



## School Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Newsletter 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I'd like to welcome you back after half term - already the school has got off to a flying start with so much going on - Halloween Arts days in Reception; our Freda Paulo competition winners being picked; Yr 3 children going off to Ramsgate Harbour for their pioneering places project; Rock Steady in for a special music assembly; a Diwali assembly and, to compliment this beautifully, Principles put on a fantastic Diwali spread which included chicken curry, vegetable korma, sag paneer and a vegetable samosa, served with an assortment of Indian dips! I know the children thoroughly enjoyed trying some of the spicy food. In addition to all this, Kent Music School also came in to work with our talented singers in Key Stage 2 to sing a variety of two harmony songs.

The rest of the term continues at a similar pace, Parent Council Comedy Night is on Friday, if you haven't already got tickets I know there are still a few available.

Our Arts curriculum continues to go from strength to strength with the school hosting the Big Draw next Friday. This is a national drawing project where all children and families are welcome. The Year 3 Pioneering Places project has its official launch soon and hopefully we will be able to see what Year 3 have planned for their installation at Ramsgate Harbour. Regency Performing Arts launch our Arts Day the following Monday, which will give our children a chance to experience the special music and dance classes that they have to offer. 'Genetic Moo' will also be visiting to do digital art workshops with the children, which will hopefully be exhibited at Dreamland over the festive period. Rock Steady are also back to hold workshops with all our children and offering parent assemblies to show-case the children's work. All this before we even start thinking about the ongoing Take One Picture project with the National Gallery or class trips and CHRISTMAS! I think you'll agree that it's fantastic that the children get to experience these wonderful opportunities and it goes to show just how special our Arts curriculum is.

Last week you were sent an e-mail about use of Photography and digital media. As a Trust, we wanted to get parents to renew their consent for the usage of photographs and video images of your children, including class and individual school photographs. Can I urge you to complete the form and return it as soon as possible? As a school it would be wonderful and make our lives so much easier if everyone gave parental consent for us images of your children these are mainly used to share with the community the amazing things that go on at RAPS, but we must receive clarification regarding your wishes one way or another. Paper copies are available from the school office if needed.

### Dates for your diary:

9<sup>th</sup> November –Badge Day

The Comedy Night

16<sup>th</sup> November -The Big Draw

20<sup>th</sup> November –Pioneering Place Project Launch with Year 3

22<sup>nd</sup> November Local Advisory Body meeting@4.30

26<sup>th</sup> November - Arts Festival

4<sup>th</sup> December –Rock Steady Workshops

5<sup>th</sup> December –Parent Council Coffee Morning

Genetic Moo-Digital Art Project



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## Halloween Fun

Reception class recently enjoyed a 'screamtastic' day, packed full of fun activities and learning. As part of the Spooky Arts Day, the children dressed in spooky costumes which included witches, vampires, ghosts, zombies and even a few fairies and unicorns!

The children were immersed in lots of different art activities across all areas of learning. They experienced lots of different techniques, including printing, painting, chalk rubbing, and weaving. In our outdoor play area, there were lots of sensory activities such as pumpkin carving, finding the eyes in the foam and picking out the 'spiders' from the 'worms' (pasta!). There were also opportunities for the children to enjoy role play, such as making gruesome food concoctions in the kitchen or making spells using the colourful mud in the mud kitchen.

Following this, the children went to our dance studio and learnt a routine to the Monster Mash. After lunch they enjoyed a disco with lots of party food, games and even more art. I think a good day was had by all and we cannot wait for the next Arts Day.



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## Head Boy and Head Girl

Campaigning for the position of Head boy and Head girl was serious stuff! The candidates gave speeches in assemblies, created posters, spoke to a range of classes from Years 1 to 6 and generally spread their vision to us all. They all worked extremely hard and tackled this campaign with an extremely mature approach - I would like to thank them all for the dedication they showed when going for these prestigious roles. Once campaigning was over, votes were then cast by pupils in ballot boxes and last term, in our final assembly, we were able to announce our successful candidates.

Well done to our newly elected Head Boy and Girl, Oli and Faye, and their deputies, Ruby and Jacob. I know they are looking forward to taking up the posts and will relish their responsibilities during the busy year ahead.

Thanks also goes to Mrs Beech, who organised a special assembly by Tatton Spiller from Simple Politics which fired their imaginations as he discussed the democratic process, the importance of voting, the type of roles elected representatives carry out on behalf of others, and even took a light look at Brexit and what it means.





Our tours have started running for families with children due to start in **Reception and Year 3 classes** in September 2019. The dates and times are listed below – please contact the school office (582847) to make an appointment to attend one of these tours. We look forward to showing you around!

