

# Soaring High Newsletter

March 2023

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

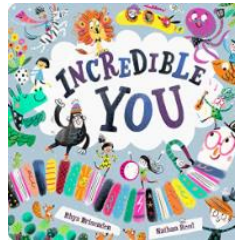
## Parents around

It was lovely to see new and familiar faces at our February parents' evenings on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition, it has also been great to see parents taking part in workshops and projects in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. And we all look forward to seeing more of you in school soon. Our governors have also been out and about looking at specific areas from geography to early years.

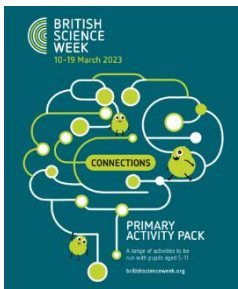
Do you want to be more involved in school? Then why not join our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)? They are looking for new ideas and new faces to help with fairs, discos and of course the King's Coronation. Watch this space for a meeting date.

## World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

We are all really looking forward to what everyone is wearing tomorrow and to seeing who the children are interested in and inspired by. Check out ClassDojo and the school website for images of the day as well as the potato characters the children have created for the World Book Day competition.



## Science is all around us



Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March is the beginning of science week around the country. At Ravensfield we will be having a Science Day where each child will be working scientifically as they make connections between them and the world around them. Look out for images as well as the awe and wonder in what they have discovered on the Class Story on Class Dojo.

## Easter Extravaganza

It is not long until Easter and as usual we will be holding an Easter Egg Competition. We know this is a tradition which our school community really enjoys taking part in! Children should bring their creations into school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. There will be prizes for the best in each class which will be presented on Thursday. All eggs must go home by that evening too.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk/documents/news/attendance-letter.pdf)

## Languages we share



It is amazing that we have 18 different languages spoken at Ravensfield and to celebrate there was a singing assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February as our contribution to International Mother Language Day. As well as songs from Poland, Portugal, China, India and rhymes from Romania, French and Italy. The children were amazing – especially the youngest children in school and it was lovely to have the Nursery children taking part in their first ever whole school assembly.

## Stranger Danger

Online challenges, viral stories, hoaxes, or digital ghost stories can commonly appear online through social media or other online platforms. The ‘challenges’ themselves can vary but often encourage individuals to harm themselves, others, or property in the real world. They are often created to cause alarm and have been designed to seem enticing or exciting for young people. There is practical and effective advice for parents and carers here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/online-challenges> on what to do and what not to do.

## Safari Day

Reception children were learning about the Serengeti in Tanzania last term and this culminated in Safari Day where the children learnt about the customs, cultures, peoples and creatures who call the Serengeti home. One of their favourite parts was learning a dance and performing this for parents – our thanks to Ms Cullen for working so hard with the children in designing and performing their own dance.



## Willow Wood Hop



Bunny Hop 2023 is about to start. The brainchild of Willow Wood Hospice, each child from Nursery to Year 6 will be given a sponsorship form just before we finish for Easter. Just how many hops do you think you can do? All the money raised will go directly to the hospice and the child who does the most hops in each class will receive an Easter Egg and a pair of bunny ears. There will also be a certificate and an Easter Activity Pack. Judging will be after we return from the

Easter break so there is plenty of time to practice and find sponsors. Get bouncing!

## Wedding bells



Huge congratulations to Miss Novak who gets married at the end of the month. She will also be leaving us at Easter as she is expecting her first child. I am sure that you will join with us in wishing her all the best.

## Welcome back

And as Miss Novak leaves for her maternity leave we will be welcoming Miss Leyland back after Easter following her maternity leave. She has been coming into school and keeping in touch with us all, but it will be great to have her back full-time.

## 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

- ❖ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day
- ❖ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science Day
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day Event and Red Nose Day - details to follow
- ❖ Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Competition
- ❖ Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – we finish for Easter. School closes at 2pm.
- ❖ Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – school starts at 8.30am for Nursery and 8.40am for the rest of school.