



School Newsletter

Monday 20th November

Newsletter 5

Dear Parent/Carers,

On Friday the children dressed up for the BBC's Children in Need appeal and they all looked 'spotacular'! We had lots of spots, homemade outfits, fancy dress, whacky hairstyles and so much more. We raised lots of money from both the dressing up and our cake sale, so thank you all!



Team Rees Boughton dressed up as people from the past for their entry point to their new topic. There costumes were so AMAZING they had a fashion show to show them off!

School Council

We are very proud to introduce our newly elected Ramsgate Arts Primary School Council. Mark, Sapphire, Oscar, Scarlett, Isabella, Charlie, Cayden, Tallulah, Ollie and Josephine each had to prepare and deliver speeches about why they wanted to be part of the leadership group and how they would contribute to life at RAPS. Incorporating our work around British values and democracy, the successful candidates were elected by their peers. The new school council, along with our Head Boy and Girl will meet staff regularly, putting across issues raised by classmates, being mentors to fellow pupils, planning fund raising events, and generally being fabulous RAPS ambassadors.

They have already met a representative from the Department of Education and have been a part of an interview panel selecting a Trust Central Finance Officer. Their next job is to complete a pupil survey and also write their own School Development Plan!



Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 23rd Nov - Christmas card entrants to Mr Budge
- 24th November –Governor's Surgery - 2.45-3.15
- Thursday 30th November - Local Advisory Body Meeting 4.30-6.00
- Tuesday 5th December – Yr 5 to Dickens House
- Wednesday 6th December - 5.30 Parent Council
- 11th December - 2.00-3.00- EYFS/KS1 Nativity (at the Corner Coffee House)
- 12th December- 2.00-3.00- KS2 Christmas through time (at the Corner Coffee House)
- 13th December - Christmas Dinner
- 15th December -2.00-3.00 Children's Christmas Fayre
- Monday 18th December – pm -EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party
- 19th December - am -Pantomime - Yr 1,2,3,4,5 pm - KS2 Christmas Party
- 20th December - Christmas Jumper day
- Term 2 ends** – Wednesday 20th December at 2pm

Parent Council Reminder

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who attended the last Parent Council meeting on Monday 6th November. It was great to share with parents the progress of our building and how we will be moving forward into the New Year. For those of you who were unable to attend, McAvoy's will be endeavouring to complete the building and school grounds by the end of February 2018. The delays have been due to the Electricity Board insisting on 24hr access to the RAPS site following the relocation of an electrical substation. A compromise has now been reached and the substation will be moved in the next couple of weeks. As a result, the building work may continue and the landscaping of the school site will be able to commence, which is great. The first area to benefit from this will be the Reception outside area.

As well as raising money for the school, the Parent Council also very much wanted to be involved with the school growing as a community. We discussed that we would aim for several events throughout the year - one exciting event that has been pencilled in our diary is the RAPS Summer Festival, which we have provisionally booked for Saturday 14th July. More details will follow but if you want to be involved in the planning of this, please come along to the next Parent Council meeting.

Each year group will have several parents who will be the Year group representatives. Their job will be to be a contact for parents who would like to make a positive contribution to school life, collecting fund-raising ideas, rallying parent support for events and attending Parent Council meetings. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Parent Council, please contact the school office on 01843 582847, email enquiries@ramsgatefreeschool.co.uk or just attend the meeting at 5.30 on Wednesday 6th December.

Governor's Clinic

Date: Friday 24th November at 2.45-3.15

Location: RAPS Library area.

Parents and carers are invited to come along and meet our Chair of Governors, Jo Brand, who will be happy to listen to any comments or suggestions that you may have.

These clinics are an informal way for parents and Governors to meet up and discuss relevant issues.

Jo is then always able to feed comments back to the Local Advisory Body.

We would really value your comments or ideas so that we can work in partnership and strive to ensure that Ramsgate Arts Primary School continues to improve.

Tea and Coffee will be available, so please come along and join us.

Christmas at RAPS

It's our first Christmas in our new building and needless to say, we are all very excited. Our Christmas festivities begin with our **design a Christmas card competition!** Entrants are to be no bigger than A6 size, and must be handed in to Mr Budge by **Thursday 23rd November**. Our EYFS/ KS1 & KS2 productions will be held at The Corner Coffee House, Whitehall Road, just off Newington Road, who have kindly allowed us to use their hall facilities until ours is finished. The rest of the December dates are below, more details will follow.

Monday 11th - 2.00-3.00 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity (at the Corner Coffee House)

Tuesday 12th - 2.00-3.00 - KS2 Christmas through time (location as above)

Wednesday 13th - Christmas Dinner

Friday 15th - 2.00-3.00 - Children's Christmas Fayre

Monday 18th - pm - EYFS /KS1 Christmas Party

Tuesday 19th - am - Pantomime - Yrs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

pm - KS2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th - Christmas Jumper Day



Term 2 Art Competition-Andy Goldsworthy - Autumn Leaves

Dear Artists,

Our most recent Art competition centres around the work of Andrew Goldsworthy. Your challenge is 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 of small cameras for the winners.

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. 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

Ease your child into the school day
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RAPS BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast is available each school day

7:30 to 8:15

Ask at reception for more details

