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This week at Ravenstone

06.11.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

Please also check the school calendar on our website

09.11.26 Individual photographs

10.11.26 Flu vaccinations

11.11.26, 9am Nursery open morning

11.11.26, 10.45 Remembrance day assembly

11.11.26 & 12.11.26 Parent/teacher meetings

13.11.26 Children in Need

13.11.26 RavenPLAY after school including charity cake sale

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 95.96%.

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	93.6%
Yr 1	97.71%
Yr 2	100%
Yr 3	98.02%
Yr 4	96%
Yr 5	98.7%
Yr 6	93.7%

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,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you had an enjoyable break. This is a seven-week term and tends to be an incredibly busy one as we build up to Christmas. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and the school website for important dates and events so that you know what is coming up.

On Monday, the staff team spent the day at Chestnut Grove Secondary School with colleagues from across the trust. The focus of the day was adaptive practice, providing a valuable opportunity to reflect on how we can best meet the needs of every learner at Ravenstone and ensure that all children are appropriately challenged across every area of learning.

You may have noticed that we are continuing to tidy and improve the school environment, with another skip arriving this week. Having refurbished the main office over half term, our attention has now turned to the three ground-floor classrooms, which are next in line for decoration. We will share our plans for these rooms as the work gets underway. We are keen to ensure that the school environment looks its very best for the children each day.

A huge thank you to Maggie, one of our reading volunteers, who has been working with children this week to plant bulbs in the new raised beds at the front of the school. Thank you also to Friends of Ravenstone for their kind donation towards the bulbs and plants, which we look forward to seeing spring into life in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Inside Ravenstone at the end of last term. We hope you enjoyed spending time in the classrooms and finding out more about what the children had been learning throughout the half term. We look forward to welcoming you again shortly before February half term. In the meantime, please come along to our showing assemblies each Friday. For children in Nursery and Reception, these take place at 9am in the lower hall on alternate weeks, while assemblies for the rest of the school take place at 2.30pm every week.

At the end of the first half term, teachers shared a review of the learning that had taken place on the school website. To access these, please visit the school website, navigate to 'Year Group Pages' and hover over your child's class. You will then see the option to select 'Half-Termly Review'. These reviews replace the weekly updates that teachers previously shared.

Our open mornings for families considering our Nursery and Reception classes for next year will continue throughout this term. If the advertised dates are not convenient, we would also be very happy to arrange visits at other times. Next Wednesday at 9am, we would particularly like to welcome families whose children are currently in our Nursery to come and find out more about life in the rest of the school, hear about what lies ahead and have the opportunity to visit some of our classrooms. We hope you will be able to join us.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of the school.

Mike Riches, Headteacher

Thought of the week!

"Sometimes saying "I'm sorry" seems to be too hard to do. Maybe you can apologise in different ways - shake hands, share something or give a compliment."

DATES AND EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

There's a lot of activity taking place at Ravenstone over the next few weeks so we wanted to make sure you have as much information as possible to help you to know what's happening. Some of this information is set out below.

Photographs - Monday 9th November

Each child will have the opportunity to go to the hall to have their photo taken. These will then be shared with you so that you decide whether you'd like to buy them over the coming weeks.

Flu vaccinations - Tuesday 10th November

If you have given consent for your child to receive the vaccination whilst at school, the school nursing team will ensure this takes place on Tuesday. You will receive confirmation from the nursing team that this has taken place.

Open morning for nursery families - Wednesday 11th November, 9am

Any families who are currently in our nursery setting are welcome to join us in the ground floor hall from 9am on Wednesday for our open morning. We will tell you more about school life from Reception to Year 6 and give you a chance to take a good look around the school. If you are unable to make it, we encourage you to contact the school office to arrange an individual appointment.

Remembrance day assembly - Wednesday 11th November, 10.45am

Families are invited to join us on the front playground from 10.45am on Wednesday for our annual act of Remembrance. Miss Ahmad has been working with staff and children in advance of this to enable all to reflect on this important event. The event should last for no longer than 30 minutes.

