



## School Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I feel very privileged when I walk around the school seeing some of the amazing learning that is going on in the classrooms. To share their experiences, teachers and children write regular blogs, which give snapshot of the learning that is going on in the classroom over the week. These can be found on our website [www.ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk) Just click on the 'Your Class' tab to find out more. Here are some examples of a few!

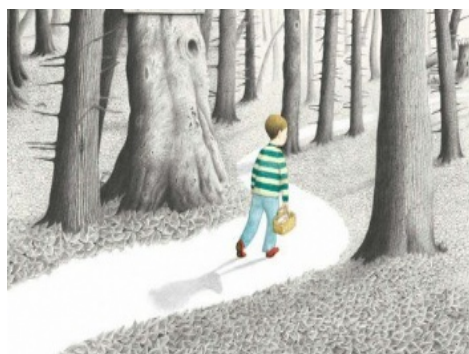
**Celery Experiment in Team Rees-Boughton** - This week we were scientists and discovered how plants use water. We did this using food dye and some celery. We found out that plants have teeny tubes in them called xylem which suck up the water like straws, which is what our celery did to the food dye. We were fascinated when our celery changed colour!



**In Team Beraet** - Our fabulous writing continued this week, based on our core text 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne... As a class we finished reading the book and the children were able to write some brilliant character descriptions using expanded noun phrases and even adding a little bit of dialogue - punctuated with inverted commas and capital letters. On the Super Stars wall are still the setting descriptions from last week, however I will endeavour to get some of the character descriptions up there too - or even on next week's blog!



**Today, Team Amin** explored what they knew about the human body in their knowledge harvest for our new topic. Our brilliantly artistic class created some excellent representations of the human body and what they knew of its features. Thank you to Riley and Tallulah for providing us with their body outlines to help! We have produced a fantastic illustration of the digestive system with stomach contents which left us all quite hungry for a burger, chips and milkshake this afternoon. Well done to Ruby H., Avia, Cayden, Terrence, Henry, Byron and Tallulah.



### Dates for your diary:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Reception and Year 1 Farm day!

**Term 1 ends** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October Arts Week-Visits to the Turner

**Half Term** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**INSET DAY** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Term 2 begins** – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

13<sup>th</sup> November – Open Classes

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November Parents Meetings

**Term 2 ends** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

**Year 3 /4/5 Arts curriculum finishes at 4.15 on Monday-Thursday. School finishes at 3.00 on Friday for everyone.**

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## Parent Council

Ramsgate Arts Primary School is committed to communicating to all parents effectively. As a school we have decided to create a School Parent Council team. This team will consist of parents and our Head of School, Nick Budge. This team will work together effectively communicating important messages, ideas, concerns and fundraising events to the rest of the school. We want parents to feel part of the Ramsgate Arts Primary School team and that they have a say in their child's education. Our Head of School will also communicate any New Site information to the school parent council.

Each year group will have two parents who can give an hour or so of their time every term to be part of this team. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Parent Council, please contact the school office on 01843 582 847 or email [enquiries@ramsgatefreeschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ramsgatefreeschool.co.uk).

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30. All parents and carers are welcome!

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## Open Afternoon and Parents' Meetings

Our open afternoon is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. Parents are invited into school to look at their child's books in the classroom. Following this, at 2.45pm, parents can sign children out via teachers to take them home.

Home School consultation meetings will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November. Information detailing how to book appointments will be given out after half term. Parents will be given an opportunity to meet with their class teacher and it is expected that every child is represented at these meetings so that we are able to discuss how your child has settled into their new classes and allow you the opportunity to voice any concerns that you may have. We appreciate the difficulties working parents will have attending appointments and have set aside a number of post 5pm appointment times.

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## Our Partnership with the Turner:

Many of you may already know about our relationship with the award-winning Turner Contemporary Gallery in Margate. All of our Yr 3, 4 and 5 children visited the gallery for their Transition Day back in July.

We are very excited to take our links with the gallery a stage further during the week of 16<sup>th</sup> October - 20<sup>th</sup> October. Throughout the week, our Years 1 - 5 are going to visit the Turner Contemporary and work with gallery 'navigators'. During this time, our young artists will create works both at school and in the gallery. Visits for Reception will be confirmed at a later date.

Pupils will also visit exhibitions at the Turner Contemporary each term during this academic year and the gallery's Schools' Officer will provide information on exhibitions to help teachers plan how they can be used as a springboard for cross-curricular learning.

Turner Contemporary's unique use of 'Hands on Philosophy' to help children engage will enable school staff to gain new skills ensuring pupils get the most out of visits to the gallery throughout the year.

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## Art Competition Reminder -Vincent Van Gogh

Dear Artists,

As you know, the competition this term is to re-create Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' painting using **ANY** medium of your choice. We have been incredibly impressed with the works that have been handed in thus far – they are truly inspiring. If you haven't yet handed in your artwork, there's still time!



Your art piece can be **ANY** size but make sure they are **CLEARLY** labelled with your name & class.

All entries need to be given to me by Wednesday 11th October 2017.

There will be a small prize for all entries and additional prizes for the winners.

I look forward to seeing your wonderful creations...

Mr Brown

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## Ramsgate Arts Primary School Breakfast and After School Club.

We will be offering a breakfast club and afterschool club from Monday .

Breakfast club will be 2.00 per day, children can be dropped off from 7.30 am, the menu will be fruit juice, toast , cereal and yoghurt available daily.

After school club will be from 3.00pm -5.45pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

Session 1	3.00pm to 4.30pm	£4.00 per session
Session 2	4.15pm to 5.45pm	£5.00 per session
Session 3	3.00pm to 5.45pm	£8.00 per session

Session 1 includes a healthy snack and a drink

Session 2 and 3 include and light tea and drink.

The children are offered a variety of activities but most of all they have fun.

Please see Mary or Barbara in the office for more details.