



# Richard Avenue Primary School

## Friday Flyer

### Weekly Update

Friday 14th June 2024

#### UPCOMING DATES

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

#### Monday 17 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Winter Gardens visit for 4G

Heights and weights for rec

#### Tuesday 18 June

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

Swimming for Y2W

Combat Survival for 4G

Ukulele for Y4

#### Wednesday 19 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1 & 6

Combat Survival for 4S

Big Sing for Y2 at the Empire Theatre

#### Thursday 20 June

Nursery's assembly for families from 9.10am

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 5

Swimming for 6H

#### Friday 21 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Visit of Stephen Miller MBE - gold medal winning athlete

Swimming for 6C

Future dates for your diary

#### Sports days:

1st July in the afternoon: Years 5 and 6

2nd July in the afternoon: Nursery PM and Reception

3rd July in the afternoon: Parent & staff football matches

4th July in the afternoon: Years 3 and 4

5th July on the afternoon: Years 1 and 2

8th July in the morning: Nursey AM

**Head Teacher comment** Dear Richard Avenue Families, It's been another busy week in school with an extra special mention to Y1 and Y2 in particular have been superstars as they have tried their very best with this week's phonics screen. We are so proud of them all for the sensible way in which they have tackled this with many thanks once again to the RAPS staff team for the care given to the organising and the smooth-running of these screens. I am writing this having spent time with our wonderful Y5/6 intrepid adventurers in Derwent Hill. The children have enjoyed an amazing experience. They've enjoyed lots of fantastic activities including ropes challenge & the big swing, canoeing, ghyll scrambling and bushcraft. Gorge walking was a highlight. We have lots of pictures to share with families via the children's Seesaw accounts. Residential are such important, educational experiences. Children learn to be independent and resilient; they improve their teamwork and communication. They grow as leaders and as individuals. It is why we are committed to taking our children on these visits and providing the opportunity to as many children as possible for which we cannot thank our families enough for supporting us in this ambition and know it has not been easy as the cost of living is so high. Thank you RAPS families. We never take for granted your support and are always incredibly grateful. Huge thanks also to **Mr Warkman and Mr Spors** for giving up their own time to look after our children. We are incredibly grateful. A special second mention to **Mr Warkman** for the many hours he spent planning and preparing this visit. With so much to think about and consider, you can imagine how much there is to do. Many, many thanks Mr Warkman! We hope that this weekend gives all of our children chance to rest and relax ready for another active week ahead. Finally, it's a **Happy Father's Day** to fathers everywhere. Wishing you a lovely day and perhaps control of the TV gadget?

With very best wishes,

*Claire McKinney*

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



**RAPS Assembly Stars.** Last week's stars are all good citizens...

**Arielle, Jack & Pearl**

**Yasir, Marlin, Delilah, Imaan, Nate & Amaan**

**Mubashiro, Maryam, Mina, Madha, Angelo & Ruth**

**Kaiden, Soumaiya, Greatness, Duaa, Mariam**

**& Erin**

**Zayan**

**Mahbub, Afreen, Lawk**

**Ayaan, Aaryan, Ivy, Yahya**

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



**Eid al-Adha.** For some of our families, Eid celebrations are coming up this weekend. *For families celebrating, your child's absence from school on*

**Monday 17th June** will be authorized, as has always been the case in the past. Have a wonderful time!

**Eid Mubarak!** Wishing you a joyous and blessed Eid al-Adha with lots of laughter and good health.



Following on from the success of the Active Sunderland Big 3K, we'd like to make schools aware that Sunderland has a **Junior Park Run every Sunday at 9am in Mowbray Park**. We'd love for as many young people to come along and join in, **particularly this coming Sunday (16th June)**. Mowbray Junior Park Run is a fun, inclusive event that anyone between the ages of four and fourteen can take part in, free of charge. The course is 2km long and fully marshalled in a beautiful setting - <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/mowbraypark-juniors/Juniors> to register and you will receive an official result - <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?eventName=mowbraypark-juniors> All are very welcome!

**Nursery's class assembly for families on Thursday 20th June from 9.10am.**

Please come into school via the main entrance. The assembly will begin shortly after 9am and last for approx. 20 mins. Nursery families very welcome!



