

Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 10 May 2024

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 13 May

SATs week for Y6

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Visit to Barnes Park for Y2

Tuesday 14 May

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

Swimming for Y5

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 15 May

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

Thursday 16 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y6

Swimming for Y4G

Football cup match for Y3/4 from 3.345pm

Friday 17 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for Y4S

Future dates for your diary

Parent appointments for 1W & 3D - 20th May from 1.45-6.40pm

Reception assembly for families - Thursday 23rd May @ 9.10am

School closes for the May half term holiday - Friday 24th May

School re-opens for the second half of the summer term - Monday 3rd June

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, We begin this week's round-up feeling proud of our wonderful **Year 1 children** who read beautifully and smiled throughout yesterday's assembly for families, casting a cheery, warm glow around the hall for all present. There was great delight on their faces as they presented their independent work to families with HUGE RAPS thanks to everyone who contributed. We know the children loved having you in school, thank you so much, we really value your support. Looking ahead to next week, we couldn't let this week's letter go by without mentioning our amazing **Year 6 children** who will take their Key Stage 2 SATs next week - national assessments in reading, maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). *At home, could we please ask that you do your best to get the children to bed at a sensible time each night and that they arrive for school in good time each morning - thank you.* They've worked so hard, been so determined, made such fabulous progress and we are immensely proud of each of them. Have a lovely weekend. With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney.*

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

SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are
Remember **you're the best!**

We had a sort through some books in school. There were some books that we no longer used, as they did not match our curriculum. A big **thank you** to some of our Year 6 children for helping sort the books before we packed them into boxes. This was very much appreciated.



Books Abroad is a registered charity, based in Rhynie in Scotland, that promotes literacy, education, and understanding to provide a means for a sustainable escape from the plight of poverty, since 1982. They have delivered over 4,000,000 books to around 4,000 schools and organisations worldwide.



The books were sent to **Trinidad & Tobago** to support children that aren't as fortunate as our school. So the books will be loved and read by many more children so also good for the environment = no waste :-)

Have you logged into your child's **Seesaw** account this week? Staff have shared a number of updates. *If you need a new invitation, please contact your child's class teacher.*

In this week's assemblies. Endangered species day was May 5th, which inspired us to think about caring for our planet's animals. We not only found out about endangered animals across the world but also those that live in the UK and what can be done to protect them. Later in the term, we will be visited by The Dogs Trust charity. We will be learning more about caring for and staying safe around our canine friends.

ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY



Assembly stars. This week's stars linked to our *school values of teamwork and cooperation* were:



- Hannah
- Delilah &
- Aleena, Usman, Paul, Azeema, Nelson & Sumayyah
- Alisha, Husam, Daniel, Jack, Autymn & Fathema
- Ilyas, Izma & Iyaaz
- Jane, Sophie, Zeal, Eloghosa, Alessia & Sira
- Ivy, Noorah, Blake
- Hamza, Peculiar, Tayeb

Well done everyone,
you are all RAPS
stars!

Safeguarding update. As children grow older, many parents face the difficulties of striking a balance between providing them with an increasing level of independence whilst continuing to ensure their safety. One consideration relates to what is best for children when it comes to staying in the house or going out alone. [The NSPCC resources](#) provide key considerations alongside checklists for parents to work through with their child, introducing discussions about a range of scenarios that children may encounter and ways to stay safe.



Y5 and bikeability. This week, Year 5 have taken part in bikeability training. Children learned how to ride safely, how to stop, make hand signals whilst keeping the bike under control and have learned more about safe road cycling. They've had a great few days and were also blessed with good weather. Huge thanks to families for your support with the transportation of bikes to and from school - this is really appreciated, thank you very much!



Y3&4 at the athletics. Two teams from Yrs 3 and 4 participated in the Sunderland Athletics Finals this week. They competed in four events: 50m sprint, 400m run, standing long jump and a howler throw. All of the children showed determination to achieve their best times and distances to gain as many points as they could for their team. Huge well done to **Kyle, Zayan, Ismail, Aleeza, Aila, Saarah and Holly from Year 3 and Aiyaz, Lawk, Adrian, Yunus, Akif, Juhari, Rajaa, Alessia and Sophie from Year 4.**



Sunderland Foodbank. On behalf of Sunderland Foodbank, Student Council would like to say a huge thank you to both students and families at Richard Avenue for your kind donations. Last term, as a result of your generosity, the Foodbank were able to provide a total of 115 meals to those in need. This term, we will be continuing our appeal and if you are able to, we kindly ask for any donations to be brought into school with your child before *Thursday 23rd May*. Urgently needed food items include:



LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

BISCUITS

TINNED FRUIT

RICE PUDDING

JAM

PRESERVES

TOILET ROLLS

As always, we appreciate your continued support in helping those who need it most.

Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **RM** who are our weekly winners with 100% - everyone in school every day. Well done Miss McMaster's class!

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	94.3	3D	93.8
NURSERY AFT	92.5	3M	95.6
RH	98.8	4G	99.1
RM	100.00	4S	99.0
1G	88.3	5B	96.7
1W	94.3	5W	92.4
2CW	91.8	6C	97.4
2W	98.8	6H	99.2

Weekly whole school attendance is **96%**