



Ramsgate

Arts Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 5th October

Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every day I come to work I feel so lucky to be a part of such a fantastic school. I already know I have a committed and dedicated staff and through talking to the children who make up our Junior Leadership team it is clear that they are really proud to be a part of RAPS. As the school has developed over the year, I have been overwhelmed by a group of really committed parents who are beginning to form the nucleus of our Parent Council. This group of dedicated and passionate parents have not only already staged RAPS' first discos, which the children absolutely loved, but followed this success up the following day when hosting a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support which raised over £80 for the charity. Thank you! If you would like to find out more about the Parent Council, they hold a coffee morning at the school on the last Wednesday of every month, or, if you would like to be involved in future projects, please come along to their next planning meeting on Monday 15th October at 3.15-4.15 (free child care is available). Their next event is the Comedy Night being held on Friday 9th November.

Next week we will be having our Harvest celebration - the children will be holding their own special assembly that will be led by Year 3. The Year 3 children would like to you to bring in donations of tinned food that we can donate to the Gap project - they will then distribute this food amongst our needy local community. We will also have Porchlight coming in to talk to the children the following week about homelessness. **Please bring in food donations from Wednesday 10th October. Thank you.**

And finally –Parking! We are very lucky as a school to have some available parking for our parent community to use as a drop off facility in the mornings and then, to ease the congestion on the local community, we operate different pick up times (except Friday afternoon). Although there are a certain amount of parking bays available, there are not enough for every parent to have their own parking spot - if this was to be the case, the children would have no playground or field. If the parking bays are full, please do not block roads that are vital to the flow of traffic or park on the pavements - these are clearly for the safety of pedestrians, not car parking. No matter how quick you feel you may be, stopping anywhere on roads or pavements presents a danger to the children. We are looking into buying signs and bollards to try to prevent dangerous parking, but to be honest, I would rather spend the money on your children's education! Before I resort to spending money on matters which are wholly preventable, I want to ask you as a parent community to only park in the parking bays and if they are full, please use the local roads or walk.

Thank you!

Nick Budge

Dates for your diary:

10th October Reception –Zoo Lab

12th October – Harvest

Badge Day

15th October 3.15-4.15-Parent Council

Week beginning 15th October – Parent Consultation Week

19th October – End of Term

29th October - INSET Day

30th October – First Day of Term

31st October - 8.30 - Parent Coffee Morning

**RAMSGATE
COMEDY
CLUB.**

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

WHEN
Friday, November 9th
Doors/ Bar 7pm

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



**Strictly
Over 18s**

TICKETS ONLY
£10 per person,
available from scho
reception. (No ticket
available on door.)

Bar (Cash only).

Junior Leadership Team

I would like to introduce our new Junior Leadership Team. They had their first meeting last week after each class elected two representatives and will meet regularly to discuss potential ways they think that their school can be improved and developed. They have a vitally important role in the ongoing development of RAPS, offering valuable suggestions collated both amongst themselves and from their fellow year-group pupils. This information will be discussed by our senior staff and we are looking forward to hearing what they have to say. All suggestions will then be thoughtfully and seriously considered.

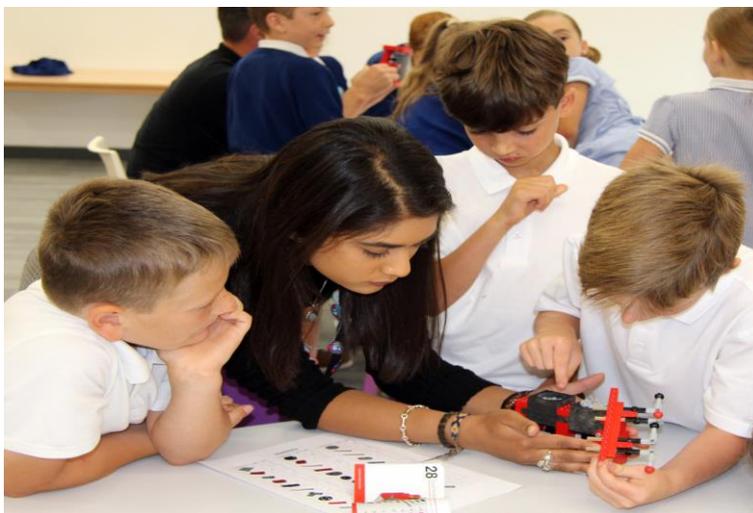


One of the JLT's first discussions was about fund-raising ideas for the NSPCC charity. These included: a sponsored 'bring your parents to school day'; making and selling jewellery; selling tasty lemonade; a car boot sale; a cake bake sale; selling clothes that no longer fit and selling old toys; face painting and a mad hair day. Later this term we will also elect new Head Boy and Head Girl.

