



# RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**November 2019:  
Issue 3**

This is a wonderful time of the year with so much nature to see and enjoy. As darkness creeps forward and the winter chills set in the air, can I remind all families to stay safe. The children should be collected by an adult at the end of the day, especially if attending an after school club; lights fitted to bikes and scooters and we hope to see **all** children wrapped up warm in a winter coat.

I would like to congratulate the pupils in Year 5 for their magical class assemblies: Viking and Anglo Saxons with Music, French and a wonderful celebration of their learning. This starts our performance term with more assemblies and Christmas performances from the Nursery, Reception; a Year 1 and 2 production and a performance of The Nutcracker by the children in Years 3 to 6.

I would like to remind parents that Parents' Evening is on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November and Governors will be available on both evenings to chat to.

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

## Dates for your diary

Please visit our school calendar

<https://rhodesavenue.school/news-events/diary-dates/>

Christmas dates and performances have now been added to the calendar.

Please visit the website for the school term dates. Only exceptional leave will be authorised during term time. Please check the school term dates before booking your holiday. INSET days have now been added for the academic years 2019-20 and 2020-2021

Please note the change to the May Bank Holiday from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/news-events/term-dates/>

## Curriculum Learning

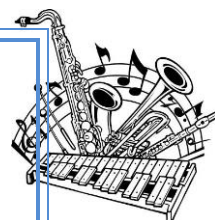
### A 'note' about Music

Our whole class music learning lessons have started well; children in Years 3 and 4 have been learning to play the ukulele and Year 5 have started their samba drumming. Drumming will also continue into Year 6 this year before starting their music composition in the Spring term. Dan is thoroughly enjoying teaching the children about composing, notation, appraising and performance.

Recorder lessons will be starting this half term for children in Year 1 and 2.

We are looking for talented musicians from within our school community to inspire our children. If you play an instrument and can spare half an hour to share your talents with our children please contact me.

Joanne McGahon: Music Leader



## PE

This year we have changed the coverage of PE taught at Rhodes Avenue. After feeling that we have taught the same sports for a number of years and that some sports were no longer being taught, we decided to modify the school PE overview. We are so pleased to bring back some more traditional sports such as netball and rounders but we are also really excited to include new activities such as circuit training, badminton and basketball. You will see that skills are being built on each year from EYFS up to Year 6. This will create a strong foundation for every child and opportunities to develop and explore an increasingly wide range of sports. We know the children will be excited about the new overview as well as our experienced teaching staff. Lessons will be delivered alongside our specialist PE teachers, who include Brendan Amoody, Martin Egan and his team and Jessica Hewitson.

A copy of the overview can be found here:

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 2019-2020

RECEPTION & KEY STAGE 1							
YEAR	Lesson	AUTUMN TERM		SPRING TERM		SUMMER TERM	
		Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception	1 Class Teacher	Multi-sports	Multi-sports	Multi-sports	Multi-sports	Gymnastics (Equipment based)	EYFS Sports Day Events
	2 Specialist Teacher (Jessica)	Dance	DANCE	DANCE	DANCE	DANCE	DANCE

YEAR	Lesson	AUTUMN TERM		SPRING TERM		SUMMER TERM	
		Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	1 Class Teacher	Multi-sports skills (Transition from EYFS)	Dance	Yoga (Blended to support each class teacher)	Gymnastics (Equipment Based)	KS1 Sports Day Events	Multi-Sports Challenge Activities
	2 Specialist Teacher (Bren)	Gymnastics (Use skills ladders)	Games (Use Skills Ladders)	Indoor Athletics	Games (Use Skills Ladders)	OAA (Outdoor & Adventurous Activities)	Football
Year 2	1 Class Teacher	Gymnastics (Use skills ladders)	Dance	Indoor Athletics	Gymnastics (Equipment Based)	KS1 Sports Day Events	Rounders
	2 Specialist Teacher (Bren)	Games (Striking & Punting)	Cricket	Games (Striking, Attacking & Defending)	Football	OAA (Outdoor & Adventurous Activities)	Tennis

