends. *Many thanks to our wonderful Miss*



Green for organising such a fantastic book-themed week which we have thoroughly enjoyed #weareverylucky

Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **2W** who are our weekly winners. *Weekly whole school attendance is 95.18%*

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	92.5	3D	96.6
NURSERY AFT	88.7	3M	98.4
RH	89.3	4G	98.5
RM	95.7	4S	96.7
1G	94.0	5B	93.3
1W	93.5	5W	94.5
2CW	97.5	6C	90.7
2W	99.4	6H	98.6

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