Parent/teacher meetings - Wednesday 11th November & Thursday 12th November

We are looking forward to speaking with every family about their child's progress since the start of the school year. All families should enter school through the front gate and the main door next to the office. For those in nursery, reception, Year 1, Year 2 and lower hive, please go straight to the lower hall where you will be able to wait until the teacher calls you. For those in Year 3 - 6 and upper hive, please go straight up the stairs to the middle hall where teachers will be waiting for you.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

A bake sale will happen at the end of the school day as part of RavenPLAY. Donations will go to Little Village, a local charity which makes a big difference to babies and children across London. This charity has been selected by Mrs Bull and the Rights Respecting Ambassadors. You can help in the following ways:

- **Baking or buying** nut-free treats to donate (please bring donations to the office)
- **Donating** any new or used (when relevant) items from this list: blankets (0-5 years old) , sleeping bags (0-6 months), toddler and adult toiletries, pyjamas (3-7 years), cot bedsheets (140x 70 cm), maternity pads, new mum & dad gifts (cosmetic, self-care)
- **Volunteering** to help set up and/or run the stall

READING

We were delighted to welcome a reading expert from Wandle Learning Trust into school this week. During her visit, she spent time reviewing our early reading provision, including phonics. This involved visiting classrooms to observe teaching, reviewing assessments and talking to staff about our approach.

We were thrilled with the positive feedback we received and the recognition of the excellent work taking place across Ravenstone to ensure that our reading provision is of the highest quality and has a positive impact on children's learning.

We arranged this visit as part of our ongoing commitment to reflecting on and evaluating our provision, ensuring that we continually strive to provide the very best reading experiences and outcomes for every child.

ASSEMBLIES

As part of our No Outsiders work this week, we held a whole school assembly where we focused on celebrating the achievements of those with a physical disability. We hard the story of Corey Lee who wanted to be a travel writer but was told this wasn't possible because he was in a wheel chair. He persevered and was able to get the job and carry it out successfully over a number of years. N o Outsiders is a resource which aims to provide inclusive education, promoting community cohesion to prepare young people and adults for life as global citizens. For more information about No Outsiders please click here.

This week, the children in 2G have been learning all about the story of Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night! They explored the history behind the Gunpowder Plot, discovered who Guy Fawkes was and why November 5th is remembered each year. The children enjoyed sharing what they had learnt, asking questions and finding out why we celebrate Bonfire Night with fireworks and bonfires. It has been wonderful to hear their ideas and see their curiosity about this fascinating piece of history! 6T shared what they read about last half term and all about the animals that lived in the Amazon. Children learnt about the importance of looking after our planet to ensure all of the creatures can live in their desired habitats.

