



School Newsletter

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Dear Parent and Carers,

As you have probably guessed, McAvoy's, the building contractors, despite their constant reassurances, are not in a position to hand over the rest of the building today as originally promised. The hall and dance studio are nearly finished but the kitchen still has a way to go. The delays are mainly due to the kitchen contractors letting McAvoy's down. As you can imagine, we are all very disappointed but we have been promised a new handover date of the 8th March. The delay to the kitchen will mean we will have to postpone Breakfast Week, which was originally earmarked for week beginning 5th March.

Thankfully, the delayed contractor's departure has not affected the school's plans to develop the outside areas. The first area still to be landscaped is the Reception outside area. Living Timber, our Landscapers, have reviewed the site and are provisionally booked for the Easter holidays. Other areas of the school will then follow suit. The local engineering company, Cummings, are still hoping to turn the external corner 'void' on our first floor into a roof garden, which will be amazing.

RAPS will still have its official grand opening day which is scheduled for **20th April**, and we very much want the children to be involved in this day. It is planned for the children to have various workshops throughout the day based around the arts. We would also like to invite parents to share this important event with us by inviting them to have a picnic with our children at lunch time.

Art Competition

Last term's competition was to create a piece of art inspired by the Batman universe, using **ANY** medium of your choice. We have been overwhelmed by the variety of entries, so a well done to everyone, especially to our winners pictured below. All the art work will be displayed in the foyer, so please come and have a look when you drop your children off next week.



Dates for your diary:

23rd February –
Hockey Festival

24rd February-Cross
Country @ Quex

Week beginning - 26th
Feb - Literacy Festival

1st March – World
Book Day

8th March –Hand over
of Building

9th March - Parents
Council meeting @
2.00

Week beginning 19th
March - Parent
Consultations

Week beginning - 26th
March - World Autism
Week

29th March - Last Day
of Term: School
finishes at 2.00pm

Art Club Request
– please bring in
plastic bottles
for a sculpture!

Literacy Festival

Next week is our Literacy Festival and we have a fantastic week planned!

On Monday, Charlotte Cooke, illustrator of the 'The Adventures of the Owl and the Pussy Cat', is coming into school to complete workshops with all year groups. If you would like a signed copy of Charlotte's books, please fill out the information letter given out today. The whole school will be using her book through the week as a basis of their Literacy work.

On Tuesday, story-teller Sandra Agard is in throughout the day.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Author visit!

Wednesday
28th
February

To celebrate World Book Week,
award winning author/illustrator
Jools Bentley
will be visiting Ramsgate Arts Primary School!

- * Do you **love** reading and writing?
- * Are you **passionate** about drawing?
- * Would you like to know how to make picture books and get them published?!

The Hippopandamouse
Jools Bentley

Jools will be visiting **YOUR** classroom to read **The Hippopandamouse**, answer your questions and do a fun **drawing workshop!**

PLUS, there will be an opportunity to buy a **SIGNED BOOK** of your very own!!

MACMILLAN Children's Books #WorldBookDay

READ ON
Cbeebies
BBC

The Adventures of the Owl and the Pussy cat

CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATOR:
Charlotte Cooke

WILL BE RUNNING WORKSHOPS ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AS PART OF BOOK WEEK.

COME AND JOIN THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT ON A NEW ADVENTURE WITH LOTS OF THINGS TO SEE AND DO! MEET A WIGGLY SEAL WHO LOVES TO DANCE. A CHEEKY OCTOPUS WITH A LOVE FOR TREASURE. AND MAKE SURE YOU WATCH OUT FOR THE NAUGHTY SEAGULL!

Charlotte graduated from the University of the West of England with first class honours in BA Illustration. Since then, she has gone on to illustrate books for education and trade, magazines and even television. When she's not in her studio, she is found outside running, or playing refereee to her two young children.

Past clients include; CBeebies, OUP, Parragon, Egmont, Igloo, Miles Kelly, Wayland, Child's Play, Bramble Kids, Storytime Magazine, Nick jr, Picture Window Books, Blazing Glory, Polka Theatre, Highlights Magazine (USA), Ladybug Magazine (USA).

Wednesday will see a visit from Jools Bentley – the author of The Hippopandamouse. We are very much looking forward to her drawing workshops, which she will hold for KS1.

For KS2, she will share advice on how to make a book – from story-board through to completion, which will be fascinating.

There will also be opportunities to buy signed copies of her book in the foyer after school.

We would also like to invite you to be a part of our RAPS library history! Jubilee Books, a reputable children's book supplier, will be visiting our school on Wednesday afternoon. The children will be given the opportunity to look at the books available and we would very much appreciate it if you, as part of our RAPS family, would consider buying a book that your child has chosen, and donate it to our school library. To show your kindness, a commemorative card will be placed inside the front cover of your book, letting future readers know who donated the book. Your generosity will then be remembered for years to come as the treasured books will be enjoyed by many RAPS children in the future.



Thursday – World Book Day!

As is tradition with this annual event, children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite literary character. All participants will receive a World Book Day book voucher. We are really looking forward to the children bringing their chosen book character's to life – I'm sure our playground will look rather spectacular at break time on Thursday!



Friday – Whole School Sharing Day!

On Friday the children will be given the opportunity to share all their wonderful experiences they have had throughout the week with one another.

On Friday, KS2 will be sharing with Reception and KS1 their very own books they will have made following their Monday Workshop with the illustrator, Charlotte Cooke.

Reception and KS1 will have been making literary displays which will be situated around the library area, making our environment even more beautiful!

We know this amazing week will be the start of our library being a real hub that the children will want to come to. We hope that the experiences they have during this literary week, as well as watching their own school library grow and develop before their very eyes, will go towards establishing a true, life-long love of books.



RAPS Readathon

The children are encouraged to become RAPS library fund-raisers through taking part in our RAPS Readathon. They have been set the challenge to read as many books as they can over the next month and we are hoping that family and friends will support them in sponsoring them for each book they complete. An information letter and sponsor form will go home with your child today. All money raised will go towards buying beautiful new books for our fantastic school library.

We wish to thank you all in advance for all your support in making this literary festival a success.