



# Randwick Primary School: Resilience, Passion, Success



## NEWSLETTER

23 November 2018

### Attendance

My huge thanks to those parents and carers who make sure their children arrive on the playground at 0845 and are here in school unless they are unwell. Our attendance still remains below our target 97%, and as always, we ask for your support with helping us improve.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL PLEASE RING THE OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ONE ANSWERS.**

New guidance from the **Department for Education**, Sept 2018 is clear on the benefits of regular attendance at school:

“Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – **pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education**. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. The government expects Schools and local authorities to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence;
- Ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled; and,
- act early to address patterns of absence.

**Parents are expected to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly.**\*\*\*

\*(At Randwick Primary School we expect children to attend every day that the school is open unless a reason acceptable to the school is given and we are able to authorise the absence).

### Woodland Days

Parents, carers and children’s feedback suggests our Forest School sessions are considered an integral and important part of a child’s education at Randwick. We pay for a qualified Forest school Leader to lead sessions for Owls and Kestrels (Mr Hodgkinson is a qualified Forest School Leader) and for additional support staff to accompany the children. However, we also need your help to make sure we have the required number of adults to enable us to go off site in the woods. We will not be able to take children to the woods without volunteers so PLEASE sign up for a future session on the clipboard outside the office:

**Owl’s sessions are every Wednesdays from 1300 – 1500 and Kestrels and Hawks on the following days (Kestrels from 1030 – 1230 and Hawks from 1315 – 1515):**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 22 May  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Thank you for your support!

### Woodland Days Clothing

Please remember to dress your child in warm clothes as it gets colder – please use layers to keep the warmth in: Carrie suggest two layers on legs (and a waterproof on top) and several layers on top. Hats, gloves, scarves too. ALL NAMED PLEASE!

### CLUBS

**Next week is the last week of clubs.** Mr Poad is unable to take footballers on the Monday but will run his club on the Friday (30<sup>th</sup> November) instead, 1515 - 1615. PLEASE NOTE THAT FOOTBALL CLUB WILL RUN FOR ANOTHER WEEK AS WE HAVE A MATCH AGAINST GASTRELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER AT RANDWICK PLAYING FIELD STARTING AROUND 1530. Please do come and watch (and make sure children have layers to put under their kits!).

## Class news

### Owl

We have been continuing to learn how to add two numbers together in year 1 and we have started to learn songs for the nativity. We are finding out about creatures that live in the sea and what makes them special, in preparation for our trip to the aquarium in Bristol.



### Kestrel

Exciting things have been happening in Kestrels this week. On Wednesday, we planted over 200 bee-friendly bulbs on the bank ready for spring next year. We also started to make our bug hotel: we hollowed elder wood and drilled holes into logs to make homes for the little creatures of our playground. The Year 3s have enjoyed helping Kate cook the school dinners this week. Next week it will be the Year 2s turn! In RE this week we have been learning about symbols which help people to feel like they belong to their faith - such as a cross necklace, rosary beads, mezuzah and taqiyah.



## Volunteers to read with children

We are looking for some volunteers to come and read with the children. If you are able to spare some time please let the office know or email [admin@Randwick.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@Randwick.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Children in Need

Thank you to everybody that dressed up/ baked cakes and helped out on the day. We raised an amazing **£150!!!**

## PFoRs

### PFoRs meeting

PFoRs meeting to be held this Tuesday 27th of November at Shirley's house at 8 pm.

The address is:

The Old Diary, on the lane, Randwick.

All welcome

### Raffle Tickets

Thanks so much for all of you that have bought/sold raffle tickets. Please continue to sell as many as you can! Also please return any unsold tickets to the school office, so we can use them if needed.



## WEEKLY AWARDS



**Florence LT** for working hard with her phonics when writing her suitcase activity.



**Harry** for application of times table knowledge.



**Flora** beautiful story sequencing for snail and the whale.



**Luca** focus and attention to details in maths.



**Leia** fantastic writing and persevering with her postcard for snail and a whale.



**Florence L** for working hard across the curriculum.



**George K** for thinking of others.



**Freya** for always working hard and trying her best at everything she does!



**Ben** for good manners.



**Jay** for his excellent phonics work!



**George K** for kindness!

## DATES FOR THE YEAR

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who</b>
28 Nov	Owls Forest School	Owl
3 Dec	Football Match vs Gastrells at Randwick Church	
8 Dec	Work Party 2 0900 – 1300	All
11 & 12 Dec	Nativity	All
12 Dec	Woodland day	All
13 Dec	Christmas Fayre in church hall at 3.15pm	All
14 Dec	Panto village hall	All
20 Dec	Xmas lunch and party	All
24 Jan	Morfa Bay meeting 6-7pm	Y5/6
30 Jan	Woodland day	All
5 Feb	School Nurse visit	YR/YR6
20 Jan	Woodland day	All
25 Feb	X country	Y5/6
26 Feb	X country	Y3 /4
26 & 27 Feb	Parents eve term 3	All
27 Mar	Woodland day	All
5 Apr	Easter service and egg hunt	All
24 Apr	Woodland day	All
w/c 13 May	Ks2 SATS	Ks2
w/c 20 May	Sports week	All
22 May	Woodland day	All
24 May or 12 Jul	Sports day	All
17 – 21 Jun	Morfa Bay Residential	Y5/6
19 Jun	Woodland day	All
25 Jun	Ks2 district athletics	Ks2
9 and 10 Jul	Production	All
w/c 15 Jul	Bikeability	Y6
17 Jul	Teddy Bear's Picnic	All
17 Jul	Woodland day	All
18 Jul	Y6 leavers assembly	