

Soaring High Newsletter

April 2024
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Eating well

April is the month of festivals with Eid-al-Fitr, Easter and Passover all being celebrated over the same month. Festivals are a great opportunity to try new foods, and to share dishes from different cuisines. Have you tried traditional Jewish chicken soup? What about Somali Eid Bread? Have you heard of North African Tajine? How about a Pakistani Biryani?



Tameside Children's Nutrition Team have got their creative juices flowing and want to encourage us to look out salad leaves coming into season including rocket, wild garlic, pea shoots, watercress and lots of varieties of lettuce.

Or why not try radishes? Did you know that their red colour comes from a

vitamin called betacarotene which is needed for healthy eyesight?

Out and About

While Year 1 stormed Skipton Castle on Wednesday 21st February, Year 2 had an amazing experience at Gauntlet: Birds of Prey in Cheshire the following week. Thank you to parents who came along and helped the days be as successful as they were – the children were brilliantly well behaved and took a great deal from these experiences.

Meanwhile on the very last day of the Spring Term, Year 4 headed for the farm to fit in with their topic *From Food to Fork*.

April sees Year 3 finding out about Egyptians at Bolton Museum.



Poetry stars

Key Stage One took part in a poetry competition last month. All the children did really well. So much so that the organisers have decided that the winners are to be published in: "The Poetry Bus - Precious Gems", as well as receiving a certificate and bookmark. Well done to all our budding poets from Years 1 and 2.

Smile Please!

Whole class photos are being taken on Tuesday 23rd April. This makes a lovely memento for children to keep and cherish the friendships they have made.

Food for thought

Do remember to book your child's school dinner online. Using our system makes it easy to book the meals you want for your child.

There is a great range of choice including a hot meal each day. All dietary needs are catered for by our dedicated school catering team. Please speak to the main office if you have any questions.

Children's University



All the numbers have been calculated and sent off for verification. We

will soon find out who has been awarded their Bronze, Silver and Gold. Watch this space!

Bells are ringing

Congratulations to Mr Pugh who was married over the Easter holidays – I am sure you will join us in wishing them the very best for the future.

Friday Assemblies

Everyone is welcome to our Soaring High assemblies which take place every Friday at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate children's successes that week.

Baby raven

Welcome to Miss Firth's new baby born on the first of the month. Introducing Lenny weighing in at 7lb 9oz. Mother and son are doing well and we look forward to seeing them at Ravensfield soon.



Physical Health & Emotional Wellbeing



PHEW! is an organisation aiming to support families with children who are struggling with physical health problems, and/or emotional difficulties. They are holding a series of

workshops on *Understanding and managing anxiety in young people* on Monday 25th April between 9am and 4.30pm. This will be held at the 4C Community Centre in Ashton. To book, email Dr Joy Harris on phewspd@gmail.com. Tickets cost £3 and if you have younger children there will be craft activities to keep them entertained.

Fun across Tameside

With lighter nights and hopefully warmer weather on the way, there are lots of great ideas for things to do for all ages on the [In Tameside website: www.intameside.co.uk](http://www.intameside.co.uk). You can filter options for 'What's on' or 'Where to go'. Or why not try out the Create Centre (<https://createconnect.org.uk/>) in Denton which delivers a wide range of activities from a secure, adapted, community hub for everyone; with fun sessions available for young people including music and arts and crafts.

New clubs at Ravensfield



We have a number of new clubs starting up. Led by the children's interests, this month we are introducing Knot Club – where you can learn everything from a hitch to a sheet; and Art Club for Reception and Key Stage 1 (the sister club to Art Club which runs at lunchtime for the older children). Also look out for news of Sewing Club, Chess Club and Geography Club coming your way soon.

Garden design

Our garden area is looking a little sad at present, but Mr Ball has been working closely with a team of gardeners and designers. Soil, stones, wood and of course plants (!) will be finding their way into school over the next couple of weeks and we are all very excited to see what will happen next.

Jewellery and Make-up

The only jewellery allowed in school is a watch (non-recording) and stud earrings if children have pierced ears. All jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming. For younger children we recommend that parents remove earrings before school. Make up, nail varnish, acrylic nails etc are not permitted. Children may bring lip balm to provide protection from dry lips.

Moving to pastures new

It was with mixed feelings that we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Plewes who left us to start a new career out of teaching. We wish her all the best in her new venture as she follows her dreams.

Class Dojo

We use ClassDojo as our main communication tool for key messages and class



information as well as a way of celebrating achievements specific to a child or class. It is a great way of sending messages to staff too. Please note that staff will only access these messages between 8am and 4pm. Therefore, if your child is not going to be in school please ring the school office on 0161 344 2905 or send an email to: admin@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk

Diary Dates

- ❖ Tuesday 23rd April – whole class photos
- ❖ Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday so school will be closed