



School Newsletter

Friday 23rd July, 2019

Newsletter 18

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that another year is over; I believe that this has been our best year yet! If you look back at past newsletters or delve into the 'In the News' section or 'Class Blogs' on our website, you can see how many amazing experiences your children have had over the year. I am also extremely proud that we are really beginning to develop our own sense of school community. The support that we have had recently in parent events has absolutely been fantastic. Thank you!

I hope you all have a lovely break, I know the staff are really looking forward to the summer as it has been quite a hectic couple of weeks. **Remember Monday 2nd September is an INSET day, so see you all at 8.30 on Tuesday 3rd September.**

Sports Day and Picnic

I hope you all enjoyed Sports Day - we tried to get a balance with traditional and contemporary – holding running races, but also including fun activities like egg and spoon, water carrying, space hopper leaping, firing water guns at balloons, and a bean bag balance. This ensured that all the children could be involved and have a sense of competitive fun. It was so lovely that the Sports Day ended with parents' and staff challenges, including sprint races and tug of war challenges.



For those of you who were unable to attend the final results were announced to loud cheers with Yellow Team triumphant with a slender two-point advantage over Greens in second; Blues were third and Reds fourth. All children received a medal for taking part and certificates for winning running races. All of our children were involved, whether they were taking part or cheering their teammates on.

Thank you parents for all your great support, as ever, and the organising team and staff, especially Mrs Horrigan, who did a fabulous job in co-ordinating so many different challenges for each child to enjoy.

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 2nd September –
INSET Day**

**Tuesday 3rd September –
Years 1 - 6 back to school**

**(Arts Curriculum to start for
Years 3 – 6)**

**Friday 6th 2.30-3.00 Parent
Class information session**

**Monday 9th September –
New Reception children
start – morning or
afternoon**

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Summer Festival

Thank you for all your support for our Summer Festival. It was a great afternoon. Everybody joined in and there was a real community spirit about the event. So many people put in a great amount of effort to ensure everything ran smoothly. Thank you!

The school field and play area was turned into a haven of happiness as pupils, families and friends celebrated another successful year. There were plenty of attractions and stalls to keep youngsters entertained. These ranged from face painting and nail art, to the craze of rock painting, and specially designed T-shirt printing. Homemade tasty treats were on sale from the school's cake bake with the costumed Mad Hatter and Alice in Wonderland (along with her sister on hand to help with the duties). Colourful costumed characters from children's stories mingled with the crowd, as well as superhero, Spiderman!



Performance extracts from past RAPS events, as well as songs from our 'Shakespeare Rocks' musical production went down well with the crowd, while the bouncy castle and soccer penalty shoot-out were other winners. As always, soaking teachers with wet sponges as they were helpless in the stocks attracted much laughter, while yoga sessions gave children and adults the chance to chill out with gentle movement and exercise. Mr Bubbles' car wash saw pupils giving many motors a well-deserved soapy scrub and shine.

The Summer Festival was a fund raiser by the school's Parent Council to help pay for further development and for more resources for the school's outdoor play and sports area. It raised an incredible £1,400. RAPS is all about teamwork and, once again, we enjoyed a great open event that brought children, families, staff, governors and the Parent Council together.

STEAM at RAPS!

Engineering workshops including problem-solving and creativity enthralled children of all ages at RAPS. The special STEAM day – incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths – was co-ordinated by Cummins Power, who have held several sessions with pupils in the last year.

Specific tasks were varied and were designed to encourage team-building and communication, as well as thinking how best to solve tricky problems against the clock. In one workshop, Year 4 and 5 pupils had bare essential resources including straws, tape, disposable cups and polythene to create a craft that would float when laden with 25 one penny coins.

Meanwhile Reception children made marbled cards, Year 1 pupils made paper circuits with arts designs, and Years 2 and 3 created life-size building blocks and structures. Year 6 children joined the Cummins team in celebrating the recent International Women in Engineering Day, with the aim of the workshop to inspire pupils to want to find out more about engineering. They drew and wrote about projects they think would be useful to design in the future.





