



Randwick Primary School: Resilience, Passion, Success



NEWSLETTER

10 January 2020

Staffing

I previously let you know that Mrs Karen Saunders would be starting as our Teaching Assistant in Buzzard class but she was unable to take up the position. Luckily, we have been able to secure Mrs Laura Smith's service, a former teacher and experienced KS1 practitioner. Laura will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays initially, and then every morning after half term.

Helping Little People with Big Emotions: part of our Facts4Life programme

You will have seen the message on School Spider about the parents' workshop above for parents only (there is a crèche available for children) happening on Monday after school, 3:20 – 4:20pm. The session covers how the mind and body respond to triggers and how we can help our children (and ourselves) to manage these difficult feelings and sensations. I have been to something similar at my children's school with Pete Kirby, one of the practitioners running the session from GHLL (Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning team), and it was excellent. Bringing up children is not easy; this might provide some support!

Facts4Life is a joint initiative between health and education which aims to empower children with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that they need in order to support their health and wellbeing.

After-School Provision

I have explored options but been unable to find an organization prepared to take this on, partly due to numbers, partly due to a lack of space. If anyone is interested in running an after-school club here, if only for some days of the week, please do contact me. Going forward, please remember that we have access to the Cashes Care Kids Club at Cashes Green Primary School <https://www.cashesgreen-pri.gloucs.sch.uk/cckc>
We take the children down by car and they can be picked up anytime up to 6pm. Let the office know once you have booked your child in via the link above.

School Dinners Price

We said we would report back at the end of the term on numbers and whether we can afford to reduce the cost of meals. When we started cooking our own meals on site we set a price which enabled us to offset costs with existing numbers. Since we started the Fly High Cafe, numbers have increased but we need an average of 55 meals per day to break even. The average number of children per day who had lunch from September to December last year was 55. We are not therefore able at this time to reduce dinner costs without running at a loss but if numbers increase we will be able to reduce the price. We will review again at the end of March and hopefully be able to set a lower price come the summer term. Mr Poad

Knowledge Organisers (KOs)

We are sending these home each half term to let you and your child know what they will be learning about for their topic – this will be either a history, geography or computing theme. The KOs include key facts and skills and the vocabulary associated with the topic. Children are assessed on what they have learnt in their topics at the end of each half term and the KOs form the basis of what we assess them on. Please do help your child to learn the facts and learn the key vocabulary (and what each word means) at home. The KOs will go out on Monday.

Blogs

Our Randwick Runway Bloggers have been busy writing blogs on our website – please do take a look. Thanks to Mr Hodgkinson and the children in this group for their efforts in updating the blogs each week.

<https://www.randwickschool.org/blogs>

Forest School

We are keen to recruit volunteers for these sessions: Thursday mornings with our reception and year 1 children, Friday mornings with our y2 children. Sessions are led by our qualified and experienced Forest School leader, Carrie Roet, and there are staff on hand from Owl/Buzzard class too. Please sign up in the office if you can offer any time on these days. Thank you.

Chromebooks

We now have 21 Prowise Chromebooks, thanks to funding from Randwick Educational Trust for an additional three recently. We aim to buy another four in April so that children will mostly be able to have one to themselves when using them (programming, research, word processing, making websites, learning games etc).

Handyperson

We are looking for someone to help us with some jobs around school (paid £15/hour). Please let the office know if you are interested.

PFORS meeting

The next PFORS meeting will take place on 21st Jan at the Vine Tree Pub.



WEEKLY AWARDS



George, Zac, Elsie, Freya and Eve for being enthusiastic and creating games for children to play during lunchtime.



Feranmi for demonstrating excellent manners at lunch times. A true role model to his peers.



Evie-May for a wonderful biome artwork.



Emmie received the 'I enjoy learning' award for starting the term with great enthusiasm.



Freddie W for amazing writing of a fantasy story.



Sunkai received the 'I am passionate' award for playing his guitar in show and tell.



Ewa for her fantastic hard-working attitude to learning.



Eva for enthusiasm and effort in English.



Poppy May for being attentive in Science.



Cordelia for resilience with her writing.

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Mon 13 Jan	Fact for Life workshop at 3:20 – 4:20pm	All
Mon 17 Feb	Half term	All
Fri 13 March	Red Nose Day	All
Fri 3 Apr	Easter service and egg hunt	All
Fri 3 April	End of term	
Mon 20 Apr	Inset Day	All
w/c 18 May	Sports week	All
Fri 22 May	Sports Day	All
Tue 7 Jul	Y6 production 1:45pm	
Wed 8 Jul	Y6 Production 6pm	
Fri 10 Jul	Alternative Sports Day date	All
Wed 15 Jul	Teddy Bears Picnic	All
Thur 16 Jul	Y6 Leavers service	
Fri 17 Jul	End of term	