



## School Newsletter

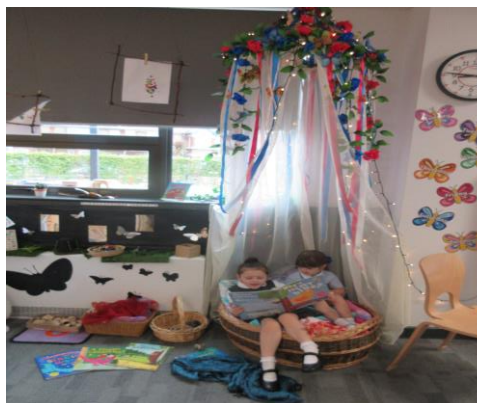
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer and had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. All the children have settled back to life at RAPS extremely well and the first couple of weeks have flown by. Each and every child has made a fantastic start to the academic year. Everyone is eager to learn and to continue to progress. The behaviour of the children in class, around the school and outside has been excellent and we are extremely proud of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our new Reception children, who have settled in very well and have already become true RAPS pupils. They are growing in confidence daily and have all taken the transition in their stride. We are very lucky to have them as part of our school – their addition to the RAPS team will make us even more fantastic!



We appreciate that parents/carers know and understand their children on a unique level. I am around the whole school constantly each day looking in classes, watching lessons and talking to children across the school. The children seem very settled and are already in a productive learning routine but, very importantly, if you feel in any way that your child's needs are not being met then you must speak to someone about it. Our school motto of 'One Childhood; One Chance' means that we want children to make the most of their time with us, without any barriers to their learning. The link between parents and school is incredibly important if children are to fulfil their potential. This partnership is most effective if parents communicate with the school - whether it be concerning something that you don't understand, something that has worked well for your child, or an area in which they are struggling. We have an open-door policy and our leadership team endeavour to be out on the gates every morning and after school. Don't wait until parents' consultations if something is bothering you – please contact the class teacher, Mary, Lorna or Aimee in the office, Mrs Bech or myself.

### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September –**  
Reception stay to lunch

KS1 Dance Club starts 3.00-  
4.00

KS2 Dance Club starts-4.15-  
5.15

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

KS1 Drama Club starts 3.00-  
4.00

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September –**  
Reception stay all day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Yr 2-6 Badge day

Reception Parent Welcome -  
2.30-3.00

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September-**

Kent Music School  
Roadshow

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Parent Council Coffee  
morning -8.30

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Good Health Matters  
workshops

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Yr 6 Secondary Transfer Mtg  
-5.30-6.00

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## Caring for the environment never stops at RAPS

At the end of last term we set our Ocean Challenge. The brief was to create a sea creature using recyclable material such as paper, card or materials found washed up on the beach. Children were invited to explore a range of styles from origami and papier mache to collage, drawing sculpture or mosaic. We did stress that they did not use objects that belong to the beach such as shells, stones or sea creatures as should remain in their natural environment. There were some fascinating results and this challenge demonstrated how we explore the importance of the environment, ecology and diversity through much of our learning each day.



Caring for the environment never stops and this is an ongoing theme that we will be broadening yet further across our curriculum this year. Throughout their time at RAPS, pupils have the opportunity to learn about the environment in each year group ranging from recycling and litter, through to the impact of humans on the environment, deforestation, climate change, pollution, conservations, fair-trade and renewable and non-renewable energy. We teach our children to respect both their school-setting and the wider community. We teach our children not to drop litter. We discuss with them how to avoid excessive waste and consumption.

They learn how the mass production and use of some materials - for example plastic - can cause problems for the planet. Some of our pupils engage in beach-cleans and many use recyclable materials to create stunning artwork. Our teaching of environmental issues is cohesive and progressive. When our pupils leave us in Year 6, they have developed the knowledge and awareness they need to make informed choices about how they might contribute towards a thriving community.

Diversity, ecology and the environment have also been ongoing themes from collaborative community projects by RAPS with The National Gallery, Turner Contemporary Gallery, Dreamland Margate, plus visiting artists as well as arts leaders in music, drama and dance.

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 **Henri Matisse**  
*'Drawing with scissors'*



I hope you enjoyed our assembly on our Artist of the Term, Henri Matisse on Thursday.  
This term's competition is to create your own Matisse inspired piece of artwork, by drawing with scissors!

- Work can be any size from small to big!
- Use brightly coloured paper, card or fabric
- Use scissors to draw your shapes, then stick them on
- Your work can be 2D or 3D (See photos)
- Be inspired by the flowing shapes Matisse used in his artwork
- Have Fun!

Hand in artwork to the Art room by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Don't forget to put on your name and class.

Art prizes for winning entries!

Mr Brown & Miss Vest

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## A message from our Parent Council

Hello to all our new parents to the school and welcome back to all our current parents – we hope you’ve all had a great summer! The Parent Council has a range of events planned for the coming school year which we hope everyone will be able to enjoy (children and adults alike), but of course these events wouldn’t take place without the help and support of our amazing school community. So thank you to everyone who has helped us at our previous events, especially at the Summer Festival!

