

Soaring High Newsletter

End of Year, 2024

Our School Values are

Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope



Spreading their wings



It is a bitter sweet time of the year as we say goodbye to children from Year 6. Their final week at Ravensfield included a trip to *Gulliver's World*, their performance of *Schoolavision* and a *Wet & Wild* session to finish on

Friday. A special thanks to Mrs Davies, Mr Coward and Miss Jacques for organising these and making the children's last week in school so memorable. As the Class of 24 leave for different high schools they will take their memories of friendships, a hoodie and a specially commissioned memory book as well as the knowledge that they have worked hard and can achieve. On behalf of all the staff at Ravensfield, we wish them well and look forward to hearing about their successes and adventures.

What talented Ravens we have



Miss Reilly was inundated with auditions for *Ravensfield's Got Talent* this year – so much so that we had two separate performances on Tuesday and Thursday. There was a wide variety of performers from pianists to singers and comics.

Inaugural litter picker award

Six children had afternoon tea with Mr Woodall and Miss Leyland on Tuesday to say thank you for keeping the school grounds clear of rubbish. Thanks to Miss Wassall in the kitchen for the spread!



Summer Reading Challenge – Marvellous Makers



The challenge is set – read 6 books and visit the library 4 times. Children will meet characters who like to be crafty and creative and who need your help to find their missing tools. As they complete different parts of the challenge, the children will collect prizes. Up and running now the closing date is Saturday 21st September.

Wedding belle



Our congratulations go to Miss Reilly who will return to us in September as Mrs Myatt – following her wedding in August. All the best from the Ravensfield family.

Flying high

Miss Johnson completed her ECT training this July with a presentation, at the East Manchester Hub, of the work she has been doing in Year 5. 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)

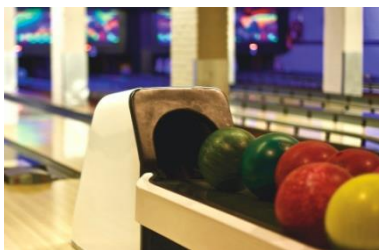
PE kit should be worn on PE days and consists of:

- Black shorts/leggings
- 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

Attendance superstars

Children who achieved 100% attendance all year were celebrated with a trip to bowling on Thursday, while those on more than 97% (or with the most improved attendance) had a great time bouncing on castles and obstacles courses on Wednesday.



Fond goodbyes and warm welcomes



This is also the time of year when changes happen in our school staffing as valued members of staff leave us for new adventures and new challenges: Mr Smith is off to China to teach, Mr Pugh has secured a Deputy Head post in Manchester, Mrs Keary, Mrs Davies and Miss Johnson are also leaving us for new schools while Mrs Moss is retiring and Mrs Campbell is set fair for new adventures too. Congratulations to them all and we thank them for their hard work and huge impact they have had on school and the children they have taught. They will continue the journey they started at Ravensfield as they spread their wings and soar high.

But this means that there are new teachers to welcome in September: Mrs Chow will be joining Year 6, Mrs Power will be in Year 4 with Miss Sewell, and Mrs Harrison in Year 1. Also returning from maternity leave will be Mrs Alexander-McCue.

Graduation



Salford University played host to the Children's University graduates this year. Wearing cap and gown, all the children were awarded the Children's University National Award at Peel Hall in Salford in front of their teachers and parents. Congratulations to everyone, and a huge thanks to Mrs Taylor-Stott for organising this event and encouraging children throughout the year as

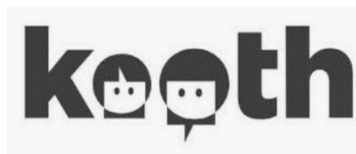
they have taken part in a huge array of out-of-school activities.

Summer wellbeing

There will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to teaching staff and friends that school provides.

Kooth Digital Health are offering free, online therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people and adults in Greater Manchester. Their services include 'on the day' wellbeing support via any web-enabled device: via www.kooth.com. They also have a selection of parent/carer resources available via the link:

[Parents/Carers resources](#).



recommend analogue watches as this aids with an understanding of time and enhances a child's mathematical development.

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.

School Day

Remember that from September 2024 the school opens from 8.40am each morning (8.30am for Nursery) and the last lesson ends at 3.25pm.

Diary Dates

- ❖ **Wednesday 4th September** – years 1-6 are back to school. Nursery and Reception children may have a different start date.
- ❖ **Friday 6th September** – first Soaring High assembly of the year. All welcome and it starts at 2.30pm.
- ❖ **Monday 23rd September** – school photos, for individuals and families
- ❖ **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October** – Parents Evenings
- ❖ **Thursday 24th October** – school closes for half-term.
- ❖ **Friday 25th October** – school closed for teaching training