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This week at

Ravenstone



18.09.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

Please also check the school calendar on our [website](https://www.ravenstoneschool.co.uk)

22.09.26, 8.50 Reception phonics information session in lower hall

23.09.26, 9am Open morning for prospective families

23.09.26 & 25.09.26 Book fair is open after school

25.09.26 RavenPLAY after school

ATTENDANCE

Ensuring that your child is in school, on time (from 8:30 and by 8:45), every day is the most important commitment we ask of all families. As a school, we are aiming for at least 95% attendance and as of this week our total for this current year is **97.1%**.

If you want to request a leave of absence please speak to a member of staff on the gate.

This week's year group attendance:

Yr R	92.3%
Yr 1	93.07%
Yr 2	96.11%
Yr 3	97.56%
Yr 4	96.75%
Yr 5	98.14%
Yr 6	95.77%

100%	Outstanding
99.9 - 95%	Good attendance
94.9 - 90%	Cause for concern
89.9 - 85%	Persistent absence
84.9 - 80%	Persistent absence
<79.9%	Persistent absence

Dear families,

We are delighted to have welcomed three new families to our school since the start of term. Ayah and Mika have started with us in Reception, and Yunseol has begun in Year 4. We are pleased to have you with us, and it's great to see our pupil numbers growing!

We have spaces in several other year groups, and we are very keen to invite families to join us and be part of our fantastic school. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please do ask them to contact the school office.

This Wednesday sees the start of our open morning visits for families who are interested in joining Nursery or Reception in the future. We would love to share your thoughts on what makes Ravenstone such a great school. If you have any words that might encourage a new family to join us, please send these through to the school office.

We love to celebrate children's successes and are therefore continuing with Happy Friday this year. Each week, teachers select a child from their class who has shown great effort in their learning. These children are then invited to join Mr Riches, Mrs Martin or Mrs Stanislaus for a chat about their achievements in their office.

Please do check the Friday sharing assembly list outside the office to find out when your child's class will be presenting. Families of children in Year 1 to Year 6 are welcome to join us in the lower hall on Friday at 2.30pm. For younger children, this will begin after half term.

Thank you, and well done, to members of Friends of Ravenstone who are stepping down this year. Sarah and Liz have been amazing chairs over the past year, and Chi has done a great job as treasurer. We look forward to introducing the new team soon.

We are looking for more reading volunteers to support children with their reading in school. If you are interested in volunteering, please let the school office know. This would be subject to all the necessary safeguarding checks.

Thank you once again to all families for the friendly and supportive greetings, conversations and smiles at the school gates. It's a pleasure to be a part of the Ravenstone team.

Mike Riches, Headteacher

Thought of the week!

"WHEN WE ARE POLITE
PEOPLE LIKE TO BE
AROUND US"

UN Convention Focus Articles for September

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

We've kicked off the new school year by holding our School Council elections. Each class has voted for a class councillor, who will have the important role of representing the views and ideas of their classmates, helping to make positive changes within our school and being a voice for their class in School Council meetings.

Our newly elected councillors have already completed their first act as school councillors by delivering an assembly on the importance of Jeans for Genes Day. They did a fantastic job of explaining why this is such an important cause, raising awareness of the children and families living with genetic conditions and the vital work carried out by Jeans for Genes to support them and fund life-changing services and research.

We are incredibly proud of our councillors for taking on this responsibility so enthusiastically and for already demonstrating what it means to be a positive role model and a voice for others.

The children elected are:

1C - Arthur Pond

2L - Natalia Riley

2G - Mabel Pigott

3D - Claudia Drummond

4M - Roman Dendi

5A - Zephyr Nixon-Phillips

6T - Maya Zaaf & Akos Thayne

6B - Jahziah Davis & Abrish Malik

We look forward to seeing the ideas, enthusiasm and positive contributions our School Council will bring throughout the year!

And a big thank you to Miss Greenaway for offering to take on the role of school council leader this year and for kicking off the year with such a great event with our newly elected school council.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Regular attendance and being on time each day helps children make the most of their learning, friendships and all the wonderful opportunities at Ravenstone.

We understand that children are sometimes unable to attend school. Absences can be authorised when there is a genuine reason, such as illness, a medical appointment or another exceptional circumstance agreed by the school. Parents and carers should let the school know on the first day of absence and keep us updated.

Where an absence does not have an acceptable reason, or where we are unable to agree the reason given, it may be recorded as unauthorised. Family holidays during term time are generally not authorised, except in the most exceptional circumstances.

