



School Newsletter

Friday 6th March

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In the News!

Little Children Explore Big Questions at RAPS

What makes a good human? That is the wide-ranging and multi-faceted question that has been challenging young minds at Ramsgate Arts Primary School.

Last week Years 1 and 2 explored their thoughts through an interactive show called 'Bonhomme' performed by the 'What's Coming out Of the Box' team. They created a magical community garden and encouraged pupils to invent a town and a village – decided by boys and girls as Rosegate and Parmesan Hamster Village.

Discussing the concept of 'a rumour', the resulting story themes, woven around the 'Golem Myth', included being kind and loving, caring for others, having a big heart, helping people if they are hurt, and not fighting back at people.



The show blended storytelling, object theatre, live music and philosophy for children, and the team say: "Children are natural philosophers and start to question the world around them very early on. What's Coming out of the Box firmly believes that children's theatre should not shy away from big juicy topics. We enjoy asking big questions to small people."

Head of School Nick Budge said: "At RAPS we encourage our children to think out of the box, to question their world and community. This show is a fantastic vehicle to invite pupils to discover philosophy and to tackle important concepts and ideas. They were immersed from the start and thoroughly embraced the story and the ideas it generated."

Dates for your diary:

9th March – Year 6 SALUS
Event @ Dreamland

10th March – Year 5 History
Workshop

11th March - Years 3&4 Quex
Park

Week Beginning 16th March – Shakespeare Week -

19th March - 5.30 - Local
Governing Body meeting

24th March - Festival of Song

27th March - RAPS Easter
Disco

31st March - 9.30 -
RockSteady Concert

3.00 - Year 2 SATS meeting

1st April – Children's Spring
Concert

1.30pm - Easter Egg Hunt

**School finishes at 2.00pm
for Easter Break**

**Thursday 16th April –
Children back to school**



Bonhomme was written and directed by Estelle Rosenfeld and performed by Cam Griffiths, Rachael Hammond, Sadie Hurley and Katie McGarry. The project was supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. The Golem Myth: The Golem is a mythical anthropomorphic being which is created from clay or mud and endowed with life through the power of magic and mysticism. The purpose of the Golem is to serve its creator. However, in many of the myths and legends, the Golem becomes uncooperative, sometimes even turning against its creator.



World Book Day and Shakespeare week

Yesterday the school was brought to life by so many different books characters. Thank you to all the children and staff who dressed up for the day you all looked fabulous!



Week beginning 16th March, RAPS will be having their first Shakespeare week! Each class will be studying a Shakespeare play, watching a performance and then also having the opportunity to take part in a drama workshop about the play. Each year group will also be producing a display to showcase their work throughout the week. This will be displayed on the boards in our Library for everyone to see. Reception and Year 1 will be studying *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Year 2 and Year 3 *Macbeth*, Year 4 – *The Tempest* and Years 5 and 6 – *Romeo and Juliet*. I cannot wait to see the fabulous work the children produce.

Breakfast served at RAPS for Reception, Year 1 and 2

We all know that having a nutritious breakfast every morning sets you up to have a healthy start to the day. Research published by the Education Endowment Foundation reported that having breakfast showed an increase in pupils' concentration and an improvement in behaviour. The report also states that having breakfast before school can also boost children's reading, writing and maths results by the equivalent of two months' progress over the course of a year.

RAPS already operates a Breakfast Club that many working families already take advantage of but we would like to extend this offer of breakfast to all our children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. **From Monday, breakfast will be available to Reception, Year 1 and 2 children in their classrooms from 8.15-8.25. The children will be given two simple choices, Wheat biscuits or Cornflakes served with semi-skimmed milk.** Those children who choose to have breakfast will be expected to serve themselves and wash up their own bowl and spoon (these will then be put through the dishwasher afterwards). **Breakfast will be cleared away by 8.30, so if you child is a slow eater and they would like breakfast, then please ensure they are in school at 8.15.**

Easter Holiday Club

Viking Holiday Club are happy to announce our Easter Holiday Club dates... Open to **all** children attending the Viking Academy Trust school (Chilton, Ramsgate Arts and Upton) from Reception to Year 6. If you have a sibling at another school in Reception – Year 6, no problem! Bring them along to join in the fun!

Dates and prices below:

Venue - Upton Junior School -Dates: Thursday 2nd April- Wednesday 15th April

(Please note: Holiday Club will be closed during Easter Bank holiday dates: Good Friday, 10th April & Easter Monday, 13th April)

Full Day 9 - 3 £15 (bring own packed lunch)

Full Day and Early Bird 8 - 3 £17 (breakfast included at 8.30am, bring own packed lunch)

Full Day and Extended Stay 9 - 6 £23 (dinner included at 5pm, bring own packed lunch)

Full Day 8 - 6 £25 (breakfast and dinner included at 8.30am and 5pm, bring own packed lunch)

Sibling Discount 25% off when paying full price for first child

Children will participate in a variety of different activities, challenging themselves in a safe and fun environment. Viking staff members Miss Knight (Chilton) and Mr Noble (Upton) lead Holiday Club, with additional staff from our Viking schools working to support them.

Children will need a packed lunch for the day and come dressed in suitable clothing (including wet weather) for outdoor and indoor activities. Parents of children involved must include all relevant medical information when completing the application form and ensure children bring any relevant medical items with them. If you would like your child to attend Viking Holiday Club please complete the form using the link below:

Click here for Easter Holiday Club registration form

and make payment via: www.eduspot.co.uk by **Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 12 noon.**

The online form & payment need to be completed **before** your child attends due to our safeguarding policy.

Sleep Challenge

The first Ramsgate Arts Primary School sleep challenge has now finished and we have had a great response particularly across Key Stage 1. It has been lovely to see so many of our children already have fantastic bedtime routines and are getting good quality sleep. Thank you to all the families who took part and to those parents who have given their feedback. A parent of a child in Year 1 told us, "He used to struggle going to bed before; it's really helped him go to bed on time." Another of our KS1 parents commented, "As a family we now no longer have technology on from 6pm, we will be carrying this on, we have all really enjoyed it!"

Every child who returned a completed sleep challenge received a certificate and 5 house points, and their names were entered into a draw. Mrs Beech picked out one winner from KS1 and one from KS2. Harry in Team Spurrier and George in Team Amin were the lucky winners of a bedtime bundle, including a cosy blanket, a night light and a bed time book. Next year we hope to have even more entries across the school.

THE PARENT COUNCIL
PRESENTS....



RAPS

EASTER DISCO

Friday the 27th of March

Reception & KS1: 3pm - 4pm KS2 4.15pm - 5.30pm

£4 per child

Includes: Drinks, Snacks, Games, Glitter tattoo.

PAYMENT

We would prefer that you make your payment via Paypal due to RAPS being a cashless school.

Please send money to raps.ptfa@gmail.com and add your child's full name and class in the notes so we know they are attending.

THE PARENT COUNCIL AND STAFF AT RAPS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU
TO JOIN YOUR CHILDREN FOR

RAPS EASTER EGG HUNT 2020

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL @ 1.30 PM

£1 ENTRY FEE FOR EACH CHILD

ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE AN EASTER GIFT FROM THE SCHOOL.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO ENHANCE YOUR CHILDS EDUCATION.