RAPS Show that Shakespeare Rocked!

All the world's a stage for young performers at RAPS who explored the world of William Shakespeare in their end of term musical. 'Shakespeare Rocks' traced the Bard's life via the discovery of a secret diary that starts in his study in Stratford in 1593 and transports the audience in seven acts through his great works. On the way, the story spotlights his fame via cool street minstrels in Will's Wonderful Words; trying to break the ban on women on stage in No Girls Allowed; Elizabeth 1 and the development of The Globe Theatre in Show In The Globe; the superstitions around Macbeth in Don't Mention The Mac; plus many others looking at the fire at The Globe, Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and Macbeth.

The songs and the dialogue paint a quirky picture of Elizabethan England and the musical showcased the young performers' singing, dancing, musical and acting skills well in front of pupils, staff, parents and friends. The main costumed acting roles were held by the Year 6 pupils, with children from Years 3, 4 and 5 in the chorus and supporting roles.



It was great fun and the script and songs were really witty. It is certainly a new way for our children to look at the life and times of Shakespeare. It was a terrific show to mark the end of a super school year, and was the perfect way to see our Year 6 on their way. They are now well-equipped for secondary life after their formative years at RAPS. The final scene of the show, that was co-ordinated and directed by teacher Jon Williams, sees Will stumbling upon a new-fangled 2B pencil which allegedly inspired one of his greatest quotes – To Be Or Not To Be, sung by the whole cast!

Reception at Forest School

If you go down to the woods today – you'll find a group of young children from Ramsgate Arts Primary enthralled in their latest learning adventure. The Reception year group has been inspired by six morning sessions and picnic lunches under the trees at Manor House Forest School and Farm on the Quex Park Estate at Birchington.



Activities have included magic wand making, working with tools, enjoying the Gruffalo story and going on a forest hunt, a scavenger leaf hunt, bug hunt, creating mud kitchen recipes, wood cookies, toasting marshmallows by the open fire and making habitats for animals. The Manor House forest school has been an invaluable experience for our children and learning outside has really helped them to develop their confidence, speaking and listening skills, independence, social skills and much more. The children always bring the skills they have learnt back into the classroom and continue the learning in the school setting. The staff have been absolutely fantastic with the children and the range of engaging activities they have provided have suited the RAPS topics and linked to the Early Learning goals.

RAPS with Margate Films

Lights, camera, action – young film makers at RAPS were fully focussed on their latest project; working with Margate Films, the Year 6 pupils have been researching, writing, filming and editing their own short movies based around the theme ‘Diversity’. Operating in small groups for the week-long venture, pupils chose key personnel, such as producer, director, camera and sound technicians, script editors and actors.

One group focussed on dancing to tell a story of diversity through music and movement, others interviewed and filmed kitchen staff preparing school lunch to find out what went in to delivering their essential part of the school day. In one of the workshop sessions with Beth Turrell, who runs Margate Films, the film makers shared their thoughts on working to a strict time limit, communication, ensuring that all the component parts of the team worked in sync to achieve their overall goal, the importance of staying focussed and being patient, camera angles, the use of sound and lighting and performance. The RAPS team was supported by media studies student mentors from Canterbury College, who each worked with a group and offered constructive and practical input. The five completed two-minute films will be shown at a community screening event later in the year.



Next terms dates

Your child should have come home with a magnetic calendar this week (if not see the dates below). We also have provisional pencil-in key dates such as parent’s evenings and Christmas productions etc. for the next academic year. These can be found on the Website under ‘News and Events’ and then click on ‘Diary’. I hope this will help working parents plan ahead to give you the opportunity to attend key events.



**Ramsgate Arts
Primary School**
One Childhood, One Chance

**School Calendar
2019 - 2020**

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Bank Holiday

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Inset Day

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