We know that sometimes children and families face challenges that can make coming to school difficult. We

are here to listen, understand and work with you to overcome any barriers to attendance. Every day really does make a difference, and even small improvements can have a big impact.

Thank you to all our families for supporting your children to attend school regularly and arrive on time, ready for a happy and successful day of learning.

Need some support? If you have any worries or would like to talk about your child's attendance or punctuality, please speak to **Val, our Family Liaison Lead**. We are always happy to help!

THANK YOU!

Friends of Ravenstone joined Mr Riches to make a start in cleaning up our garden area. Unfortunately, after our long, hot summer, some of our plants had dried out. Thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers, we were able to clean up the pots and make room for some fresh new plants. There's more work to be done so please look out for more gardening opportunities.

A big thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help!



NATIONAL TA DAY

Next week on Friday 25th September it is National TA Day. Although we appreciate our amazing support staff every day, it is lovely to take a moment to reflect on the incredibly important work they do. Our Ravenstone team simply would not be able to manage without them and the dedication, care and support they provide to all of our children.

Please join us next Friday by taking a moment to say an extra-special thank you to our wonderful TAs and support staff for all their continuous hard work.



ASSEMBLIES

This week, we celebrated our elected school council members across the school. Once again we upheld our British values of democracy and every pupil voted a member of their class to represent them at the school council meetings, which will be happening fortnightly.

This week in our showing assembly children from 2G, 4M, 6B showcased their science learning. 4M brought along their models of teeth they had made using playdough and reminded us about how important it is to brush our teeth. Thank you to these classes for sharing your learning with us. We look forward to hearing all about the children's Italian learning in 2L, 5A and 1C next week.

PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES (PATHS)

Support Your Child's Social & Emotional Development!

with the **PATHS Online Parent Workshop**

Join Our 6-Week Online PATHS Parent Workshop

Discover how to support your child's emotional wellbeing, relationships and success both at home and in school.

What will we cover?

- Self-Awareness**
Understand emotions and strengths
- Self-Management**
Build strategies, focus and resilience
- Social Awareness**
Show empathy and understand others
- Relationship Skills**
Build positive friendships and communication
- Responsible Decision-Making**
Solve problems and make good choices
- Gain practical ideas to reinforce PATHS learning at home.

Why Join?

The PATHS Parent Workshop will help you understand the skills your child is learning in school and provide practical strategies to support their social and emotional development at home.

FREE!

For more information or to register, please contact your **PATHS Lead**.

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Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/399877285563955?p=DtcMhK3NYlg89zopyh>

CLASS NEWS

Upper Hive

This week in Temple Grandin, we continued our topic Me, My School and My Community, focusing on Our School and enjoying our book In Every House, on Every Street. We explored the different floors and spaces around Ravenstone and thought about where we go and what we do there. In cooking, we continued our house theme by making toast houses! The children carefully toasted and cut their bread, built their houses, decorated their creations and, of course, enjoyed eating them afterwards!

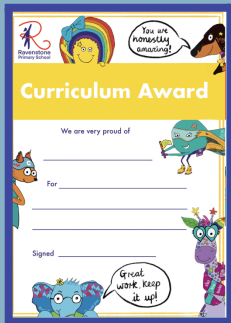


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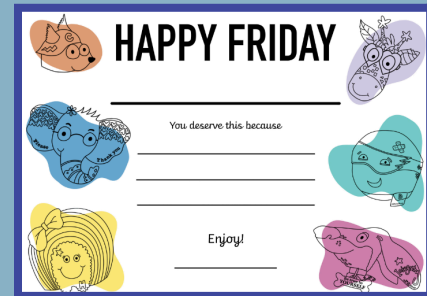
This week in 1C, we've been having lots of fun exploring numbers to 10! The children have been practising putting numbers in order and learning their number bonds to 5. They've enjoyed using cubes, blocks and other maths resources to show their understanding in different ways. It has been lovely to see the children choosing maths activities independently during play and confidently sharing their knowledge with both their friends and adults.



STARS OF THE WEEK!



Year 1 Lunna
Year 2 Margot and Iman
Year 3 Ali
Year 4 Harriet
Year 5 Rocco
Year 6 Kasim, Isabelle



Year 1 Evelyn
Year 2 Chloe and Marianna
Year 3 Katriel
Year 4 Roman
Year 5 Josephine
Year 6 Neve and Abrish



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