



## School Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February

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Dear Parent and Carers,

January always seems such a long month to get through, whether it's the hangover following the excitement of Christmas and New Year, the dark evenings or just waiting for that post-Christmas pay packet, I think everybody is always a little bit relieved when it's over.

What January is though, is a great time for both reflection and to look forward to the year ahead. The children have had so many fantastic opportunities this year already. On the first day back after the Christmas holidays, RAPS had our first Art Exhibition. (If you still haven't had an opportunity to view our 'Take One Picture' exhibition then the work can still be seen in the Foyer and it would be lovely if you would share your thoughts in our comments book.) As well as this, Team Beraet and Amin visited the British Museum as a part of their 'Blasts from the Past' topic; our Choir have sang at the O2 as a part of the Young Voices concert; we have had our first Trust Spelling Bee competition and Cayden in Year 5 was the overall winner across all three schools! To round-off our whirlwind January, Regency performing Arts were in school today for our 'Play in a Day', where Key Stage 2 effectively learned a play in a day and then performed this to the whole of KS1 and Reception!

Looking ahead, there is still so much to look forward to... Monday is Number Day, Tuesday is Safer Internet day. Our children's arts experiences continues to grow - the Pioneering Project continues with Team Beraet, our partnership with the Turner and Dreamland seems to go from strength to strength, Team Amin will be taking part in a project in collaboration with POW looking at Discoveries through dance theatre. I can't wait to see the end results. March also sees our second Literacy Festival, where we have some fabulous illustrators, authors, poets and story-tellers lined up. We are also involved in the Thanet Music and Dance Festival which is held in March, where we have entered categories for singing, dancing and public speaking. Rock Steady will have their first concert on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April and our choir is taking part in the Festival of Song at the Winter Gardens. We will continue our partnership with East Kent College where their students will deliver percussion workshops to the whole school. Finally, at the end of Term 4, we will have our Spring Concert!

Lastly, if your child has completed our annual '**New Year's Resolution Challenge**', please could I have the forms returned by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at the latest? Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

*N Budge*

### Dates for your diary:

1<sup>st</sup> February – Play in a Day  
(KS2 children will learn a play and will perform it to KS1)

4<sup>th</sup> February – RAPS Number Day

Parent Council mtg 3.15

5<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Assembly

8<sup>th</sup> February – Reception coffee morning - **postponed to next term**

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February - Parent/ Teacher meetings for Reception, Year 2 and Year 6

13<sup>th</sup> February - Individual School Photos

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March – Literacy Festival - all week.

26<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Song

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Rocksteady Concert



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## Number Day 2019

It brings me great delight to announce Ramsgate Arts Primary School's participation in 'Number Day 2019', where the school will come together on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February and raise money for the NSPCC whilst having fun with maths at the same time.

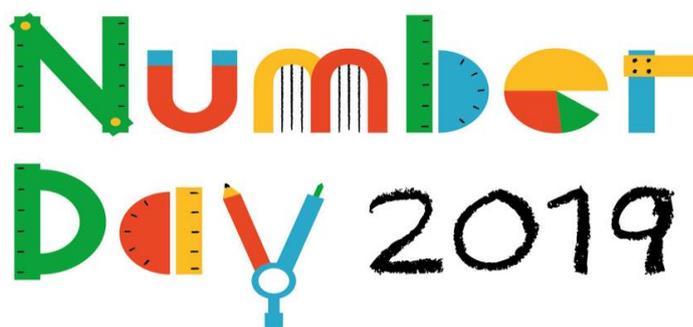
Other than a range of exciting activities that the teachers have planned for the morning, we are also asking the children to come in dressed up as something maths related. This could simply include wearing items of clothing with numbers or patterns on them or being as creative as you like. Please donate £1.00. All money raised will be donated to the NSPCC.

The second exciting part of Number Day will be our break time cake sale. For this, we ask you to provide some cakes but with one added twist – make the cakes maths related! Maths cakes could range from different shaped cakes to cakes with number toppings or operations. Be as creative as you can!

Kind regards,

Mr H Stevens

Maths Curriculum Leader



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## Parent/Teacher meetings

**At the end of this term Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teachers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February. You should have received a letter giving you your own individual login and details how to book a parent's meeting online.**

How to access MCAS (My Child At School)

- 1) Access the school's website at: [www.RamsgateArtsPrimarySchool.co.uk](http://www.RamsgateArtsPrimarySchool.co.uk)
- 2) Click on "MCAS" at the top right of the website.
- 3) Enter the school ID 11455 and your unique username and password, in the box and Log on.
- 4) Please enter an email and memorable question (You can request your login details via this information given)

To book an appointment:

- 5) Click on "Parent Evening" tab.
- 6) If you have more than 1 child at school you can choose by clicking on the child's name (next to the photo)
- 7) Please choose the date and year group you require
- 8) Click on the Teacher's name – choose an available time - then click BOOK

If you have any questions or queries please call the school office

**Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 parents will receive a full written report at the end of Term 4 about the progress their child has made across all areas of the curriculum, if you would like to have a meeting with your child's class teacher in addition to this, please contact the teacher individually.**

## Safer Internet Day

In today's modern world the use of social media is somewhat inevitable for young people as they grow into teenagers. There are, of course, benefits to using social media, such as communication with distant relatives or friends. However, we would like to remind parents and carers that social media is not advised for children below age 13, and age restrictions apply to social media accounts for good reason.