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 2019-2020

KS2							
YEAR	Lesson	AUTUMN TERM		SPRING TERM		SUMMER TERM	
		Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3	1 Class Teacher	Indoor Athletics (INTRIA)	Indoor Cricket	Dodgeball (INTRIA)	Dance	KS2 Sports Day Events	Rounders
	2 Specialist Teacher (Martin)	Football	Gymnastics (INTRIA)	Indoor Tennis	Benchball (INTRIA)	OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)	Golf
Year 4	1 Class Teacher	Indoor Athletics (INTRIA)	Gymnastics (INTRIA)	Dodgeball (INTRIA)	Benchball (INTRIA)	KS2 Sports Day Events	Rounders
	2 Specialist Teacher (Adam/Bren)	Swimming	Football	Swimming	Indoor Athletics	Swimming	OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)

YEAR	Lesson	AUTUMN TERM		SPRING TERM		SUMMER TERM	
		Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 5	1 Class Teacher	Indoor Athletics (INTRIA)	Dance	Badminton	Circuit Fitness	KS2 Sports Day Events	Hockey
	2 Specialist Teacher (Adam)	Tag Rugby	Gymnastics (INTRIA)	Football (INTRIA)	Netball (INTRIA)	OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)	Basketball
Year 6	1 Class Teacher	Indoor Athletics (INTRIA)	Dance	Football (INTRIA)	Netball (INTRIA)	KS2 Sports Day Events	Hockey
	2 Specialist Teacher (Bren)	Tag Rugby	Gymnastics (INTRIA)	Badminton	Circuit Fitness	OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)	Basketball

Please visit the sports page on the website for a closer look.

Nina Watson – PE leader

## Nursery News

All of the children have settled so well into nursery life and are getting to know the routines of the day.

In the nursery the children have all been involved in many different activities from painting their first picture to moulding a clay animal, baking biscuits; having fantastic conker fun, making lots of new friends, learning lots of new songs and exploring the many inside and outside learning opportunities.

Our 'Hello Everyone' topic has brought about lots of opportunities for learning about ourselves, our similarities and differences with our new friends and getting to know each other.



### News from Art

Last term featured some really exciting projects with lots of exciting new skills to discover and the children's ideas leading the way!

In year 3 we considered what being a cave artist was really like by drawing underneath our tables in the dark and making our own paints using natural pigments, like paprika and charcoal. We also explored the beautiful metal work created in the Iron age and children used their own shield designs as a basis to develop their skills in printmaking, collage and clay sculptures.



Year 4's Africa theme lead us to focus on mask making which started out with some expressive portrait drawing. We then created collage masks using vibrant colours - exploring symmetry, shape and expression. Children went on to use natural materials from the spiny to create some really exciting masks with their partners.



The year 5 children looked at their big question, Why do people move? through Art last term. We looked at historic nomadic people such as the Bedouins and then more contemporary issues surrounding geographical movement such as the refugee crisis and homelessness. Children turned the art room into a nomadic encampment using fabrics and furniture - they used drawings of their dwellings to develop silk paintings. The paintings also featured something meaningful to them that they would bring with them should they have to leave their home.



Finally, year 6 children learned that art is not just about making nice things to look at but can serve a really important purpose in society. With Trafalgar squares fourth plinth as our focal point we discussed how art can both express a point of view and deliver a message. Children developed sculpture skills, making face casts and building wire figures and then thought about a message they would like to express through their art to the public. All the work made by children for this project will feature on the fourth plinth schools award website in 2020.

The Big Draw assembly was a highlight this term with children exploring some mindfulness drawing. This year's theme for the Big Draw drawing festival (which happens every October) was Wellbeing so we talked about what this word means and how art can be great for our wellbeing. The children all agreed that art makes them feel good, brings people together and can be a great way of expressing how we feel. Look out for the mindfulness drawings we made in assembly.

Also a special thanks and well done to all the amazing Art home-learning that has been coming into school since the start of the year! It is a real pleasure to see and hear about all the creativity that goes into these projects.  
Well done to this term's artists!

Last but not least do you know Rhodes Avenue Primary School is applying to become an Artsmark School? This means that we will be recognised as an outstanding centre for creativity across all art forms. We are making plans to get as many people involved in this incredible journey as we can - parents included! Watch this space!!

