



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 26 April 2024

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 29 April

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Visit to Barnes Park for Y2

Tuesday 30 April

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

Swimming for Y5

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 1 May

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

Thursday 2 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y6

Swimming for Y4&6

Lego workshop @ Sunderland Software City for
5W

Friday 3 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for Y4S

Lego workshop @ Sunderland Software City for
5B

Future dates for your diary

School closed for Bank Holiday - Monday
6th May

Y1's assembly for families - 9th May @
9.10am

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

Reception assembly for families - 23rd
May @ 9.10am

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, We're almost at the end of another speedy month and are making the most of every day at Richard Avenue. Our children have been really focused on their learning and are also working hard to be physically active throughout the day as they develop their understanding of their own emotions. As we all know, this is so important for them now and in the future. Speaking of being active, our **Year 5 basketball team** took part in the regional finals last week: the champion of champions event at the Newcastle Vertu Arena. Although the games didn't go our way, a HUGE well done to **Aadil, Isa, Fateha, Dylan, Varin, Ethan, Leon and Aisha** for taking part in this event with enthusiasm, skill and determination - we are all so proud of you! The children had a fabulous time and were also able to enjoy the Eagles' match as they took on the Cheshire Phoenix. We cheered loudly and smiled continually - we're certain we made the difference as the Eagles eventually won the match by a narrow margin. Thank you to the families who were able to attend and helped support the team. Last but not least, a great big thank you to **Miss Hoggett** for giving up her Friday evening to help and support the team, with extra-special thanks to **Mr Spoors** for all he did to organise the evening and for his brilliant basketball skills and tactics #superMrSpoors. Have a lovely weekend. With very best wishes,



Claire McKinney.

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

Assembly stars. Last week's **ECO WARRIOR** stars were:

Nursery: Alfie

Rec: Ilyas & Xavier

Y1: Hillaria & Ruth

Y2: Davina & Iqra

Y3: Aila & Joseph

Y4: Aaira & Mabiha

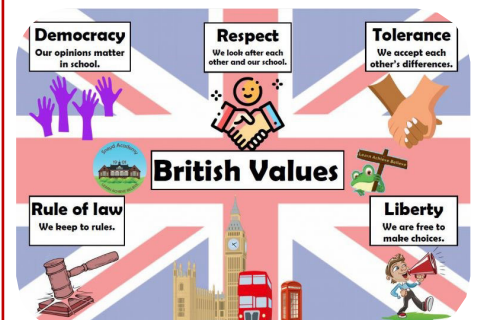
Y5: Taqi & Leon

Y6: Xzander & Tejiri

**Well done everyone, you are all
RAPS stars!**



In this week's assemblies. St George's Day and our nations' British Values have been the focus of assemblies this week. We have looked at what it is to be British and at our British values: *Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty*. We have also found out about our patron saint, St George and how he came to be chosen to represent England. Teachers have been on the look out for a star of the week in geography and history.



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.*

Polling Station: Thursday 2nd May - all day. Our school will be used as a Polling Station in next week's local election. It will be set up in the community room with absolutely no access to our school building for members of the public. Breakfast and After School Clubs will be open as normal, but please come into school via the main front door please.



Offers for reception places in September 2024 were sent out last week. If you applied online, you will be able to log into the **Family Portal** to see your child's place. If you completed a paper application, you will receive a letter by post. *If you have not yet submitted an application, please apply as soon as possible.* You must accept or decline the place offered by **Wednesday 1st May**. If we can support you with this process, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the office team who will do all they can to help you.

Coats Reminder. Please could parents ensure that all children are bringing a coat with them to school. We are still subject to a few showers at present but break and lunch times will still take place outdoors whenever possible. Thank you.

Y2 Pocahontas workshops. Year 2 had fun this week on our Pocahontas day. We spent the morning carrying out team building activities. These included working together to make a sling which could carry a baby over an assault course of babbling brooks and dangerous wild animals and an activity where a child was blindfolded and the other had to guide them through a range of equipment. We then moved on to building the strongest bridge possible out of marshmallows and spaghetti and then worked out how to get water from one bucket to another using a funnel over the tyre park and then guttering. This part was very funny and we lost a lot of water on our way! We finished off by drawing a picture from nature and making a crown and then watched the film Pocahontas to end our fun-packed day.



Reception visit Barnes Park. Reception enjoyed a wonderful trip to Barnes Park last week. Children looked for signs of Spring and have painted pictures of blossom trees back at school. We visited the sculptures, fountain and pond and talked about the differences since we visited in Autumn. Children loved playing in the park and walked so sensibly throughout the trip. A big thank you to all parents who came with us!



Safeguarding update - Place2Be. We wanted to take this opportunity to make families aware of a new website which has been launched by Place2Be to support parents. Parenting Smart is full of practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers of primary-age children. The website collates short videos and quick-read advice articles for parents, with all content written by child mental health experts. Some examples of topics include parents support for children who are struggling to sleep, displaying signs of anxiety, managing grief, coping with ideas of negative body image or striving for unrealistic perfection amongst many other areas. Please follow [this link](#) to see the full range of available resources. We hope that you find them useful.

Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **4S** who are our weekly winners with **100%** - everyone has attended every day - go **4S!**

Weekly whole school attendance is **92.94%**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	81.0	3D	93.3
NURSERY AFT	81.0	3M	89.3
RH	96.7	4G	89.3
RM	96.6	4S	100
1G	86.2	5B	96.6
1W	96.8	5W	92.9
2CW	90.6	6C	89.7
2W	89.7	6H	93.1

Attendance Guide	
95% - 100%	Excellent level of attendance
90% - 94%	Good level of attendance
80% - 89%	Concerning level of attendance
Below 80%	Serious concern

Book recommendation...



from Alfie in nursery :-)