



Randwick Primary School: Resilience, Passion, Success



NEWSLETTER

14 February 2020

Parking

We know that parking in Randwick is not easy; the village of course wasn't built for cars and we are adapting to what we have available. If you walk your child to school, that helps enormously but of course for many this isn't an option. If anyone is interested in establishing a walking bus, going up from Cashes to the school along the top road, please do get in touch.

If you do need to drive, please do park in either the car park at the village hall or the car park next to the pub, which is usually almost empty. There's a footpath from there to the school off road and therefore much safer for you and your child.

Thank you.

Gym Competition

Today, our y3/4 gymnastics team – Freya, Anya, Elsie, Eve, Amelia, Emily and Ewa – took part in the Stroud District Competition at Stratford Park. They came a credible 6th out of 9 teams, impressive if you bear in mind that we are the only school that takes part who doesn't have their own gym to practise in! They were a pleasure to be with and showed great sportsmanship.

Mrs Chastney

Parents Evening

You should have received a School Spider message this week – please do sign up for a slot online for the first Tuesday or Wednesday after half term.

Help paint a mural!

Our School Councillors visited Whiteshill last week and were really impressed by the mural on the walls and door of their library. We already have a wonderful mural painted by a former parent, Mrs Lucy Davidson, on our small playground, and would love to have another in our library to make it an even more inviting space to read a book. If you are able to spend some time helping with this, and perhaps involving our children, then please do email Mr Poad – head@randwick.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you.

Randwick Runway Worship group

Please come and join us in the church on the first Friday after half term, 28th February, from 09:00 – 09:30. Children in the worship group for term 3 have been working hard on their production – 'Compassion – The Musical!' It is shaping up to be something special!

Clubs

There will be **no clubs** EXCEPT Forest School Club in the first week back because of parents' evening.

Dance club reminder

Due to university classes Miss Reid won't be able to run Thursday classes on 5th March, 19th March, 26th March, 2nd April, 30th April, 7th May, 14th May. She will still hold a class on the 12th March. Please note that Wednesday classes will continue every week (except during parent evening week).

Teaching and Learning Review

This week we were joined on Tuesday by our School Improvement Partner, Mr Huw Evans. Huw is employed by us to ensure we are doing all we can to offer the very best education to your children, and has so far been in for a morning to observe teaching, and to talk to children about their learning. On Tuesday he observed maths, reading and writing, met with two of our Governors, our senior and middle leaders and with some of the children. He also heard some children in years 1,2 and 3 read. We await his report but verbal feedback started with – 'you should all be very proud', as indeed we are. We need to continue working on our curriculum and put more information regarding this on the website; we need to look at what books we encourage our free readers to read from school (most likely the reading passport books which we will provide in school).

Randwick Runway 'Pop up Shop'

Please join the Randwick Runway cooking group at their 'Pop up Shop', after school today. Sweet and savoury food will be available, catering for a variety of dietary requirements. Dinner sorted at a reasonable price! See you there!

PFORS meeting rescheduled

Due to a clash with parents evening the meeting on Tues 25th Feb has been rescheduled for Tues 3rd March 8pm at the Vine Tree Pub Randwick.

Attendance

We are noticing that some children are having single and regular days off for illness, one day here and there, almost one a month; a one day illness but every few weeks or so. Children in good health miss very little school and our children here are almost entirely in good health. It may be your child doesn't want to come to school one day or that they are feeling a little under the weather. It's still important they are here – regular days off has a big impact on a child's learning. It's disruptive and doesn't help them to settle; they end up with gaps in their learning. There are many things we can do in school to support your child if they are struggling with any aspect of school life. Please help them to develop some resilience by encouraging regular attendance and by sharing our expectations with them. Thank you.

Forest School

Carrie (our Forest School leader) is asking for donations of untreated timber in various sizes but planks would be ideal.

Forest School Afterschool Club

Please note that booking is open for next term and as usual spaces are limited! To book, please go to <https://bookwhen.com/allseasonsforestschool>

Mindfulness

Our thanks to Mrs Alice Lowry who delivered workshops to each class yesterday for an hour in the church.

Library books

The library ladies would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes over half term to check and see if any of our library books have found their way to your shelves at home. While you're checking, if you find any books that your child has outgrown please bear in mind that we are always very appreciative of good quality donations. Many thanks

Reading Passport

Congratulations to Anya in y3 who has read 7 of the y3 books and consequently receives a £5 book token!

Art Competition

The eco-council are holding an ART competition. We would like to create a showcase of the different BIRDS found in RANDWICK. Send us your painting, drawing, photograph or textile of any bird that captivates you the most. The only catch? You need to have seen it or make sure it can be seen in the Randwick area. Any medium is acceptable, the choice is totally yours!

Hand in your entry to Ms. Marais no later than 28th February 2020.

Volunteer needed

The Eco-council are in need of a volunteer to help transport our Recycle with Riley plastics (roughly every 2 weeks) to be recycled. Your help would be greatly appreciated. It is located near Aldi, so only 10 minutes down the road. If you think you may be able to help out, please speak to Ms. Marais.

Snorkelling Club

One of our parents has let us know about this club happening close by. Children have to be over 8 years, its 6.30-7.30pm on Thursdays at Archway school. You have to contact the club to arrange a tester snorkel before signing up. They do theory and practical.

<http://www.stroudbsac.org/snorkel-training/>



WEEKLY AWARDS



Luma for being resilient with her spellings and reading.



Sunkai for being really imaginative in the woodwork area and writing his storymap.



Marcus for continuing to improve his handwriting.



Zac for demonstrating resilience in art – not simply giving up after the first attempt but trying over and over again to improve.



Harry for having a great attitude when going over some fraction work.



Ravi for being friendly and respectful.



Florence TL for being kind and respectful.



Stirling's homework challenge - an iron age roundhouse.

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Mon 17 Feb	Half term	All
Tue 25 Feb	Cross Country Qualifiers at SPLC at 4pm	Y5/6
	Parents Evening 3:30 – 6:30	All
Wed 26 Feb	Parents Evening 3:30 – 6:30	All
Fri 13 Mar	Red Nose Day	All
	Cross Country Qualifiers at SPLC at 4pm	Y3/4
Sun 15 Mar	Chusin' In at 12pm	All
Fri 20 Mar	KS1 Multi-skills from 9am – 3:30pm at SPLC	KS1
Fri 3 Apr	Easter service and egg hunt	All
Fri 3 Apr	Easter Disco 5-6:30pm	All
Fri 3 April	End of term	
Mon 20 Apr	Inset Day	All
Sun 3 May	Cheese rolling/spring service at 11am	All
Sat 9 May	Randwick WAP 2020	All
w/c 18 May	Sports week	All
Fri 22 May	Sports Day	All
Sat 6 Jun	Sponsored/fun swim 5-6pm Stratford Park Leisure Centre	All
Tue 7 Jul	Y6 production 1:45pm	
Wed 8 Jul	Y6 Production 6pm	
Fri 10 Jul	Alternative Sports Day date	All
Fri 10 Jul	Summer Social 5-7pm Randwick village hall	All
Wed 15 Jul	Teddy Bears Picnic	All
Thur 16 Jul	Y6 Leavers service	
Fri 17 Jul	End of term	