Mrs Sawyer –  
Art Specialist and Leader

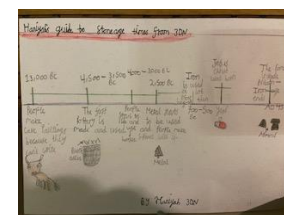




## Back in time

Year 3 spent the first half term exploring The Stone and Iron Age in History. They sequenced events in time, visited a Celtic Camp and developed new skills in hunting and craft work.

They have used their History to inspire their writing, art and design and technology learning. As well as some wonderful home-learning projects.



## Historical Enquiry

Year 5 discovered a skeleton. As part of their enquiry they found evidence to piece together a hypothesis. They had to skilfully question, gather information and make predictions based on the evidence provided.

The investigation led them to believe that the Viking King, Harald Hardrada's, army were defeated at the battle of Stamford Bridge and were fleeing back to their boats at Ricall when they were killed.

What amazing historians we have in Year 5.



## We have a Bog Baby in our woods.

In Year 1 we have been learning all about The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis. We used our outdoor area to aid our learning. We made mud cakes in the muddy kitchen, built bridges across the magic pond in Bluebell woods and even made our very own Bog Baby puppets. The children started to write in their writing books and we were so impressed by their efforts. The children learnt the story and used Pie Corbett to remember all the different parts. We loved the Bog Baby story and are very excited about our new book... we can't wait to find out the title!



Jo McGahon

### We value responsibility:

School Council  
Bronze Ambassadors  
Sports Leaders  
Play Leaders  
Reading buddies



## British Values



### Tolerance of Different Cultures and Religions

Together we are one community who care, respect and understand one another.

We learn about inspirational people.



### Through assemblies and collective worship

- Visiting faith and religious groups
- Religious celebrations
- Traditional tales and stories
- Singing assemblies
- Thematic assemblies
- Celebrating achievements
- Global citizenship
- SEAL – PSHE
- Guest speakers



### We ask

#### 'Big Questions':

Who are we?  
(Nursery)  
What makes us special?  
(Reception)  
Why do we help others?  
(Year 1)  
How does what we do affect where we live?  
(Year 2)  
Is change always a good thing?  
(Year 3)  
Is violence ever justified?  
(Year 4)  
What are the key features of society?  
(Year 5)  
Should everyone have absolute freedom of speech?  
(Year 6)

### Mutual Respect

We respect others and expect them to show us respect.

### Individual Liberty

We know our human rights and exercise these in school life and beyond.

### Rule of Law

We respect the rules of school and law in society.

### Democracy

We all have a say.



### We demonstrate our School Values:

- Helping others
- Friendship
- Patience
- Courage
- Ambition
- Sharing
- Cooperation
- Empathy
- Fairness
- Forgiveness
- Kindness
- Loyalty

## Attendance What does my child's attendance figure tell me?

Attendance during school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately
94%	10 Days	2 Weeks
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks

You will receive your child's attendance, so far for this school year, on the Autumn Term Report. If you would like to discuss any attendance concerns or difficulties please contact Joanne Tillson in the school office.

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 WAS:

97.7%



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## Learning Look

Ahead of the Parents' Evenings Years 1 and 2 will be holding a 'Learning Look' session for parents and carers on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The classroom doors will be open for the first 30 minutes of the day for you to drop in, look at your child's learning so far and celebrate their achievements.

We hope you are free to attend 8.55am-9.30am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## RAPSA News



A huge thank you to all for a tremendously successful Jumble Sale. Despite the rain and the rugby and introducing an earlier start time, the Jumble Sale raised a whopping £3,800, while the average Jumble profit last year was £3,200. It takes a large number of people on the Rapsa team and volunteers from across the school to convert your generous donations into a space inviting big and small around our many stalls, selling wares, food and drink, and then dismantling it and distributing left over jumble to other institutions, on which more, below. Thank you to all who helped as well as all who came despite the rain and picked up a bargain, this is really a joint effort.

Thank you also to the bakers in Year 2 as well as those who participated in the Halloween bake sale. These, too, have raised a significant amount - £470 and £510 respectively.

