

Soaring High Newsletter

End of Year 2023

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Attendance superstars

Children who achieved 100% attendance all year were celebrated with a trip to bowling, while those on 97% and more had a great time bouncing on castles and obstacles courses on Wednesday. A great time was had by all.



Leaving the roost

Are our Year 6 students – the Class of 2023. Going to high schools across the borough and beyond. They finished their primary journey with a production of **Aladdin**. With amazing singing, acting and dancing they entertained staff, parents and children in school. Thank you for a great production – and a special thanks to Mr Coward, Mrs Alexander-McCue, Miss Bowden and Miss Jacques.

Wearing their *Class of 23* hoodies, Year 6 made the trip to **Gulliver's World** in Warrington on Friday 21st July. The weather was reasonably kind and a good time was had by all.



Finally an amazing **Wet and Wild** afternoon heralded the last day – with additional water provided by Years 3, 4 and 5. We have loved being part of your learning journey and we will follow your careers with pride – remember to *Soar High* always.

Show your talent



Wednesday 26th July showed just how talented the children at Ravensfield are. Before an audience of school and parents, we saw some amazing performances. The judges had a difficult job but in third place was Olivia Bailey who danced along to Dolly Parton's *Nine til Five*, second place went to Mia Pollitt

who sang *Cups* by Anna Kendrick while first was awarded to Haozhe Xue who gave us a virtuoso performance on the keyboard.

Flying high

Mr Smith completed his ECT training this July with a presentation, at the East Manchester Hub, of the work he has been doing in Year 4. Congratulations from us all.

School uniform

Getting ready for September, just a reminder that school uniform should be named and consists of:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores
- Yellow polo shirt
- Ravensfield cardigan, jumper – the fleece is optional
- Black footwear
- Grey socks/tights
- Waterproof coat with hood (dark in colour)

PE kit should come into school in a named PE bag. This consists of:

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black pumps or trainers

Jewellery is not permitted. If ears are pierced studs should be worn but must be removed before PE. Watches are permitted but not ones with a recording option. We recommend analogue watches as this aids with an understanding of time and enhances a child's mathematical development.

Viva Italia

We finished 2023 with a themed lunchtime provided by our talented kitchen team. While dinner ladies dressed up as Italian waiters, children thoroughly enjoyed their meals. Look out for more themed lunchtimes next year.

Out and about



July has been a month of adventures with Nursery children visiting *Cockfields Farm* for a hands-on experience, Reception who have been working on the topic People Who Help Us exploring the fantastic *National Museum of Emergency Services* in Sheffield, while *Bolton Museum* was the destination for Year 5 where they consolidated their work on the rainforest and Egypt. Our thanks to parents who accompanied the trips and helped out.

Thank you and fare well

We said goodbye to Mrs Light, Mrs Sutcliffe, Mrs Davies and Miss Bowden this July. Mrs Sutcliffe leaves us for a leadership role at Linden Road Primary School, where she will continue to shine, while Mrs Davies is taking up a role in Year 6 in a local primary school. However, both Mrs Light and Miss Bowden are retiring.

Miss Bowden has been a stalwart of Ravensfield since its creation and has worked in Key Stages 1 and 2 and has been influential in many children's lives. Mrs Light is our specialist reading teacher and has worked at Ravensfield for over ten years working with individual children as well as larger groups and latterly overseeing our phonics and Early Reading programmes ensuring children learn to read and develop a love a reading. Highly talented and skilled, both teachers will be greatly missed. However, they have adventures awaiting them and I know that you will join with us in wishing them all the best.

We also say goodbye to Miss McAlinden who has been our PE coach for many years – she leaves Tameside Active for Stockport County's Education Outreach.

All aboard

We are set to welcome a new cohort of teachers and teaching assistants in September including: Miss Welch will be joining Year 4 – her children already met her on transition day and I am sure that you will all help us to make her feel at home in Dukinfield and at Ravensfield. We also have other new faces joining us in Key Stage 2: Miss Akhtar, Miss Saxon, Mrs Junaid, Miss Ballagher, Mrs Hutchcroft and Mrs Campbell.

Mobile phones

Are allowed in Years 5 and 6 if children are walking home alone. Phones must be turned off on school grounds and given to the classteacher as they enter the building for safekeeping.

ClassDojo

Is our main tool for contacting parents and allows parents to pose questions. Messages will be accessed in school hours. If there are changes in collection of children or your child is absent for any reason please notify school via the school office on 0161 344 2905 not through ClassDojo.

Diary Dates

- ❖ **Monday 4th September** – school reopens for Years 1-6 at 8.40am. Nursery and Reception classes have a staggered start and have been notified separately.
- ❖ **Friday 8th September** – our first *Soaring High* assembly of the year. Starting at 2.30pm – all parents are welcome to attend.
- ❖ **Monday 25th September** – school photos, for individuals and families
- ❖ **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October** – Parents Evenings
- ❖ **Thursday 19th October** - school closes at 3.15pm (3.30pm for Nursery) for half-term.
- ❖ **Friday 20th October** – school closed for teaching training
- ❖ **Monday 30th October** – school reopens