



School Newsletter

Friday 18th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow – what a whirlwind this past few weeks have been! So much has happened at RAPS since our last newsletter: we have officially opened; OFSTED have visited; Year 2 have been to Wildwood Discovery Park; Key Stage 2 have hit London's West End to see the musical Matilda; we have had our Well-Being Day, as well as Able Writers' Day... and these are just a few of the highlights of the last couple of weeks.

Our Official opening was an extremely emotional day for all involved (especially me!). After five years of hard work and jumping through many, many hoops and over many, many hurdles along the way, RAPS officially opened! The children thoroughly enjoyed their arts day and my thanks goes out to Regency Performing Arts, the Turner Contemporary and the rest of the RAPS Arts team for putting on a fantastic range of workshops. Much of the beautiful artwork is already displayed in our main foyer – if you haven't popped in to see it, please do. I also would like to thank all the parents who were able to share lunch with the children on this very special day.



OFSTED – I want to take this opportunity to thank the whole RAPS community for their support during our recent OFSTED inspection. The school always knew that we would more than likely be inspected during our third year of being open, but we are an anomaly, as most new Free Schools would have had the opportunity to 'bed down' in their new building during that three year period! Thankfully, we had a completed building and had been in situ for a little while before we welcomed our OFSTED visitors. When we receive the final report, we look forward to sharing it with you on our website and a copy will be e-mailed to all parents.

Key Dates

- 21/5/18 - Cultural Awareness Day
- 22/5/18 – Reception to Rare Breeds Centre
- 23/5/18 - Parent Council Coffee Morning - 8.30 - 10.00
- 25/5/18 - Life Boat talk-Sea Safety
- 25/5/18 - Last Day of Term 5
- 4/6/18 - Back to School
- 5/6/18 - Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic – All Reception parents welcome - 12.00 - 1.00
- 7/6/18 - Yr 5 PESE mtg at 6.00
- 8/6/18 – Yr2 - Pioneering Paces Art Project
- 11/6/18 - Reception - Viking Games
- 12/6/18 - KS1 - Viking Games
- 13/6/18 Yr 3&4 - Viking Games
- 15/6/18 - Yr 5 - Viking Games
- 19/6/18 - New Parent mtg at 6.00
- 21/6/18 - Viking Junior Council
- 5/7/18 - Transition Day
- 6/7/18 – Years 1-5 - Kidenzia Classical Concert
- Week beginning 9/7/18 - Parent Consultations
- 14/7/18 - Summer Fayre - 11.30 - 2.00
- 20/7/18 – Reception-Year 5 - Sports Afternoon - 1.00-3.00 (Parents Welcome)
- 23/7/18 - KS2 Performance– Alison in Wonderland-- 7.00
- 24/7/18 Last day of Term – School closes 2pm

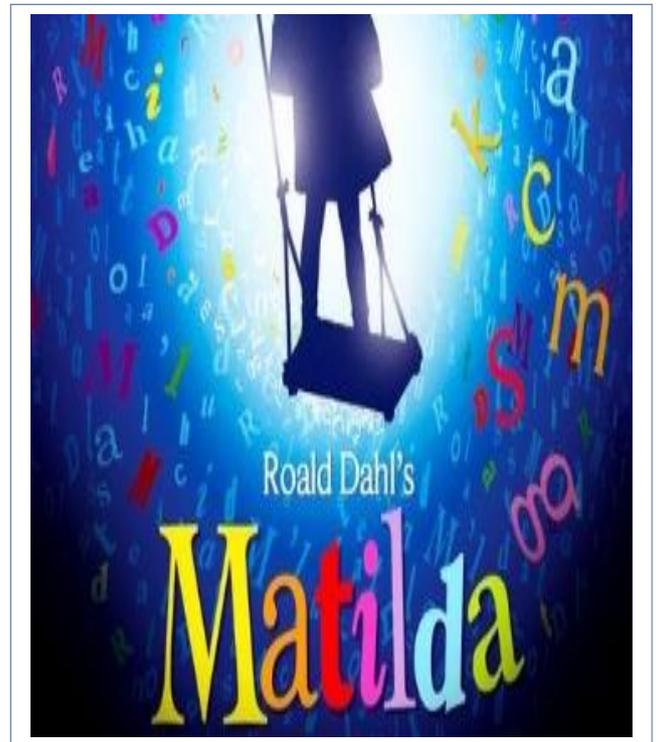


Well-Being Day

Last week we all enjoyed a Well-Being Day. Mrs Hughes, our Trust SENCO, introduced the text 'Silly Billy' by Antony Brown. The text makes the children think about how natural it is to worry, and attempts to provide a strategy for dealing with worries - namely the worry doll! In the afternoon, the children got to construct their own worry dolls. As a school, we now have worry boxes in each classroom, and the children are encouraged to write down their worries and place them inside. These worries are explored in class circle times, or individual children may be given support by our new Well -Being Assistant, Vicki Elliot.

