

Soaring High Newsletter

May 2024
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope



Travelling Ravens

Year 3 went on a hugely successful trip to Bolton Museum at the end of April – their behaviour was exemplary and they were full of facts about the mummified bodies they had seen.

Meanwhile our youngest children in Nursery went to Cockfields Farm.

As well as riding on a tractor, the children fed sheep and goats

and had a walk around the duck pond. Thank you to parents who came along and helped make this trip so successful.



Parking prettily

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep our children safe by observing the cones and signs – parked cars increase the possibility of accidents and we all want to keep our children safe.

Welcome Back

This month sees the return of Miss Novak from her maternity leave. She will resume the role of SENCO supporting staff and children in school.

New arrivals



As part of their work on living things, Reception have been waiting patiently for 5 duck eggs to

hatch. They are now the proud parents of ducklings. They will soon leave to go back to their farm and a bigger pond than we can offer them. We will miss them hugely and have become a firm favourite with old and young.

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



Summer Fair Comes to Ravensfield

On Thursday 23rd May you are all cordially invited to the PTFA's Summer Fair 2024. Starting at 3.30pm on the school field and playground, there will be all the usual favourites from raffles to tombolas and the coconut shy to the penalty shout out. Throw in some bouncy castles, face painting and delicious food – all we need is you (and a lovely sunny day).

We are asking children to wear as many different colours as they can on Friday 17th May – different colours of Tshirt, socks, shoes, trousers etc. But no hair dye please. Who can wear the most colours at once? You can donate £1 to the PTFA fund for prizes or bring in a coloured gift for the tombola:

Reception and EYFS: something red

Year 1 / 2: something blue

Year 3 /4: something green

Year 5 / 6: something yellow or orange



Testing times

May and June see the time of year when children throughout the country - in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 - take part in statutory assessments. The children and staff have been working hard to ensure that they are well-prepared and are supported. It is important that children in these year groups are in school to ensure that they are able to access the full support we have in place. If you have any questions

please don't hesitate to speak to your child's classteacher and look on ClassDojo for information specific to your child.

Year 6 SATs start on Monday 13th May and while these exams do not define our children we want all their hard work to be recognised. To help them start the day on the right foot, we will be providing a free breakfast in the hall for Year 6 from 8.15am from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. Our thanks go to the kitchen staff for organising it again this year. It is a great opportunity for a relaxed start to the day chatting to friends and staff as well as getting fuelled up for the day ahead.

Coming to school every day



School Council members were asked to gain thoughts and ideas from each class regarding the rewards and recognition school do to celebrate good Attendance and Punctuality.

They came up with some fantastic

suggestions and ideas - though a trip to Hawaii as a treat for 100% attendance was bit out of budget.

So what did the children think? They loved the 'Spin of the Attendance wheel' in Friday's Soaring High assembly and want this to continue. The majority of the class rewards are firm favourites; however, they would like to see some changes to include PJ days, time on the field, crazy hair days, party games and movie time. These new ideas will be incorporated in the wheel over the next 12 months.

It was also clear children would like different rewards depending on their year group, so moving forward we will have rewards for KS1, Reception & Nursery and a different set for KS2, as Bubbles was very popular for our younger children but not as much for children higher up the school.

When it comes to the end of year celebration, they would like this to continue; children with 100% Attendance for the full Academic year will get to go Bowling while Inflatables will be booked for the 100% children, Children with Attendance over 97% and Children with the Most Improved Attendance over the academic year.

We continue to focus on supporting families and children who are often late for registration and come through the school office.

Our pupil voice has told us that the children do not like to be late.

The children did acknowledge that sometimes things get in the way and that is was okay for one off late mark, however the majority of children who arrived late said they wished they didn't- we need your help with this!

Children have asked to be rewarded as a class with strong Punctuality in the same way as Attendance, so moving forward we will be introducing some new rewards for those classes with strong punctuality. Thank you for your support with these key priorities.

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

PE Days



Following a request from the School Council, from June 10th children doing PE will be able to come into school in

their PE kit and wear it all day. This consists of: plain white T-shirt, trainers or pumps and black shorts/ leggings/ tracksuit. Children should also come with their Ravensfield jumper, cardigan or fleece.

Diary Dates

- ❖ Wednesday 8th May – Year 1 Parent Meeting about the Phonics Screen
- ❖ Monday 13th May – Year 6 SATs start
- ❖ Friday 17th May – non-uniform day in aid of Summer Fair
- ❖ Thursday 23rd May – Summer Fair
- ❖ Friday 24th May – Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies go home
- ❖ Friday 24th May – School finishes for half-term at 3.30pm for Nursery and 3.15pm for everyone else
- ❖ Monday 10th June – school reopens