There will be a Parent Council coffee morning taking place the last Wednesday of every month (8:30 - 9:30), the first one being Wednesday 25th September, all are welcome to come (including any little ones!). We will also be having a guest-speaker each month, further details on this will be shared in the next week or so.

The next Parent Council meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 26th September at 3:15pm, where we will be outlining what our plans are for the coming school year, what we’ve achieved over the past couple of school years with our previous events (and fundraisers), recruiting any new members that wish to join and re-electing our trustee positions. Please feel free to pop along and see what we have planned.

If you ever have any questions for us, would like to raise a concern or wish to come along to a meeting, then please feel free to come and speak to one of us, find us on Facebook (RAPS Parent Council) or drop us an email ([raps.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:raps.ptfa@gmail.com)).

Emma Jackson

Parent Council Chair

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## Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Applying to secondary schools for your children can be a daunting and worrying time for both parents and children. Please don’t worry! The first step is to visit the secondary schools. From September onwards, secondary schools will hold their ‘Open Day’ sessions to enable families to visit. I strongly recommend parents take their child along to view as many school options as possible. **We will be holding a Secondary Transfer Meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 5.30-6.00 for all Year 6 parents.**

### Open Evenings for Current Year 6 Pupils

Sandwich Technology School	Wednesday 18th September	6-8pm
Hartsdown Academy	Monday 23rd September	6-8pm
King Ethelbert’s School	Tuesday 24th September	6-8pm
Sir Roger Manwood’s	Thursday 26th September	9-11am
	Tuesday 29th October	9-11am
	Wednesday 30th October	9-11am
St George’s Secondary School	Monday 30th September	4-7pm
The Royal Harbour Academy	Wednesday 2nd October	6-8.30pm
Ursuline College	Saturday 5th October	9.30am-1pm
Charles Dickens	Thursday 10th October	5-8pm
Chatham and Clarendon	Thursday 17th October	5.30-7.30pm
	Monday 28th October	5.30-7.30pm
Dane Court	Tuesday 29th October	Time to be confirmed, please check their website for more information



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 AGE 8-11 YEARS 16.15-17.00 (ALL CHILDREN)  
 (RAMSGATE ARTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWINGTON ROAD, RAMSGATE, CT126PT)

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## Roundabout at Newington Green

Roundabout - a pop-up theatre is coming to Newington Green from the 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September! It will host a varied programme of community events over the weekend, and three plays from the National Theatre of New Writing - Paines Plough. See @roundabout on Facebook for more details of the weekend. Our KS2 children were invited to the performance of 'Dexter and the Winter's Detective Agency' today. They agreed with the reviewers at the Edinburgh Fringe, and gave it 4 star review!

**ON THE OTHER HAND WE'RE HAPPY**  
BY DAF JAMES

**DAUGHTERHOOD**  
BY CHARLEY HILES

**DEXTER AND WINTER'S DETECTIVE AGENCY**  
BY NATHAN BRVON

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IN NEWINGTON

12 - 15 September 2019

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More information check Facebook page: [facebook.com/newingtonroundabout](https://www.facebook.com/newingtonroundabout)

**ROUNDABOUT**

A four-day festival of community events and world-class performances in the world's first pop-up, plug-in and play theatre.

<p><b>THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>5pm <b>OPENING PARTY and BBQ - FREE</b></p> <p>8pm <b>ON THE OTHER HAND, WE'RE HAPPY</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>8pm <b>DAUGHTERHOOD</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>9am <b>ROUNDABOUT Sound and Light show</b></p> <p>11am <b>DEXTER AND WINTER'S DETECTIVE AGENCY</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p>	<p>12:30pm <b>THE KENT FORAGER</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p> <p>3pm <b>ON THE OTHER HAND, WE'RE HAPPY</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p> <p>4:15pm <b>LOOPING THE LOOP present SCRATCH</b> Donation</p> <p>7pm <b>DAUGHTERHOOD</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p> <p>8:45pm <b>THE CANARY &amp; THE CROW, MIDDLE CHILD</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>Morning: <b>WIZARD STORIES</b> £1 per child, parents / carers go free</p> <p>2:30pm <b>DEXTER AND WINTER'S DETECTIVE AGENCY</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p> <p>3:30pm <b>INSPIRATION CREATIVE</b></p> <p>6pm <b>DAUGHTERHOOD</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p> <p>7:30pm <b>COMEDY NIGHT</b> £1 for Newington residents, £5 for non-residents</p>
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For tickets details go to: [www.alphabetours.co.uk/nhi](http://www.alphabetours.co.uk/nhi)

And on the Newington Big Local page: [facebook.com/newingtonbiglocal](https://www.facebook.com/newingtonbiglocal)

Or pop into the community centre for more information!

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