**In this week's assemblies.** This week it is King Charles' birthday and it will also be Father's Day and Eid al-Adha. A very busy week! *This week's star of the week had an RE focus - looking for a critical thinker and someone who is able to express their opinions.*

**Welcome meetings for new families.**

Thank you to families who joined us for this week's welcome to nursery and reception meetings. We hope you enjoyed them and your first visit to school. *If you weren't able to make it, please speak to one of the team who will happily talk to you about arrangements for your child.* We look forward to welcoming you again in the coming weeks and to forging a wonderful relationship with our families which we know helps such a lot with settling your children and making sure they make the very best start. Finally, huge thanks to **our wonderful team** for preparing and leading the meetings, and to **Miss Higgins** in particular, who has taken time to speak to families and to ensuring our first opportunity to meet you was just right #topteam

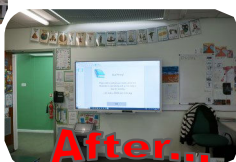
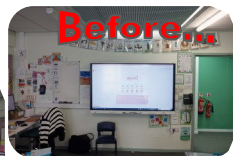
**Homework time. A gentle reminder that there is still time to complete and return your questionnaires.**

We are keen to get your thoughts and ideas about our school as we begin to think about next year. Please could you also help your children as they identify the features of our school which are good, and those which need improving. Thank you all very much for your support with this.



**New technology and investment in the children.**

It's also been a busy week for our wonderful IT Technician Mr Zebhollah, who has overseen the installation of **5 new interactive teaching screens** across the school - **and 4 were replaced last year, so 9 in total.** As you know, we are determined to ensure the children's learning experience is *the best it can possibly be*, and this investment in cutting edge technology not only ensures this but also that our children are equipped with skills they will no doubt rely upon in the future. We are leading the way with our commitment to technology, and are incredibly fortunate to call up Mr Zebhollah's expertise. Next stop, Google central and Silicon Valley!



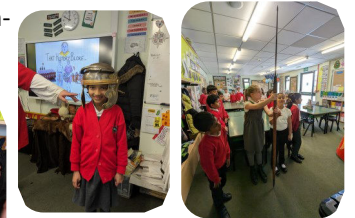
**That History Bloke visits Y3.** Last half term, Y3 were visited by That History Bloke for a Roman



Workshop. They learnt all about what life was like for a Roman Soldier and studied some fascinating artefacts from the Roman era including swords, spears and sandals. They discovered how heavy

Roman armour weighed and even got to try some on! The children then learnt a game that was popular among soldiers.

They had a fantastic time.



**Theatre visit.** On Monday, our school hall became a theatre where children in Years 2 to Year 6 watched the show **"The Secret Garden."** Here's what our Y4 reporters thought:

*The part of the play I enjoyed the most was when they explored the secret garden as the background of the beautiful sights were eye-catching. (Lydia)*

*I liked the performance because they were crying then laughing and the singing was good (Sophie).*



*I really enjoyed it because it was charming, glorious and funny as they ran around the house. (Zayd)*

*Year 2-5 were all lucky to watch an M and M performance called The Secret Garden. I enjoyed it because there was brilliant lighting and stage changes. (Saleh)*

*really enjoyed the play because it was very entertaining. My favourite part was when Colin sneakily hid Mary. (Nasiha)*

*I really enjoyed the performance because it was really funny. The part of the play I liked the most was when Colin came out for the first time. (Masud)*



**Top attendance. Congratulations to 2W** who have top attendance this week achieving 100% - **which is everyone in school everyday!**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	81.8	3D	89.3
NURSERY AFT	91.0	3M	96.5
RH	91.0	4G	95.9
RM	96.7	4S	94.2
1G	90.3	5B	93.3
1W	91.9	5W	91.0
2CW	94.2	6C	96.6
<b>2W</b>	<b>100</b>	6H	98

Weekly whole school attendance is **94.3%**.

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

# PRELOVED SCHOOL CLOTHES



*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*  
*Free preloved uniform*



From *Monday 1st - Friday 5th*  
*July*

*Sports Events - outdoor stalls*  
*(weather permitting)*

*available from KS1 main yard during your  
child's sporting event this week.*

*If rain, we will relocate to the community room.*

*Any uniform donations to the  
main office please.*

*Thank you,*



## Pharmacy First

can treat a range of minor health conditions,  
such as:

### Earache



Speak to your local pharmacy

Earache in children can sometimes  
be caused by an ear infection.

Some symptoms in small children  
may include rubbing or pulling their  
ear, restlessness or losing their  
balance.

Often, earache is not a sign of  
anything serious.

Your local pharmacy can offer  
advice and treatment, without the  
need to see a doctor.