



School Newsletter

Friday 3rd November
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. This term is one of my favourite terms, with the added buzz and excitement that fills the corridors - it truly is a magical and fantastic time at school, culminating in our Christmas celebrations. With the evenings now darker and the weather changing, it really does feel as though winter is marching towards us.

At RAPS, however, the weather rarely affects any of the events and activities that run across the school every week. We will ensure that all Christmas events and times of special celebration are in our next Newsletter to help with forward planning at such a busy time. We will endeavour to send reminders via our texting service so please ensure we have your up to date mobile number and email address.

We have also now our own official Facebook and Twitter accounts which will give accurate information about the school events and also the learning that is taking place at RAPS. The links can found on the top of our Website. Please can I stress that if you need information clarifying about the school, use official school avenues. The RAPS team are very accessible and are happy to help, so if you are unsure of anything, approach my front-office staff, my teachers, support staff or myself. I hope you feel we very much have an open-door policy at RAPS.

RAPS ARP

As part of our link with Turner Contemporary at Margate, RAPS pupils have been experiencing Arp's creativity first hand in a series of workshops focussed around the current exhibition 'The Poetry of Forms' that runs until January 14. The children have created colourful and creative items for their own exhibition based around their exploratory artwork inspired by Jean Arp, whose output embraced Dada, Surrealism and Abstraction, and created an impact on the British avant-garde movement. Pupils explored Arp's displays on show at the gallery and then worked on creative follow-up projects that celebrate his drawings, collages, paintings, wood reliefs and sculptures. The children's work can be viewed along the top corridor. All welcome.



Dates for your diary:

Term 2 begins – Tuesday
31st October

Monday 6th November -
Parents' Council Meeting
at 5.30

Monday 13th November –
Open Classes

Week beginning 13th
November – Parents'
Meetings

24th November –
Governors' Surgery 2.45-
3.15

30th November - Local
Advisory Body Meeting
4.30-6.00

Term 2 ends –
Wednesday 20th
December at 2pm



Parent Council Reminder

As was stated in the last Newsletter, Ramsgate Arts Primary School is committed to communicating to all parents effectively. As a school we have decided to create a School Parent Council team. This team will consist of parents and our Head of School, Nick Budge. This team will work together effectively communicating important messages, ideas, concerns and fundraising events to the rest of the school. We want parents to feel part of the RAPS team and that they have the opportunity to have face to face conversations with the people who can change things regarding their child's education.

We really wanted each year group to have two parents to become a part of this team but sadly, as yet, we have had limited interest from our new parent groups. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Parent Council, please contact the school office on 01843 582 847, email enquiries@ramsgatefreeschool.co.uk or **just attend the meeting on Monday 6th November at 5.30.** The main agenda item will be the progress on the school building and our next steps as a school. We would welcome all parent feedback so please come along!

Open Afternoon and Parents' Meetings

First I would like to apologise for any confusion regarding the Parent Meetings this was down to human error - sometimes mistakes do happen and we endeavour to rectify them as quickly as we can.

Our open afternoon is on **Monday 13th November** as stated in previous newsletters.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents are invited into school to look at their child's books in the classrooms from 2.30-3.00.

Year 3, 4 and 5 parents are able to look at their child's books from 3.45-4.15.

Parents' meetings have been scheduled for the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th November. Please follow the instructions on the Parent Consultation letter to book your appointment on-line but **the correct school log in details are 11455. There is also a link on the top right hand corner of our website click on MCAS** and you should go straight through to the login page. If you continue to have difficulties please contact Mary or Barbara in the office and they will be happy to help. Please remember these meetings have been set up to give you an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how your child has settled into their new classes and allow you the opportunity to voice any concerns. We would like every parent to attend.

Art Competition -Vincent Van Gogh

Can I thank everyone who entered this competition; Mr Brown found it extremely hard to judge the winners. We had three categories Reception, KS1 and KS2. Everyone gets a certificate for taking part but the winners received a water colour set and paint brushes. The winners and the rest of the paintings will be exhibited in our foyer.

I can't wait to see the work inspired byfor our next competition. Details are on page 3.



Our winners with Mrs Walton and Mr Brown.

Term 2 Art Competition-Andy Goldsworthy – Autumn Leaves

Dear Artists,

I hope you were inspired by the assembly on Andy Goldsworthy this week. The competition this term will be to create a piece of art in the style of this awesome environmental artist using **ANY** medium of your choice. You could use natural materials like pebbles, twigs, conkers, leaves or petals. Remember if you are creating an environmental piece of art, it is a good idea to take a photograph and submit that as your entry. Alternatively you might decide to create a repeating pattern using natural leaf shapes and autumn colours or other shapes found in nature.

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 13th December 2017. Winners will be announced at the beginning of term 3

There will be a certificate for all entries and special prizes for the winners.

Many thanks for all your superb entries for the Van Gogh competition. We are very lucky to have a school full of such talented young artists!

Mr Brown

RAPS After School Club.

At Ramsgate Arts Primary school we hold an After School Club, RAPS Club, which is set up to provide care for children for out of school hours. We provide the children with a light snack at either 3pm or 4:15pm and at 5pm we ensure the children have a more substantial snack/dinner which we eat together (see attached menu). We are able to provide care on an 'as and when' basis if you do not need the club regularly, however, if your child is to attend on a regular basis, payment in advance is greatly appreciated. (Prices per session are listed below.)

During each Club session, the children get to experience a variety of activities both inside and outside. All children are able to choose if they would like to expel a little energy or relax - activities therefore range from football and outdoor games, to calmer pursuits such as colouring, playing board games, watching films as well as playing on the iPads. RAPS Club is open term-time only until 5:45pm and is run by Miss Tranham and Miss Aitken, who are both currently working in Reception. If you would like your child to attend any session, contact the school office or Miss Tranham.

Session 1 - 3.00 to 4.30 - £4.00 per session

Session 2 - 4.15 to 5.45 - £5.00 per session

Session 3 (a combination of both 1 & 2) - 3.00pm to 5.45pm - £8.00 per session