The use of social media by under age children is increasingly a nation-wide issue, with many children being exposed to risks such as: contact with strangers, significant emotional risk, social conflict, hacking of personal information and data and exposure to inappropriate content.

At Ramsgate Arts Primary School, we want to ensure that pupils understand, value and utilise online safety strategies to help keep themselves safe. We do this by:

- Teaching pupils how to use the internet safely.
- Advising pupils against using social media or online games that are above their age range.
- Special assemblies or talks, particularly around 'Safer Internet Day'
- Teaching pupils how to act respectfully online towards others, discussing issues around cyber-bullying.

We completed a short survey completed with the pupils of year six. There were asked two simple questions- *Which social media do you use? What is your experience of using social media?* I think you will find our findings and their responses interesting.

What social media do you use?

| Social Media   | Snapchat                                       | Facebook   | Instagram   | WhatsApp                                      | Musical.ly, now named 'TikTok' or Lyke | YouTube                          |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Legal Age  | Age 13+  | Age 13+  | Age 13+   | Age 16+                                       | Not stated- common sense verdict 16+   | 18+ or 13+ with parental consent |
| Type   | Private messages, live photo and video sharing | Private and public messages, photo and video sharing, link sharing | Photo sharing, live video sharing, private messages, link sharing | Private messages, photo sharing, link sharing | Video sharing, private messaging       | Video sharing, private messaging |
| Number of Year 6 children using social media at RAPS | 7  | 2  | 13  | 20  | 11                                     | 29                               |

When asked to tell us about their experience of social media, our Year 6 children said:

- Sometimes on Instagram I get random follow requests.
- On YouTube, adverts can pop up and they're inappropriate.
- On WhatsApp you get viruses and messages that are unknown.
- On TikTok you get a lot of hate comments.
- On TikTok there is swearing all the time.
- Actually on most things there's bad swearing.
- Your Snapchat account can get hacked and takes photos on your account and sends them to other people.
- On WhatsApp, people can randomly get my phone number through groups, so you get random messages.
- On Lyke, people commented rude things on my profile and videos. Things I didn't really understand.

- On TicTok there is a large number of older people who join your songs and do duets but just swear. Any stranger can join your duet video.
- On Instagram you can do live videos and people see them.
- On Snapchat I get photos from people I don't know, just random creepy pictures from people I don't know.

With this in mind, we ask all parents to reflect on the access their children have to social media and consider carefully monitoring the use of mobile phones, tablets and computers. If you would like further information about keeping children safe online please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org> or come into school for a chat.

### VAT Literacy Quiz

Pupils from Years 3 to 6 from each of the Trust schools – Ramsgate Arts, Upton Junior and Chilton Primary - were united in six three-strong teams to face a series of questions. They were selected for the first VAT 'Literacy Quiz' showdown in front of parents and pupils in the main hall at Chilton following heats at each individual school. Working in teams, they answered questions about a range of topics including root words, consonants, nouns, prefixes, suffixes, subjunctives, phonics, and general grammar. The fourth and final round was an all-comers 'Spelling Bee' competition to see who won the title as the smartest speller. This knock-out section saw contestants on stage eliminated if they failed to spell their words correctly – tricky spellings included disastrous, onomatopoeia, desperate, privilege, interruption, mischievous, and harass. After a lengthy contest, the 'Spelling Bee' supremo was our very own Cayden in Year 5, followed by Ashwin from Upton as runner up and with Jack from Chilton in third place.



The overall 'Literacy Quiz' champs were Team 2 featuring Jack (Upton), Harry (Chilton) and Faye (RAPS).

Mrs Rees-Boughton was very impressed with all of the RAPS finalists, they did us proud.

## Ramsgate Arts Primary School



### Term 3 Art Competition

#### 3D!



I hope you enjoyed Mrs Walton's Assembly on Sculpture & 3 Dimensional Art work.

If you were inspired, why not enter this term's Art competition by creating a piece of your own 3D art work?

As usual, it can be any size and made of any materials (for example, wool, clay, plasticine, Lego, Mod Roc, papier-mâché or wire.). The theme is very open this term, so you might decide to make a sculpture of your favourite animal, your favourite hobby, or pet, or even something surreal from your imagination. The choice is yours.

Your creations will need to be handed to me by **Wednesday 13th February 2019** and will be displayed in the school.

All art work should be clearly labelled with your name & class.

Winners of the competition for each key stage will receive a prize and every entry will receive a certificate.



Get creating!

Mr. Brown

Art Leader