Our new Curriculum

At RAPS, we have developed our own bespoke topics for each year group. RAPS Topic is a curriculum which encompasses History, Geography, Science, Design Technology and Art. The RAPS Topic is a knowledge-based curriculum. This means that the aim of RAPS topic, first and foremost, is to develop pupils' knowledge, providing rich and meaningful information to pupils, enabling them to make 'learning links', develop schema and therefore develop their understanding of the world around them. We also aim to achieve this by providing our pupils with relevant, informative and inspiring trips and workshops, which link to their topics.

To discover more about RAPS Topic and explore your child's topic content, come along to our parent/carer workshop on Tuesday 6th November, being held at 2:30pm and again at 3:30pm. The workshop will last thirty minutes with the aim to make sure parents and carers have an insight into the knowledge and skills their children are developing whilst at school. If you are interested in attending the workshop, please sign up at the school office. We look forward to seeing you there!



NSPCC's Speak Out

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who will be delivering their 'Speak out. Stay safe.' programme on 9th October. The NSPCC's 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' programme endeavours to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot, Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children, as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6. Their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language. We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." (Child's feedback.)

"My daughter thought the volunteers were fantastic, really real people, very warm and friendly." (Sally, Prestatyn.)

If you would like any more information about the 'Speak out. Stay safe.' programme you can come in to speak to me or visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/buddy

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents

Parent Consultations

Home School consultation meetings will be held week beginning 15th October. Information detailing our 'online booking system' should have been sent today. 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 and there is a later night on Wednesday.

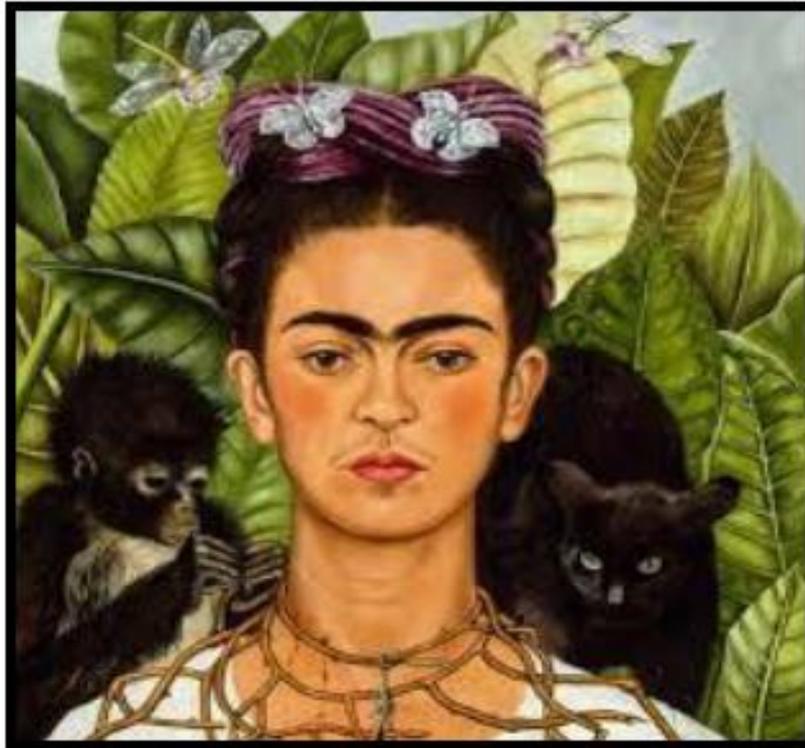
The children's books will be available for you to look at before and after the meeting. As a school we are reviewing our feedback and marking policy. Research shows that good feedback has a positive effect on children's progress but good feedback is sometimes confused with long teacher comments at the end of a piece of work. As a staff team we are currently researching the most effective way to give effect feedback so you may notice slight changes in the way the books have been marked across some classes. At the beginning of Term 3 when we have concluded our research we will have a parents workshop explaining our new feedback and marking policy.



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Art Competition Term 1



Dear Pupils,

I hope you enjoyed Mrs Walton's assembly this week on Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo.

The art competition this term is to create a portrait of yourself in the same style, using lots of bright colour and filling the background with things that are important to you.

Your picture can be any size and you can use ANY medium. For example; paint, felt tip, pastel, colouring pencil or collage.

Please hand finished masterpieces in to Mr Brown, in the Art room, by Wednesday 17th October 2018.

(Remember to label entries with name & class).

All art work will be displayed in the school.

Certificates will be given for all entries to the competition, with 1st prizes for Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

I look forward to seeing all of your super self-portraits.

Mr Brown

Frida Kahlo