Matilda

I would just like to say an enormous well done to all the children who went to London to see the hit musical, Matilda. They were all so sensible, stayed with their groups as asked, and were a real credit to RAPS - we were very proud of each of them. The show, as I'm sure you have already heard, was absolutely incredible. From lasers and ballroom dancing to superpowers and outstanding acting and singing, watching Matilda on stage really was an amazing experience for all of our children. Thank you to Mr Williams for organising this super trip to the West End and for giving the children an opportunity to see how our arts curriculum in school is transferred onto the stage! It was also lovely for some of us to be able to sing along to a song that the children had recently performed to in a dance competition - needless to say, 'Revolting Children' went down a storm!



RAPS Artist in Residence

We are so proud to announce that we have our own home-grown artist at RAPS, who will be exhibiting their work in the Turner Contemporary in Margate. Ruby, in Year 4, entered their annual gallery Portfolio Competition, inspired by Turner Contemporary's 2018 Summer Exhibition, 'Art, Animals and Us', which explores our relationship with the animal world. She was awarded a 'highly commended' for Key Stage 2 and her work can be seen at the gallery from 14th June – 2nd September. A huge well done to Ruby!

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Term 5 Art Competition
The Inky World of Johanna Basford

Now you know all about Johanna Basford and her colouring books, why not have a go at entering this term's art competition?

You can either:

- ❖ Choose one of the colouring sheets from the Art room and carefully colour it in using felt pens, gel pens, colouring pencils or watercolours.

Or

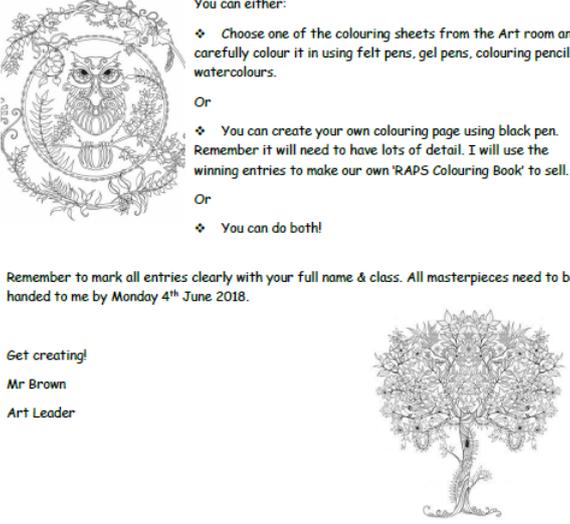
- ❖ You can create your own colouring page using black pen. Remember it will need to have lots of detail. I will use the winning entries to make our own 'RAPS Colouring Book' to sell.

Or

- ❖ You can do both!

Remember to mark all entries clearly with your full name & class. All masterpieces need to be handed to me by Monday 4th June 2018.

Get creating!
Mr Brown
Art Leader



Andy Warhol Winners .

We were overwhelmed by the standard of art that was entered into our recent Andy Warhol competition. All the wonderful work is now displayed in our main foyer. Mr Brown was particularly impressed by our winners, who are pictured below. George was inspired by the footballer Ronaldo for his painting. Amber, from Year 1, put together a series of prints featuring, among others, American president Donald Trump, British Prime Minister, Teresa May, as well as Mr Budge! Well done also Beatrix and Miley for their fabulous pieces.



An note from our New Deputy: My name is Mrs **Beech** and I would like to introduce myself as a new member of the RAPS team. I am delighted to be joining Ramsgate Arts Primary School as Deputy headteacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in primary setting for over ten years now, leading a large team of pupils and adults at a local primary school. The beautiful new building is an obvious attraction to joining Ramsgate Art Primary, but primarily I have been drawn towards RAPS due to its focus on the arts and the exciting plans the school has for the future. I can't wait to get to know the children and parents personally and I am looking forward to many wonderful things to come!

Kent Grammar School Tests.

For parents of Year 5 children who are thinking about secondary transfer to any of the Kent Grammar schools, the registration for the Kent Test opens on Friday 1st June and closes Monday 22nd July. Year 5 should have brought home a leaflet explaining the process this week. We will be holding a meeting for all Year 5 parents on Thursday 7th June at 6.00 to explain the process in more detail.

Parent Council Coffee Morning

Come along to the Parent Council coffee morning on Wednesday 23rd May from 8.30-10.00, where you will have the chance to meet the Parent Council and find out more about what we are trying to achieve.

