



School Newsletter

Friday 15th February
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Dear Parent/ Carers

As parents and carers, you know that every day your child spends at school is **extremely important** - school attendance is vital for young people to reach their full potential and is therefore a priority for Ramsgate Arts Primary School. We are constantly monitoring pupil attendance and want to work together with parents to help ensure **excellent** attendance and punctuality. **Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 94.56% which is below our Trust expectation of 97%.** If we break this down to terms and classes, our attendance looks like this:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Team Barnes	97.67%	95.33%	91.81%
Team Spurrier	98.32%	94.99%	94.52%
Team Smart	93.68%	92.01%	95.12%
Team Rees Boughton	94.44%	96.52%	92.21%
Team Beraet	96.13%	97.34%	97.08%
Team Amin	93.82%	94.06%	95.62%
Team Dannell	96.45%	91.71%	93.07%
Team Stevens	91.47%	93.97%	92.48%

How does your child's class fare and, if your child is frequently absent, what impact might this have on your child's learning?

Please remember that our doors open at 8.15 and the **school day starts at 8.30** – being in school on time ensures that your child is ready to start the day the right way.

Every minute Counts - Lateness means lost learning

(figures below calculated over a whole year)

5 minutes late each day=3 days lost
10 minutes late each day=6.5days lost
15 minutes lost each day=10 days lost
20 minutes late each day =13 days lost
30 minutes late each day =19 days lost

As few as 19 days missed over the school year reduces your child's chances of success. Your child could drop across all subjects. Your child will be missing learning if they are not in school or are late for school. We work closely with our attendance officer and unauthorised absences could result in a fixed penalty fines.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 25th February-Back to school

Thursday 28th February – Hockey competition.

Week beginning 4th March – Literacy Festival – See newsletter for daily events.

Monday 4th March –Hockey Competition

Tuesday 5th March –Team Dannell –Burrito Party

Wednesday 6th –Year 3 Pioneering Places Project

Monday 11th Team Rees Boughton Art to Start

Thursday 14th Yr 6 School Journey mtg-6.30

26th March – Festival of Song

29th March-Parent Council Quiz Night

2nd April –Rock Steady Concert



Play in a Day

Working with the arts curriculum support team, Years 3 to 6 took up the challenge to create a ‘play in a day’ – they based their mini musical on the creation of our school. In workshop sessions they decided on a storyline and dialogue, worked out dance moves and stage positions, and decided what music would be most suitable. The show told how RAPS first began life as Ramsgate Free School in borrowed classrooms at Chilton primary school in Ramsgate, and then how pupils, families and staff watched and waited as their new specially designed school grew from demolition site on Newington Road to an impressive new primary arts centre. The energetic story also reflected on the children’s wonder and amazement at their new classrooms and facilities in their own special place. Songs included We’re All In This Together, ABC, and Happy.



The children gave an amazing performance, coming from brainstorming in the morning in mixed year groups, via workshops and rehearsal, to a show performed for our Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes, who loved it. The pupils combined a range of creative skills they are developing to put the musical together. It was a big challenge and a fantastic experience for them to see all their knowledge and ability dovetail and culminate in a live show in such little time. This will now be annual event and next time we will perform it for families and friends too.

Information for Parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs.

for us too Empowering Disabled Children & Young People

Feb. Half Term Happiness - Play & Stays for 0-8s with SEN
£2.50 a session

Tuesday 19th
 10-12 Kiddicars & Race Track
 2-4 Dream Catchers and Driftwood Boats
(Arts and Crafts)

Wednesday 20th
 10-12 Rock Decorating
(Arts and Crafts)

Thursday 21st
 2-4 Junk Percussion Workshop with Pie Factory Music
Making and playing instruments

Thursday 21st
 10-12 Parent and Me Yoga
with Alain Bain, relaxed session; give it a go!

2-4 Sensorysation! Relax with bubbles, balloons, music & lights. Sensory fun for everyone!

For Us Too, Green Banks, Westfield Road, Garlinge, Kent CT9 5PA
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Parenting Support

Children's Behaviour

Information and advice available at the following times:-

<p>Six Bells Children's Centre 1 – 2pm</p> <p>Tuesday 5th February Tuesday 5th March Tuesday 2nd April Tuesday 30th April Tuesday 28th May Tuesday 25th June</p>	<p>Newington Children's Centre 1 – 2pm</p> <p>Tuesday 19th February Tuesday 19th March Tuesday 16th April Tuesday 14th May Tuesday 11th June</p>
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RAPS Numbers Day

Can you crack a code, create a graph showing world pollution levels, make 3-D shapes, and explore the history of Egyptian numbers? These were just a few activities in a packed programme of Maths sessions enjoyed by our pupils who took part in their first national NSPCC Number Day.

