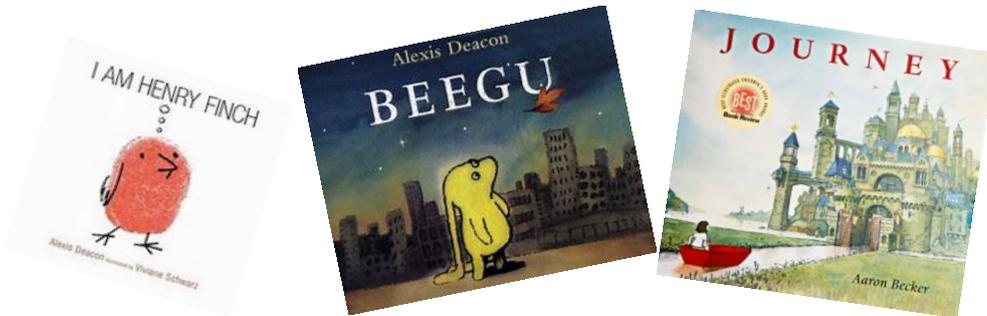




School Newsletter

Friday 8th March

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Dear Parent/ Carers

Wow what a week! This year's Literacy Festival has been truly amazing. Author and illustrator, Kate Crowley, kicked off our Literacy Festival with a whole-school assembly, sharing her books and talking about how she comes up with ideas for her stories. Reception and KS1 then joined her for workshops on how to draw characters, which produced some fantastic results.

Tuesday saw Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents bring in pillows, duvets, torches, teddies and their favourite bedtime stories to snuggle down for our 'Reading in the Dark' event to help encourage children to read as a part of their bedtime routine. Thank you to all those parents who attended - next year we are hoping to do this across two afternoons.



Wednesday we were blessed with not one but two authors coming in - Sarah Vaughan and Paul Delaney. Key stage 2 wrote some fantastic poems inspired by Paul Delaney's work. A former primary school teacher, he is now an author and performance poet. He has written several books which are well worth taking a look at (The Magical and Mysterious Madame Mistreal, Sparrowlegs and his poetry books, My Favourite Trainers! and Hedgehogs 1 Big Trucks o) You can find more out about Paul on his website www.pdelany.co.uk

Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th - Team Rees-Boughton Art to Start

Thursday 14th - Yr 6 School Journey mtg - 6.30

16th March – Thanet Arts Festival –Choir

18th March Parent Council

21st March -LAB mtg

23rd March Thanet Arts Festival -Dance

29th March - Parent Council Quiz Night

2nd April – Rock Steady Concert

4th April- Closing date for Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition

4th April-Easter Disco



Thursday at RAPS was like a fantastic scene from a Janet and Allan Ahlberg picture book, with a plethora of story characters arriving at our school gates: Little Red Riding Hood; Harry Potter; Alice in Wonderland; Where's Wally? to name but a few - all coming to RAPS for the day! The children (and staff) looked fantastic - thank you to all the parents and carers for the fabulous costumes.



We also had Alexis Deacon, the author and illustrator of Beegu and I am Henry Finch, speak to all the children for the day - this was a personal highlight for me because I have also loved his work from when I was teaching in Year 1 and 2 many years ago. Friday was not to be out-done by the rest of the week, all the children had an opportunity to choose information books for our library and we had the amazing story teller, Sandra Aagard, come back to RAPS to tell traditional tales. Hopefully you had an opportunity to see her this afternoon when she was telling stories in the hall (3.00-3.45).

I know that these authors have certainly inspired the children to do some amazing writing around the texts they have been studying (these include I am Henry Finch - Reception, Years 1 and 2 - Beegu, Years 3 and 4 - Journey, and Years 5 and 6 - The Island). The work the children have produced over this week will be displayed along the bottom corridor by the end of next week.

I would like to thank Miss Rees-Boughton for organising our second RAPS Literacy Festival - it has been a great success and has truly inspired our children. I can't believe how many different authors and illustrators she has managed to arrange the children to meet in one week. Thank you again.

If you have not had a chance yet, please tune-in to RAPSanory, which has been posted every night this week on our website. Also don't forget the RAPS Readathon to help raise money for our school library. All donations and forms must be returned to school by 29th March 2019. Also, remember to enter Kate Crowley's competition-to design a character which they can include in a story of their own. She has asked the children to write a short sentence about their character and the problem their character will face in their story. Entries for this are due Monday 11th March.





Ramsgate Arts Primary School

Mural Art and Graffiti Style

Dear Pupils,

I hope you enjoyed Mrs Walton's assembly this week on 'murals'.

The art competition this term is to design a mural for our school.

Create a design that represents the different elements of RAPS, including Art, Music, Drama, PE and Dance. You could use the school's core values as inspiration. Also, consider including a version of the school's logo. Think about what makes RAPS such a special place to be!

The winning entry will be scaled up and painted on a wall on the school site. Runners-up will be able to take part in painting the mural.

Please collect paper for your picture from the art room as it will be trimmed to the right size and proportions.

You can use ANY medium....coloured pencils, paint, felt tip, collage or pastel.

Hand entries in to Mr Brown by Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

(Remember to label entries with name + class).

I am very excited to see all your marvellous mural masterpieces...

Mr Brown



Art Competition

If you get a chance, please come and have a look at the fantastic sculptures and 3-Dimensional Art work exhibited along our top corridor. The winners of last term's Art competition were: Reception – 'Dinosaur Land' by Aria, Key Stage 1 – 'At the Beach' by Felix and Key Stage 2 – 'Dan' by Alby.



A message from Parent Council

It is with great excitement, the Parent Council can announce we have raised enough money to buy the school a super cool, real life, awesome stage! This is going to bring great excitement to the children; they will feel like film stars, and great relief to any parent stuck at the back of the hall – no more stiff necks or standing on chairs! We have achieved this through various events such as the Summer and Christmas fayres, coffee mornings and the infamous Comedy Night.

The Parent Council would like to thank all the students and their families, all teachers and staff, and many of the local businesses for their continuous contributions and support – from making a cake to donating their time! It's ALL very much appreciated!

Now onto the next 'stage'(!); making the children even happier by raising money for some brand new playground equipment and canopies for the KS1/2 playground.

Please keep an eye out for future events and do come along and support us and the school.

N.B. The Parent Council are running a Quiz Night on 29th March for the adults and an Easter themed disco on 4th April for the kids. Further details on these are in separate letters.

Kind Regards,

Emma Jackson

Parent Council Secretary

POW!

Our Year 4 children have been working hard on a dance theatre project – Discoveries. This is a part of the Festival of Arts and Culture celebrating International Women's Day. The children will be performing a section from their Discoveries dance at the opening of the POW! Festival, this Friday at The Turner Contemporary at 6 pm. It will be an extremely busy and exciting event with lots of other performances going on and the whole gallery is open to the public. The following Tuesday (12th March), the children will be performing again at Dreamland at 4.00. This is just for the children involved in our project and you will be able to see the full version of Discoveries in the Dreamland Ballroom.

Both events are FREE and all are welcome, particularly for Tuesday's event where we can guarantee a space for all family and friends.

