

Soaring High Newsletter

April 2023
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Red Noses All Around



Thank you to everyone who made donations for the Red Nose Day Bake Sale on Friday 17th March. There were cakes of all shapes and sizes. A special thanks to the catering team under Mrs Wassall who ensured that children with food allergies were well catered for too. Thank you for your generosity – we raised £367.30 for Comic Relief this year.

Mother's Day

It was lovely to see so many mums, aunts and grandmas at our Mother's Day assemblies on 17th March. It was so popular that we had to have two separate assemblies. All the children performed for the important ladies in their lives – poems, songs and recitations. Thank you all for coming and we hope that you were properly spoilt on Mothering Sunday.

Temple Visit

On Tuesday 14th March, 14 children from Year 1 to Year 6 were given an opportunity to visit the Hindu temple, at the Indian Community Centre in Ashton.

While there, they found out more about the Hindu faith, went inside the temple to see the deities that were being worshipped and find out more about them. They also had the chance to ask questions. They did Ravensfield proud and as they weren't allowed to take pictures, we challenged the children to draw of what they saw. Here is Renee's from Year 4 – an excellent depiction.



Easter Experience

Years 4 and 5 represented Ravensfield at the Easter Experience at St Mark's on Monday 27th March. This was the culmination of their work on the Easter Story and the traditions associated with this time of year. Thank you to Reverend Karl for his welcome and for allowing the children to question and explore this aspect of Christianity.

Birthday Celebrations

We continue to expand on the regular weekly birthday assemblies – not only have the children learnt new birthday songs in addition to the traditional *Happy Birthday* but now we have added a range of hats, crowns and flags to add to those celebrating.

PE Kits

These will be coming home for a wash this holiday – please send these back in with your child on Monday 17 April.

On the doors

While teachers are on the playground each morning to welcome the children into school, they do not have enough time to speak with parents. If you want to pass information to school please do this via the school office or make an appointment to meet with the teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Parking

Thank you for taking extra care on Clarendon Street as you drop off and collect your children. It is lovely to see children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, but the entrance and paths can very busy, so please dismount when you enter school and wheel them down. This is especially true of electric scooters and bikes as some children's inexperience doesn't allow them to adjust speed for the slopes and other road and path users.

About Science

Science Week took place in March and as a school we were looking for connections from metamorphosis in Nursery, to looking closely at daffodils, electricity, materials and plants with enquires around separating, voltages and evaporation. It was great to see the awe and wonder throughout school – as well as some excellent scientific thinking.

Eggstatic

It's always a joy to see the decorated egg entries come into school. It's only topped by the joy of seeing the children enjoy looking at the eggshibition! A huge thank you to all who took part. Prizes will come in due course. (Thanks too for donations of chocolate eggs given to school which have gone straight to the Dukinfield Pantry to help out those in need.)

Gardening is back



The tulips and daffodils are in bloom, blossom is about to break out on the trees and Miss Myerscough has donned her wellies and Gardening Club started again on Monday 20th March. If you have any spare seeds, soil or seedlings we would be happy to take them off your hands and make our garden flourish.

Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Morgan who is leaving us for an amazing new job with the Local Authority. She has been with Ravensfield since it started and has made a lasting impression on all the children and staff who have passed through her hands. An amazing Early Years Practitioner, we know that you will join us in wishing her well. Miss Firth will be taking over as teacher in Nursery as we welcome Ms Liddle back to Reception after a long illness.

Coat and hats

The weather can be hugely unpredictable at this time of year – April being best known for having every season in one day! Could you please ensure that children come into school with a school coat (preferably with a hood) and named. In this way we can ensure that children are dry and warm and able to enjoy their breaks and lunchtimes outside.

Traffic Survey

At the end of March, Year 4 took part in a local fieldwork study looking at the traffic travelling along King Street at different parts of the day. The children were superbly behaved and meticulous in their record keeping.



Ordering school dinners

Please order school dinners via the Eduspot and SchoolMoney website. The app is unreliable – please do not use this.

Toys and collectibles

Just a quick reminder that toys and collectable cards etc are not allowed in school.

Attendance

As a school, we are put under huge scrutiny for our attendance figures. If your child is ill you must let school know each day to keep us up to date. Please remember we do not authorise term time holidays. Penalty notices will be put in place and may lead to prosecution. No term time holidays!

www.ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk/documents/news/attendance-letter.pdf

Communication

ClassDojo is for sharing information with the classteacher – for all other information from attendance and illness to a change in collection arrangements, please contact the school office directly on 0161 344 2905.

Diary Dates

- ❖ April 17th – *bikeability* starts for Year 5 students.
- ❖ Monday May 8th – extra bank holiday to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III.
- ❖ Tues May 9th – KS2 SATs start for Year 6.
- ❖ Friday 26th May – school closes at 3.15pm (and 3.30pm for Nursery) for half-term.
- ❖ Monday 12th June – school reopens at 8.30am for Nursery and 8.40am for the rest of the school.