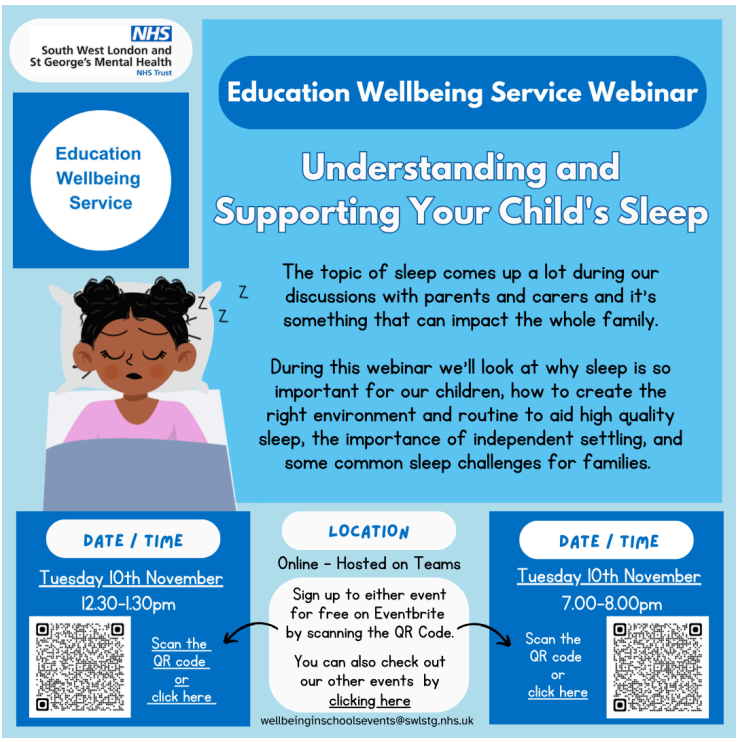
Educational Wellbeing Service Webinar

We would like to share information about a free webinar being offered by the NHS Education Wellbeing Service for parents and carers of Early Years and Primary-aged children.

Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep will take place on **Tuesday 10th November** and will be available at two different times:

- **12:30pm to 1:30pm**
- **7:00pm to 8:00pm**

During the webinar, families will explore why sleep is so important for children, how to create effective sleep routines and environments, the importance of independent settling, and strategies for managing common sleep challenges.



The webinar is free and will be hosted online via Teams.

To book a place:

Early Years Parents and Carers click here

Primary Parents and Carers click here

In addition, if you are interested in accessing **1:1 parent support sessions** with the in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help with your child's worries, anxieties, or challenging behaviour, please speak to a member of staff or visit our well-being and mental health page on our school website.

CLASS NEWS

2L

2L have become budding mathematicians this week through their work with adding and subtracting a 1 digit number and a 2 digit number. They have worked hard to explore how known number facts within 10 can help us when subtracting numbers greater than 10. They have used a range of pictorial resources such as bar charts to help them with their mathematical work and have all worked super hard!

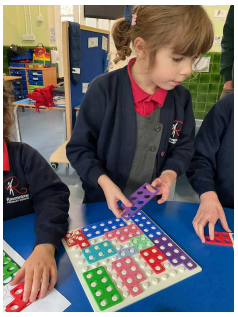




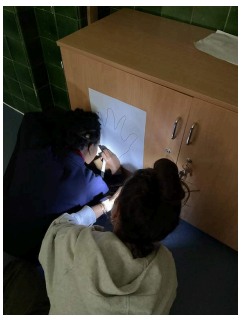
Temple Grandin

This week in Temple Grandin, we started our new topic, Seasons and Celebrations! We began by exploring light and shadows, using torches to investigate how shadows are made and how they change. We also learnt about the Gunpowder Plot and discussed the importance of firework safety.

In our cooking session, we got creative and made our own firework fruit skewers, using colourful fruit to create some delicious edible fireworks! On Friday, we enjoyed a special Diwali Day, learning all about the Festival of Lights. We explored the story of Rama and Sita, bringing it to life by acting out the pictures and creating our own freeze-frame versions of the story. We also got creative by making our own rangoli patterns, diya lamps and mehndi designs, giving everyone the opportunity to explore some of the colours, patterns and traditions associated with Diwali. It was a lovely week full of storytelling, creativity, cooking and learning about different celebrations!

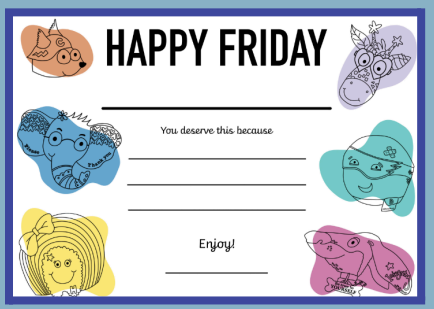






STARS OF THE WEEK!





Nursery Ellora and Freya
Reception Hafsa and Temesgen
Year 1 Margarita
Year 2 Lucca and Kristian
Year 3 Jason
Year 4 Kimberley
Year 5 Tommy
Year 6 Isabelle and Mariam
HC Michael
HR William

Reception Naomi
Year 1 Levi
Year 2 Nina and Ariella
Year 3 Evie
Year 4 Aminah
Year 5 Ayla
Year 6 Nusrat and Jaime



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