



School Newsletter

Friday 22nd September
Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone has settled back to life at RAPS extremely well and the first few weeks have flown by. Each and every child has made a fantastic start to the academic year. Everyone is eager to learn and to continue to progress. The behaviour of the children in class, around the school and outside has been excellent and we are extremely proud with the attitude of each and every one of them.



A huge well done to our Reception and Year 3 children in particular who have settled in very well and have already become true RAPS pupils. They are growing in confidence daily and have all taken the transition in their stride. We are very lucky to have them as part of our school and join the rest of our incredible children – they all truly make our school fantastic. We appreciate that parents/carers know and understand their children on a unique level. I am around the whole school constantly each day looking in classes, watching lessons and talking to children across the school. The children seem very settled and are already in a productive learning routine but, very importantly, if you feel in any way that your child's needs are not being met then you must speak to someone about it. Our school motto of 'One Childhood One Chance' means that we want children to make the most of their time with us, without any barriers to their learning. The link between parents and school is incredibly important if children are to fulfil their potential. This partnership is most effective if parents communicate with the school - whether that's something that's worked really well for your child or an area they are struggling with or that you don't understand. We have an open-door policy and our leadership team endeavour to be out on the gates every morning and after school. Don't wait until Parents' Evening if something is bothering you - contact the class teacher, Mary or Barbara in the office or myself or Mrs Lewis.

Dates for your diary:

Term 1 ends – Friday 20th
October

Week beginning 16th
October Arts Week-Visits
to the Turner

Half Term –Monday 23rd
October to Friday 27th
October

INSET DAY – Monday 30th
October

Term 2 begins – Tuesday
31st October

13th November –Open
Classes

Week beginning 13th
November Parents
Meetings

Term 2 ends –
Wednesday 20th
December at 2pm

-Year 3 /4/5 Arts curriculum
finishes at 4.15 on Monday-
Thursday.
School finishes at 3.00 on
Friday for everyone.

Communication with RAPS Families

Over the past couple of weeks we have had some technical difficulties with our texting and e-mailing service, thankfully everything is up and running now. You should have received a text message yesterday from school. If you did not receive this, then we have not got the correct text details. If this is the case, please let the office know your correct contact details as soon as possible as it is extremely important that we are able to contact you to pass on information when needed. A test e-mail will be sent out later next week.

The most straightforward line of communication is this newsletter as it is a regular platform to share information and important reminders. It also allows me to reinforce my expectations upon parents and pupils and also to celebrate a vast array of success. The newsletter will be emailed fortnightly on a Friday, with paper copies available from the office. Not only are we striving to be environmentally friendly but this should also prevent letters festering for months at the bottom of school bags! The newsletter and other important letters will also be posted on our website with a link sent to your mobile phone.

Fundamental to your child's success at Ramsgate Arts Primary School will be strong lines of communication with your child's class teacher. We hope you feel that we operate an open door policy, parents are welcome into the school in the mornings to drop off at the classrooms doors from 8.15 - 8.30 and at the end of the school day most class teachers are available should you need to speak to them.

We also write regular blogs throughout the week (these can be found on our website under your child's class, and then class blog), these blogs will be the teacher's main line of communication regarding homework, class activities, requests for resources or just letting you know what learning is going on throughout the week. If you were unable to attend last week's open class meeting, then the teachers' PowerPoints can also be found on this page too – they will give you all the relevant information you will need for year ahead.

Our Partnership with the Turner:

Many of you may already know about our relationship with the award-winning Turner Contemporary Gallery in Margate. All of our Yr 3, 4 and 5 children visited the gallery for their Transition Day back in July.

We are very excited to take our links with the gallery a stage further during the week of 16th October - 20th October. Throughout the week, our Years 1 - 5 are going to visit the Turner Contemporary and work with gallery 'navigators'. During this time, our young artists will create works both at school and in the gallery. Visits for Reception will be confirmed at a later date.

Pupils will also visit exhibitions at the Turner Contemporary each term during this academic year and the gallery's Schools' Officer will provide information on exhibitions to help teachers plan how they can be used as a springboard for cross-curricular learning.

Turner Contemporary's unique use of 'Hands on Philosophy' to help children engage will enable school staff to gain new skills ensuring pupils get the most out of visits to the gallery throughout the year.

Art Competition -Vincent Van Gogh

Dear Artists,

I hope you were inspired by the assembly on Van Gogh this week. The competition this term will be to re-create Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' painting using **ANY** medium of your choice. You could use collage, acrylic paint, watercolour, pastels, pencil, felt-tips –even glitter! You decide!



Your art piece can be **ANY** size but make sure they are **CLEARLY** labelled with your name & class.

All entries need to be given to me by Wednesday 11th October 2017.

There will be a small prize for all entries and additional prizes for the winners.

I look forward to seeing your wonderful creations...

Mr Brown

Ramsgate Arts Primary School Breakfast and After School Club.

We will be offering a breakfast club and afterschool club from Monday .

Breakfast club will be 2.00 per day, children can be dropped off from 7.30 am, the menu will be fruit juice, toast , cereal and yoghurt available daily.

After school club will be from 3.00pm -5.45pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

Session 1	3.00pm to 4.30pm	£4.00 per session
Session 2	4.15pm to 5.45pm	£5.00 per session
Session 3	3.00pm to 5.45pm	£8.00 per session

Session 1 includes a healthy snack and a drink

Session 2 and 3 include and light tea and drink.

The children are offered a variety of activities but most of all they have fun.

Please see Mary or Barbara in the office for more details.