



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday our Year 3 children celebrated Universal Children's Day at the Turner Contemporary by taking over the gallery for the day as a part of Pioneering Places East Kent Project. The project is integral to Turner Contemporary's programme - as part of the National Great Place scheme, the gallery is working with our children, inspiring them to take the lead and have a transformative impact in their local community.

Our Young Arts and Heritage Leaders will explore Ramsgate's rich history with artists and heritage researchers. They will lead the project until its conclusion in 2020, collaborating with Turner Prize winning collective, on a Child-Led Plan for Ramsgate, and commissioning a major new artwork to be installed near the Harbour.



The Turner 'take-over' day was a great success. Our pupils worked with artists to help them make their ideas come to life, and the model of their school was placed on a large map of Ramsgate to show its location. They also invented other buildings and made playdough characters. As an arts specialist school, we are delighted to be part of a long-term art project that will encourage our pupils to consider art and heritage in their lives and communities. Working regularly with art specialists at the Turner will focus their learning and also broaden their experiences.

Dates for your diary:

30th December – NSPCC Non School Uniform day

4th December – Rocksteady Workshops

5th December – Parent Council Coffee Morning

5th - 7th December - Genetic Moo-Digital Art Project

12th December - 3.15-KS2 Christmas Performance

13th December - 9.30 Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance for Reception parents

2.00 - Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance for Year 1 and 2 parents

14th December - Santa's Grotto am

Christmas Fayre - 1.00 - 3.00 All Welcome

17th December - Reception and KS1 Christmas Parties

18th December – KS2 Christmas Parties

19th December - Christmas Dinner day

Our children have a tremendous capacity to inspire all of us and create great places. At a time when the ‘Kids Rights Index’ (which ranks how countries improve children’s rights) revealed that the UK’s current global ranking is 173 out of 182 countries, and over 4.5million children in the UK are in poverty, this work has never been more important.

Giving children the opportunity to take the lead and be creative is proven to enhance their wellbeing, confidence and listening and speaking skills. Allowing them to show innovation is an integral part of the work we are doing with our community and I can’t wait to see what the Young Arts and Heritage Leaders do next.

An exhibition exploring the project’s theme of ‘place-making and children’s leadership’ has opened at Turner Contemporary and will run until April 7th. This includes examples of work made by the RAPS children and films documenting their experience on the project so far.



The launch event at the gallery was held on 20th November to mark United Nations Universal Children’s Day which was established in 1954 and is celebrated each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children’s welfare.

November 20th is an important date, as this marks the date when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. This is also the date, in 1989, when the UN General assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Christmas Dates for your diary



Wednesday 12th December-Key Stage Two Christmas Performance at 3.15 in our hall

Thursday 13th 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 14th December-Santa's Grotto, Christmas Jumper Day and the RAPS Christmas Fayre -1.00-3.00

Monday 17th December-EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties

Tuesday 18th December-Key Stage Two Christmas Parties

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



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: 29th of November and also the 6th December.

We also have evening tours at 6.30: 29th November.

Alternative times can be arranged by emailing the Head of School, Mr Budge – enquiries@ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk

Lessons are Magic at RAPS

It's magic! That was the enthusiastic response from our Reception children when Magician, 'Magic Al', saw his young audience rubbing their eyes with disbelief as super magic trick followed super magic trick. As the show developed, he invited pupils from Reception classes on to the stage to help share in his performance. They assisted him with interlocking rings, plate spinning, expanding ribbons, a crazy foam pie act, and being encased inside giant liquid bubbles. Magic Al also climbed inside a giant purple balloon until he was totally vanished from sight before bouncing up and down in front of his startled audience. At the finale of his show he transformed into a 12ft tall stilt walker, creating colourful balloon gifts of swords, puppies, butterflies, love hearts and many more for the children to take away.



For many of our children it was the first time they had seen a magic show up so close. As an arts specialist school we welcome and embrace all kinds of performers to visit. The magic show was a brilliant experience for our pupils and it introduced them to a different type of entertainment in the performing arts.

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. 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 would like your child to enrol for Rocksteady lessons, look out for a letter in their book bag on the day!

Parent Council Coffee Morning.

The next coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 5th December, 8:30-10:30. After the success of our last coffee morning, we will again be selling second-hand uniform, as well as second-hand books and Christmas jumpers. There are some boxes in the reception area for parents to leave any donations for us to sell at the coffee morning, any monies raised will go towards the school stage funds.

Please feel free to pop in, have a cuppa, meet some of the other parents and grab a bargain!

Christmas Fayre

We will be running various stalls at the Christmas Fayre this year and we are looking for some donations of bottles for a bottle tombola, chocolates for a chocolate tombola and a small selection of homemade cakes/cupcakes for our tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cake stall. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

On the morning of the fayre, there will be a Grotto for Reception to Year 4 to come along to, enjoying a story with Santa. Children will also receive a gift following their visit. We will be asking for a small contribution of £3 from parents to help ensure every child receives a gift from Santa. Details of this will follow shortly.

If anyone has any questions then please feel free to speak to one of us while at school or contact us via the Ramsgate Arts Primary Mummies & Daddies & Carers Facebook group.

Many thanks,

Emma Jackson

Parent Council Secretary