Turning our attention to what lies ahead on the RAPSA front:

This year run by a team of quiz-loving dads, Quiz Night is taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 - 11pm. To avoid disappointment, book your tickets via this link -

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rhodes-avenue-annual-quiz-night-tickets-79344404249?ref=enivte001&invite=MTgxNjAyNzcvcvcmFjaGVsc2FuZGVyc2I5QHlhaG9vLmNvLnVrLzA%3D&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=invitemodernv2&ref=enivte001&utm\\_term=attend](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rhodes-avenue-annual-quiz-night-tickets-79344404249?ref=enivte001&invite=MTgxNjAyNzcvcvcmFjaGVsc2FuZGVyc2I5QHlhaG9vLmNvLnVrLzA%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=invitemodernv2&ref=enivte001&utm_term=attend)

For £6 a ticket, new this year, bring your own cold food and supplement it with alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks from our cash bar. It's a great night out on your doorstep.

Next in line will be a Junior's Film Night on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - more information on that to follow nearer the time.

Finally, to help ease into the season, we have our Christmas Fair to look forward to on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1 - 4pm offering, amongst many other things, artisan gifts to buy at our market stall, Santa's Grotto, Xmas arts and crafts, face painting, mulled wine and mince pies.

If you would like to support Rapsa but can't make the events, remember that you can make donations at no cost to yourself each time you shop online via Easy Fundraising or Amazon Smile or via JustGiving:

For Easy Fundraising go to - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rhodesavenueprimary>

For Amazon Smile (please forgive the technicalities) -

Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page. Choose Rhodes Avenue Primary School Association.

And JustGiving - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/RhodesAvenueSchool>

### Jumble, charity and sustainability

Have you ever wondered what happens to leftover jumble? In the past we have donated some to local charity shops and sold a lot on to textile waste. At the end of two intense days of work, it has often been impossible for the jumble team to do much to pick out the reusable clothes and toys. Yet the environmental impact of clothing manufacture is immense and there are families not far from us who we know could use our donations.

RAPSA is now taking a completely different approach. We moved the Jumble Sale to the morning and brought together a team of volunteers dedicated to sorting leftover jumble for good causes. We built new relationships with local charities and asked what they needed. After the Jumble finished we had around 15 people, including some dedicated Rhodes Avenue and Alexandra Park School kids, sorting through everything that was left to separate the true textile waste from the reusable goods.

After a few hours of work we were able to spread hundreds of pounds worth of leftover jumble across a number of charities.

Thank you to all those who donated to the Jumble Sale, volunteered to set up, sell, recycle, clear down and drive away. We aim to repeat this exercise in May. If you are interested in working with local charities or helping with this next time, please look out for emails nearer the time.





Apologies for the length of this update, but we had a lot to share. Looking forward to seeing you at some of our great events ahead.

The RAPSA team

## Extended Offer

### October Half Term Club

Children attending the Holiday Club during the October Half Term were very busy indeed.

Those who attended took part in various activities: Arts, Crafts, Sports, spy missions and cooking.

We would like to thank Wayne for leading and organising a wealth of activities and show great appreciation to the whole team for a successful week.

We would also like to thank all of the children (both Rhodes Avenue and non-Rhodes Avenue pupils) for their enthusiasm during this week.

The Holiday team are currently planning a jam-packed programme for February half term. Bookings will go live in the New Year. We are also offering a special day of sports and a Christmas movie on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – bookings are live now. For more information please contact the office.



Joanne Tillson  
Extended Day Officer

A huge thank you for your support at RAPSA events, school trips and volunteering in school. Your help is greatly appreciated and really help to make these special events memorable.

I would also like to thank, in advance, The Christmas Forest Store and Pepperpot Flowers for their Christmas tree donations. [www.christmasforest.co.uk](http://www.christmasforest.co.uk) (open from 23<sup>rd</sup> November)  
[Lucy@pepperpots.flowers](mailto:Lucy@pepperpots.flowers) (orders placed by 25<sup>th</sup> November)

I hope to see you all soon at one of our many Autumn Term planned events.

Best wishes,

Adrian Hall  
Headteacher

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