



School Newsletter

Friday 3rd May, 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First two weeks completed of Term 5 already! I hope you have all enjoyed a fantastic Easter break, spending time together as a family – whether this was at home or perhaps you were fortunate enough to spend time abroad. The children have all come back settled and ready for an exciting term ahead.

All of the children have arrived back at RAPS looking extremely smart in their school uniforms. I am happy to say that it has now got to the time of the year where the children are able to wear their summer uniform:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore or blue gingham dress
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Royal blue jumper, cardigan, tank-tops (no hoodies please)
- Black leather shoes – no sandals, flip flops or trainers

Please could I remind families that long hair should be tied up (longer than shoulder-length for girls and boys) and that nail varnish is not permitted. The only jewellery allowed is one pair of small flat ear studs – this is for health and safety reasons. May I also request that hair accessories be kept to a minimum. Large Jo-Jo bows are not appropriate.

If you are unsure about our uniform and have any questions, please contact the Mary, Aimee or Lorna in the office. Our Trust motto has always been 'Look Smart, Think Smart'. We do believe the little things matter in terms of maintaining our high standards with school uniform and thank you for your cooperation with this.

Mural Art competition

The entrants for the Mural Art competition were of an extremely high standard; Mr Brown and Fiona Stewart (a Reception parent and local scenic artist) found it really difficult to have an overall winner. It was decided that we would incorporate the designs of seven children into the mural on the wall by the front entrance gate below.



Well done to Tamzyn in Year 6, Cayden and Ruby in Year 5, Rebecca in Year 4, Charlie in Year 3, Isla and Grace in Year 2 and Sam in Year 1. These children will not only have part of their design incorporated within the mural, but will also help to paint it. I can't wait to see it take shape over the next few months.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May Key Stage 2 SATS
(8am start for year 6)

Wednesday 15th May – Team Barnes Forest School starts

Friday 17th May – Team Spurrier Forest School starts

Friday 17th May – Year 6 End of SATS Treat - Kaspas

Tuesday 21st May – Cultural Diversity Day

Wednesday 22nd May – Year 3 trip to Tate Modern

Friday 24th May – End of term

Sunday 2nd June – Yr 6 Residential to Isle of Wight

Monday 3rd June – INSET Day

Tuesday 4th June - Children back to school

Wednesday 5th - Year 6 back from residential by 8.00

Friday 7th June – Viking Games for Yrs 5&6

Spotlight on RAPS Super Showcase

At the end of last term, it was obvious that RAPS has plenty of talent on tap! A variety show extravaganza showcased the depth of the pupils' x-factor they went under the spotlight for our 'RAPS' Got Talent' production. Performers from all year groups had been selected for the final line-up, and they subsequently took their acts onto the main school stage, performing in front of an eager audience of children, staff and a judging panel. The variety on the bill was impressive, ranging from monologues, a cappella singing, interpretive dance, harmonica and ukulele playing, a stop motion animation film, and a discussion about an art project.



The show was co-ordinated by Year 5 pupils who also acted as compères and judges, as well as handling the sound and lighting. Hosts, Ruby and Henry, introduced the performers and then invited judges Tallulah, Terence and Ruby to offer their constructive criticisms. Each act was greeted with loud cheers and, while the judges considered their verdicts, comedian, Byron, entertained the crowd.

The final decision saw Alisha, Phoebe and Izzy take top spot with their dance routine to Break Free. Runners up were Mia, Sapphire and Piper for their choreography to Abba's Mamma Mia, and Ralph with his solo vocal performance of Let's Go Fly A Kite from the Mary Poppins musical. Other acts were Rebecca with her art; Nayeli and Olivia dancing to I Don't Know My Name; Faye's monologue from The Borrowers; Adam on ukulele; Amelia's Lego animation film; Charlie's solo harmonica version of Sunny Days; and Nayeli, Tamsyn, Abi, and Faye dancing to Eugy.

Thanks to everyone who took part - the quality, standard and sheer variety was very impressive. RAPS definitely has some talented young performers who all have the WOW factor.



Ducklings in Reception

I'm sure you have all heard or seen that Reception have several small ducklings in the classroom at the moment. While writing this letter, I am thrilled to announce that we are the proud (temporary!) 'foster-parents' of five ducklings and are expecting one more hopefully to hatch in the next day or so. The children have been both incredibly excited and intrigued watching the ducklings hatch and then having the opportunity to feed, hold and watch them develop. You are more than welcome to pop in and have a look after school. Over the weekend Miss Spurrier has kindly offered to look after them, but they will be back on Monday until they leave us next Friday. It has been a memorable start to their topic on growth.



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Cultural Diversity Day

With over three quarters of the world's major conflicts having a cultural dimension, it is vital that our children are able to bridge this cultural gap to ensure that there is peace, understanding and respect of all cultures. In 2002, the UN General Assembly declared 21st May to be the World Day of Cultural Diversity and Dialogue and Development. I feel that it is so important for children and adults to learn about the importance of cultural diversity and harmony, especially at these current difficult times. One of our school values is 'diversity', and what better way to celebrate this than through exploring cultural diversity through our arts curriculum, through music, dance, drama, art and food from different cultures.

With this in mind, on Tuesday 21st May, we are again going to have our Cultural Diversity Day (last year's was a fantastic success). The children will spend the day learning about and celebrating all the different cultures and nationalities that make up the community of Ramsgate Arts Primary School. If you have any cultural dances, experiences, and/or foods that you would be willing to share with the children, please let the office, Mrs Beech or myself know.

Principles, our caterers, are joining in our Cultural Diversity Day, by offering some a range of their cultural dishes for lunch. If parents would also like to help widen the range of cultural dishes, by cooking dishes from their own family's cultural heritage or one that interests them, that would be fantastic! If these could be brought into school for the children to try, we would greatly appreciate it. We did this extremely successfully when we only had 45 children at RAPS, and we would now like to recreate this experience for over 240 children!

So this becomes a true celebration of Cultural food, we would like to invite all parents join us for lunch but also to bring a dish that they would be willing to share. Principles will also provide a range of taster pots for parents to try. For this to work successfully, we will have to stagger the lunch times. We will need to know of the number of adults attending and which dishes they are bringing along (children with allergies will only be allowed to try dishes contributed by parents if their own parent is present). **In order to make this day a success, please fill out the slip below and return to the office by Monday 13th May.**

Year Group	Time to arrive at school
Reception parents	11.30
Years 1 and 2 parents	12.00
Years 3 and 4 parents	12.30
Years 5 and 6 parents	12.45

Please return the slip by Monday 13th May

Name of child _____ Class _____

Number of adults attending lunch _____

Dish you would be bringing _____ Country/
Culture _____

Please can you ensure that dishes are labelled.