



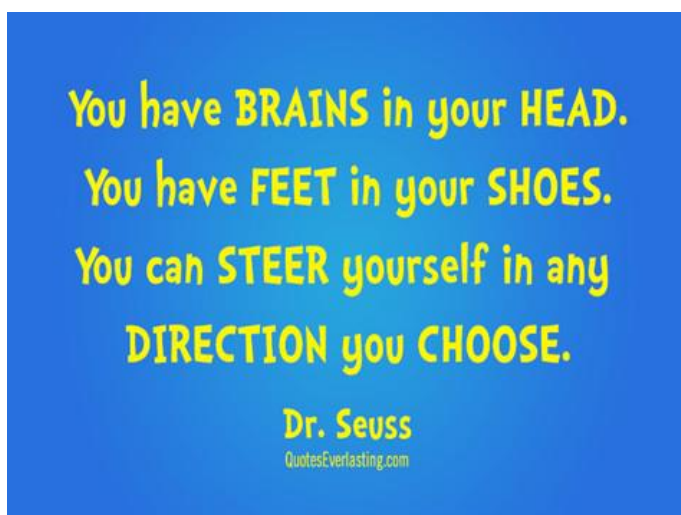
School Newsletter

Monday 15th January
Newsletter 7

Dear Parent and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break with your loved ones and enjoyed some quality time together as a family. On behalf of all of the staff at Ramsgate Arts Primary School I would like to say thank you for your kind and generous gifts and cards we received. They were very much appreciated.

The assemblies this term will focus on 'Going for Goals'. The idea behind this is for the children to have an understanding and belief that they can achieve anything that they want in life if they put their minds to it. Today in my assembly I shared this Dr Seuss quote with the children:



Although this is a simple message it is an important one for them to remember. We will continue to work with you to set high expectations and support children to develop in to the person they would like to become, but ultimately the children need to be resilient, determined and focussed to get there. We spoke about the reasons why it is important to have goals and dreams and how to help them become reality.

Last year we set our first 'New Year's Resolution Challenge'. The responses we had from children and parents were very positive so we have decided to make this an annual event. The children have been given the challenge to complete for the month of January (a slip is at the bottom of this newsletter). This year the children have been asked to set themselves a target for something they wish to work on at home or school – whether that be keeping their bedroom tidy, washing-up, improving their times tables or developing their handwriting - something that will see their actions have a positive impact upon life at home or help them to fulfil their dreams. The form needs to be filled in and kept by parents who can then sign it and return it at the end of January when the resolution has been kept. A small prize will be given to all children who show the required determination to achieve their 'goal' - the bigger prize will be in their hearts, knowing that they have made the right choice!

Dates for your diary:

- 18th Jan – 'Dinosaur Pete' in for Reception
- 19th Jan – Yr 4 Swimming (and every Friday in Terms 3 and 4)
- Week Beginning - 22nd Jan and 29th Jan – Parents Meeting for Reception, Yr 1 and Year 5 (meet new teacher)
- 24th Jan – Parent Council 5.30 - (Discuss RAPS Fest)
- 30th Jan – Young Voices @ the O2
- 6th Feb – Safer Internet Day
- 8th Feb - LAB meeting
- 9th Feb – Last Day of Term - finish at normal time
- Half term - 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb
- 19th Feb - INSET Day
- 20th Feb - Back to school
- Week beginning - 26th Feb Literacy Festival
- 1st March – World Book Day
- Week beginning 5th March – Breakfast Week
- Week beginning - 26th March - World Autism Week

New Staff

I would like to welcome Mrs Smart and Mr Todd to our team teaching team. I would also like welcome Mrs Aldred, Mrs Parris, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Smith who joined us in December as part of our lunch-time supervisor team. Our Arts Curriculum team has also grown - Mr Brown, who was teaching our Art part-time has now joined us full-time which will mean that Reception, Year 1 and 2 will all have regular art sessions with him. In addition to this, Mrs Walton has joined us to add more capacity to Music and Drama across the school. We have also invited Regency Performing Arts Academy to support us in our Dance and Music across the Arts Curriculum. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children because they regularly put on shows at the Winter Gardens in Margate and are keen to audition our children for these roles in these performances.

Teaching Team			
Year	Teacher	Teaching Assistant	Class
Reception	Miss Spurrier	Miss Aitkin Miss Tranham	Team Spurrier
Year 1	Mrs Smart	Miss Beale	Team Smart
Year 2	Miss Rees-Boughton	Mr Brown Ms Ivan	Team Rees-Boughton
Year 3	Mr Beraet	Ms Horrigan	Team Beraet
Year 4	Miss Amin	Mrs Vine	Team Amin
Year 5	Mr Todd/Mr Williams	Mr Beerling	Team Todd
Arts Team			
Music	Dance	Drama	Art
Miss T * Mrs Walton Richard Goffin Lecar (Keyboard/Ukelele/ Ocarina /Recorder Club) Miss Rees-Boughton (Singing Club)	Miss Spurrier Miss T* Miss Baine * (*Regency Performing Arts Academy)	Mr Williams Mrs Walton	Mr Brown
Sports Team			
Ms Horrigan Mr Beerling			

Young Voices

On Tuesday 30th January Ramsgate Arts Primary School's Singing Club will be joining the largest children's choir in the world - Young Voices. They will be heading to the O2 to sing in a concert alongside many other schools from the South East. Young Voices provides an unrivalled musical opportunity for primary school children to perform all styles of music including folk, pop, rock and classical. The concert is designed to unify children from across the region, boost their confidence and provide lifelong memories for them and their families. Singing Club members have been practicing dance routines and learning the songs with Miss Rees-Boughton for many months now before they come together for the penultimate show at the O2. As you will agree, this is an unmissable opportunity for them to sing in a huge arena alongside some of the most talented & well known artists from the world of music.

To help support our Singing Group with costs of the trip (which the school is already heavily subsidising) we will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 19th January. To wear non-school uniform, please bring in £2.

■ **Viking Academy Trust AGM**

You are invited to attend the AGM of Viking Academy Trust on Monday 29th January, 6pm at Ramsgate Arts Primary School. The Notice and Agenda have been published on the school website and have been e mailed to parents for your interest. Alongside the procedural aspects of the AGM, there will be a presentation of Trust achievements and priorities for the year ahead.

If you would like to attend, please inform Cheryl Southern by phone (01843 597695) or email (cheryl.southern@vikingacademytrust.com) in order to make appropriate arrangements. If you would like to raise a question at the AGM, you are invited to do so in advance by email to cheryl.southern@vikingacademytrust.com by Monday 22nd January 2018.

New Year's Resolution January Challenge

My New Year's Resolution is to:

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Name.....

Class.....

My son/daughter has kept their resolution for the whole of the month of January 2018

Signed..... **Parent/Guardian**

Please return to Mr Budge on Wednesday 31st January.