Thursday at 9.00, 10.00 and 11.00: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of November and also the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

We also have evening tours at 6.30: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Alternative times can be arranged by emailing the Head of School, Mr Budge – [headofschool@ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:headofschool@ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk)

# RAMSGATE COMEDY CLUB

**FEATURING PROFESSIONAL ACTS  
REGULARLY PERFORMING AT UK'S TOP  
COMEDY CLUBS.**

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

**WHEN**  
**Friday, November 9th**  
**Doors 7pm Show 8pm**

**WHERE**  
**Ramsgate Arts Primary School**  
**140-144 Newington Road**  
**CT12 6PP**



**Strictly  
Over 18s**

**TICKETS**  
**£10 per person.**

**In advance from**  
**07703056645**

**Or message**  
**via Face-**  
**book Event or**  
**on Door**

**All Proceeds go to**  
**the school**

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## Rocksteady

Rocksteady is an exciting peripatetic music service which aims to teach children to learn an instrument by playing in their own rock band - giving the children a chance to rehearse together, perform songs they love and make music fun. The children certainly enjoyed the assembly where Matt Palmer, a tutor from Rocksteady, gave a dynamic demonstration where he highlighted the various instruments he was playing and explained the difference between acoustic and electric equipment, with the accent very firmly on learning new skills and having fun. Hopefully Rocksteady lessons will be starting in January at Ramsgate Arts. To launch the lessons, we are inviting all parents in to see a workshop in action on Tuesday 4th December at 2.30 for KS1 and 3.45 for KS2. Find out what the children have been learning about that day, experience it for yourselves and get a chance to speak to the Rocksteady team face to face about their sessions. If you'd like your child to enrol for Rocksteady lessons, look out for the letter in bags on the day!



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## RAPS Remembrance - Battlefield Memoirs

Children have written their own heart-felt thoughts and fears in the guise of a World War 1 soldier on the battlefield. Their entries were sad, reflective, hopeful, determined, accepting and emotional. All pieces were wonderful to read and very emotive, therefore very hard to judge. Here are extracts from some of the winning pieces:

Tallulah in Year 5: *'I have seen things I would never have dreamed of seeing in my worst nightmare. The trenches are pitch black, not a sign of life. My days are coming to an end. All I have are my memories. But are they my memories or just my imagination? Last night I saw what I thought was a sign. Was it my imagination or was it a light? Then there it was, the most beautiful, deep red flower. This gave me hope. There is life beyond life. Peace finally exists.'*

Logan, Year 2: *'Dear Diary, I've been stuck down the smelly trenches for so long, there are rats everywhere and I can't sleep. My brother George got killed this morning by a bullet to his chest. I miss my family and I don't want to die. I think I'm lucky to have made it this far but life will never be the same without my brother.'*

Willow, Year 3: *'Dear Diary, I'm in France and my family are in England. I'm lonely despite being with other soldiers. I wish I was at home with my family. I miss my wife's home cooking because the food in the trenches is atrocious. When I close my eyes I dream I have been shot and when I open my eyes I can still feel the bullets inside me.'*

Theo, Year 1: *'We are frightened. I can hear the bombs. We are thirsty and have almost run out of breath and it is dark. We are trapped in a hole. We miss our families. Please don't forget me. The storm with thunder and lightning is coming closer. I am tired but too scared to fall asleep.'*

I think you'll agree that the perception and depth of feeling is impressive from young children.

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## The Big Draw!

Ramsgate Arts Primary school will be celebrating the Big Draw Festival this year. We will be working with artist Karen Vost in our main hall next **Friday 15th of November from 2pm till 4pm**. Children and families are all welcome to come and have some fun being creative. The Big Draw Festival is to encourage everyone to make a mark, young and old, and we would love to see you all there!

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## Christmas Dates for your diary



**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**-Key Stage Two Christmas Performance at 3.15 in our hall

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**-Year R and Key Stage One Nativity

Year R Parents Performance-9.30/Year 1 and 2 Parents  
Performance 2.00 both in our hall.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**-Santa's Grotto, Christmas Jumper Day and the RAPS Christmas  
Fayre -1.00-3.00

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**-EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**-Key Stage Two Christmas Parties

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**- Pupils' Christmas Lunch, RAPS Christmas Panto (RAPS Team  
led), RAPS pupil Secret Santa swap and last day of term. Finish at 2.00.

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## Parking

Can I thank parents for their patience and understanding regarding the parking situation - most parents are either parking in the parking bays or in the local community and the school subsequently feels a lot calmer and safer for our children.