

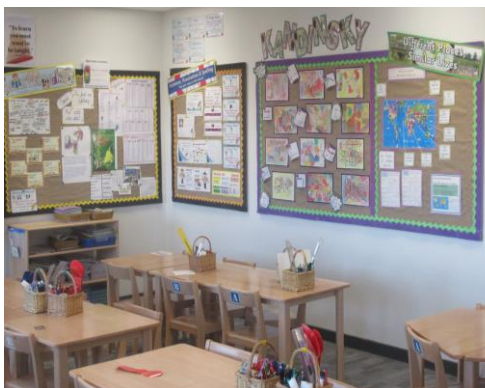


School Newsletter

Friday 23rd March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Finally, after what has probably been the best part of a year, we can at last say goodbye to the builders. It was truly special to witness the wonder on the children's faces as they saw their school hall, kitchens and dance studio for the very first time and I will happily admit I was nearly moved to tears. It was indeed very emotional to hold our first assembly in the new hall last week. Although it has probably been the most frustrating year of my life - with what seemed like endless delays and hiccups - the end product has definitely been worth the wait. Both Blue Sky (the Architects) and McAvoy's (the contractors) have been extremely accommodating in allowing the Trust to realise its vision - to design a beautiful building which will allow the Arts to be integral in all that we do. The fact that we can boast our own dance studio, art studio and music room shows how lucky we are. The building really is growing organically - our wide corridors now contain a small (but developing) library, thanks in part to kind donations made by parents during our Literacy Festival. The classrooms are now fantastic learning environments for your children. If you haven't had a chance to look around the school recently, just take 5 minutes one morning to look at the fantastic work that is displayed in the children's classrooms and learning spaces.



Key Dates

- 26th – 29th March - National Autism Week
 - 26th March -Trustee Mtg
 - 27th March – Onsie Day
VAT ASD Awareness
Coffee morning-9.30
 - 28th March - Parent Council Meeting 7.00-8.00pm
 - 29th March –Judging for the Easter Egg/Easter Bonnet Competition.
 - 29th March –Last day of Term - finish at 2.00
 - 16th April - INSET Day
 - 17th April - Return back to school
 - 20th April -Opening Ceremony -Arts day- Parent lunch
- Don't forget to look out for your class blogs!**



Parent Council:


The next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday 28th March 7.00-8.00 pm. I know that the current team are keen for more people to attend Parent Council, so meetings will now be held at different times during the day and dates will be planned further in advance so that more people can attend. We are always very keen for parents to have an active say in our Ramsgate Arts Community.

Each class, except for Year 5, has its own Parent Council Representative and e-mail address. If you would like to contact your class Parent Council Rep with ideas, suggestions or support, please get in touch with them via your class e-mail-which will be on the class blog next week. The Parent Council would also like to be able to contact you with minutes from the meetings and ideas to raise money for your children. To do this, they require your e-mail address. If you would not like your e-mail address shared with the Parent Council, please contact the school office in writing stating this by Wednesday 18th April.

Whole School Events

Once again, our school has decided to take part in **Autism Awareness Week**, which is held between the 26th - 29th March (next week). We have several families in our school community who have links with autism and we would therefore like to support them by educating our children about the behaviours and characteristics of autism and let them know what they can do to help. On Tuesday 27th March, we will all wear onesies (or pyjamas!) to school to raise as much money as we can for The National Autistic Society. Please get your children to bring in £2 and wear a onesie or PJs! (We will be taking part in this fund-raising event instead of Sports Relief.) There will also be a coffee morning held at RAPS, which will be an opportunity to meet other parents and share ideas, ask questions and offer advice and guidance to support children with autism.

Viking Academy Trust ASD Awareness Coffee Morning



As part of Autism Awareness Week, we would like to invite you to our first parent/ carer coffee morning .

Venue: Ramsgate Arts Primary School, Newington Road on Tuesday 27th of March 2018 at 9:30 am.


It will be an opportunity to meet other parents and carers along with Viking Trust staff to share ideas, ask questions, offer advice and guidance to support the needs of our children with Autism.

We would also welcome your thoughts and ideas around further training and support that we can offer across the Viking Academy Trust.

All welcome, no need to book.

I very much look forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions, please email me at emily.hughes@vikingacademytrust.com



Easter Competition:

We are once again eggstremely eggcited to announce our third year of our eggstraordinary 'decorate an egg' competition for Years 2-5! Children can really go the eggstra mile and have fun with this - eggs to be handed in to the school office before 8.30 on Thursday 29th April. These will be judged by Mrs Vine. Prizes will be given for the most inventive ideas.

Reception and Year 1 will also have a chance to take part in our traditional Easter Bonnet competition. The Easter Bonnet Parade will be also on the last day of term. Again, prizes will be given to the most inventive ideas.

Parent Council are also selling raffle tickets to win an Easter chocolate basket donated. Raffle tickets are on sale for a pound a strip at the front entrance in the mornings and afternoons.



The Arts Curriculum

The Arts Curriculum is really going from strength to strength... in addition to our own talented Arts staff - Mr Williams, our drama lead, Mr Brown, our resident artist, Mrs Walton, our new music specialist - we also have the superb team from Regency Performing Arts working alongside us. Their team really add a sense of performance to the work the children are doing. During the Summer term, all children in KS2 will be working together to put on our very own 'West-End performance'. In the meantime, Regency Productions are inviting RAPS children along to audition for their production of Bugsy Malone! Auditions will be held on Sunday 25th March at 4pm. To register, go to the website on the flyer pictured left. Good luck!

RAPS entered their very first Dance Competition last Saturday. The children were up against stiff competition from various dance studios across Kent, and as the only Primary School that entered, they did us very proud! A big thank you to all the parents who supported, and to Miss Spurrier, who choreographed their routine.

And Finally...

RAPS will still have its official Grand Opening Day which is scheduled for **Friday 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. All pupils will enter a draw to see who will officially open our school building. We would also like to invite parents to share this important event with us by inviting them to have a buffet lunch with our children at lunch-time (12.00-1.00). Please fill out and return the slip below if you would like to join us for lunch, indicating how many guests will be coming.

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Grand Opening Day Parent/Pupil Picnic Lunch

I/We would like to join my/our child _____ in Team _____

for the picnic lunch on Friday 20th April.

The number of guests will be:

Dietary Requirements-

Signed: _____ Date: _____