A structured programme of learning ran across all year groups throughout the day, co-ordinated by our RAPS Maths Wizard, Hayden Stevens. As part of the charity fund raiser, pupils and staff donated to the NSPCC to wear outfits with numbers and symbols on them, and more money came from a cake sale at break time with tasty treats created with a Maths theme.



It was great to see so many different approaches to maths around the school and it was clear that children were having fun exploring many different and varied avenues around the subject.

The Number Day followed on well after the NSPCC came into school earlier this year and talked to the children about the Childline counselling service and general safety awareness. We are proud to be able to help them out by raising awareness and donating £280 to this children's charity.

Art Competition

If you get a chance, please come and have a look at the fantastic sculptures and 3-Dimensional Artwork exhibited along our top corridor. Mr Brown and Mrs Walton are going to have an extremely difficult time choosing our Key Stage winners. These will be announced in our Art Assembly on the first Thursday after half-term.



Literacy Festival

On the week beginning the 4th March, Ramsgate Arts Primary School is very proud to launch its 2nd Literacy Festival!

To celebrate, we have been very busy planning some extremely exciting events, in which both you and your child may partake. Below is an overview of our up and coming events:

Date	Event in School	Event after School (parents invited to attend)
Monday 4 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assembly to kick start our Literacy Festival- EYFS + KS1: Kate Crowley (Illustrator) in to talk to the children about how to draw characters	
Tuesday 5 th March		KS1 - Reading in the dark
Wednesday 6 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- EYFS and KS1 : Sarah Vaughan – Author and Illustrator- KS2: Paul Delaney – Author and Illustrator	
Thursday 7 th March WORLD BOOK DAY – Children to dress up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Alexis Deacon – Author and Illustrator- World Book Day Dress Up Day (all children invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character for a £1 donation which will go towards books for our library)	
Friday 8 th March	EYFS, KS1 and KS2 - Sandra Aagard – Story Teller – Telling children traditional tales	KS1 and KS2 – Story-telling in the hall with Sandra Aagard

Other events throughout the week:

- RAPSanory – Please tune into our website every day of the week to hear one of our lovely RAPS team-members reading a bedtime story <https://www.ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk/>
- Readathon – Sponsored Read
- Explore Learning – Thanet - Writing Competition

After School Events:

Tuesday 6th March: KS1 Reading in the Dark - In the hall - 2:45 – 3:30

We would like to invite you to our after school event: Reading in the Dark!

To encourage our children to read as a part of their bedtime routine we are hosting our first **Reading in the Dark** event. All **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children** will be asked to bring in a **torch, teddy, pillow and their favourite book** into school. **At 2:45** please meet us in the **hall**, where the lights will be dimmed, fairy lights will be on and a cosy atmosphere will be set up to snuggle with your child and read their favourite story. **Please come and collect your child from the hall**, your child's teacher will be on hand with a sign-out sheet.

- **Friday 8th March:** Whole school - Story Telling with Sandra Aagard – In the hall - 3:00 – 3:45

On Friday during the day we will have storyteller Sandra Aagard telling stories to our children. Her stories are incredible and are usually a hit with both the youngest and the oldest children in our school! We would like to invite you to also come along and listen to her stories too!

As well as Sandra Aagard telling stories, Eddie (our go-to Book Man) will be selling books at the back of the hall. As it was such a success last year, you will once again have the opportunity to pick a book to buy for Ramsgate Arts Primary School's library. You can then write a message in the front of the book and leave your child's legacy in our library for children to enjoy for many years to come.

In addition to the various authors and illustrators coming in to school to inspire the children, the children will also be studying a text throughout the week. They will complete various art and writing projects based on the book, which will then be put on display in our KS1 corridor for you to come and see!

- Team Barnes and Team Spurrier – 'I am Henry Finch' – Alexis Deacon
- Team Smart and Team Rees-Boughton – 'Beegu' – Alexis Deacon
- Team Bereat and Team Amin – 'Journey' – Aaron Becker
- Team Dannell and Team Stevens – 'The Island' – Armin Greder
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I hope you will agree that this will be a week to remember and will undoubtedly inspire our children to become even more fabulous readers and writers.

Best wishes,

Miss Rees-Boughton - English Lead

