



Year 4 Newsletter



It was so lovely to meet so many of you at Parents' Evening last week; hopefully you found the meeting useful and allowed you to gain an insight into how your child has settled into year 4 and how they are enjoying their learning.

Last week, the children loved taking part in Maths Week activities where they were able to design in their own rollercoaster and work out their profit and loss; they were also able to work as a team successfully in order to problem solve.

To celebrate Remembrance Day, we also created our own poppies out of felt and had a little bit of practise with a needle and thread!

There will be an INSET day on Monday 4th January, after the Christmas break, in order to support our planning and preparation for the Spring term.

Warmest regards,
Miss Wheeler

Our Learning.

In English, we have been focusing on the book and film called 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. The children's writing has been excellent! They have been using the writing rainbow lenses to support them when creating their own sentences and structures. We are about to move onto our new unit all about Dragons and other creatures. In Reading, the children are currently reading 'How to Train your Dragon' alongside our class reader called 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'. Within our maths lessons, the children have just finished addition and subtraction and have now started multiplication and division. During History, we are focusing on the British monarchy and learning about some important kings and queens! Within DT, the children are learning about pop-up books and will be creating their very own by the end of this term; this will be cross-curricular with German. During Science, the children are learning about habitats. RAW this half term, focuses on Creation and Fall and our PSHE lessons link to our value of Responsibility.

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail: info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk and we will ensure that all messages are passed onto them.

Should you wish to contact Miss Wheeler, please e-mail: swheeler@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk
Please be aware that staff have 5 working days to respond to all messages.

Weekend contact to the school

We ask that families only contact the school via email during weekdays. However, **if you need to tell us of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in your family, over the weekend, please email all of the following accounts: head@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk, dharris@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk and info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk** (this way we can ensure your email is picked up and actioned).

Intra-Sports Events

Please note the dates for the next sports event within school. These are open level competitions, so if your child would like to take part, they will need to come into school dressed in their P.E kits on the day. Thank you.

Weds 18th Nov	12.30pm-1.45pm	Yr 4 Boy's Football
Weds 9th Dec	12.30pm-1.45pm	Yr 4 Tag Rugby

Times tables

We cannot stress the importance of supporting your child with learning their times tables – it helps with all areas of maths and really will make such a difference to your child's learning. Below are a variety of websites which might be useful to use when supporting your children with their times table knowledge.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-school-times-tables-tests-explained>

Staffing update

On 4th December, it is Frau Hastie's last day with us, as Frau Seaman returns from maternity leave on Monday 7th December. Thank you, Frau Hastie, for your hard work and commitment over the past year. Wishing you the very best of luck for your future career in teaching.

At the end of term, after over 10 years of commitment and dedication to the children of Ravenscote, Mrs Wallace will be leaving us. Mrs Wallace has inspired every child, fortunate enough to be taught by her and has always taught with enthusiasm to provide every child with the best education possible. Mrs Wallace has also brought skills and training to the staff at Ravenscote, which we will continue to benefit from for many years to come. Mrs Wallace, we wish you every happiness and memorable time spent with your family.

At the end of term, Mrs Wells will be starting her maternity leave and Mr Harris will be the Headteacher from January. Mrs Wells will return on Monday 28th June, for the end of the summer term.

Baby news!

Mrs Smith's baby, Hugo, arrived on 23rd September. Both Mrs Smith and Hugo are doing brilliantly and embracing their time together, along with Hugo's big brother, Jasper.

Miss Davidge-Stringer's baby, Arlo, arrived on 26th September. Arlo and Miss Davidge-Stringer are enjoying many lockdown walks and Miss Davidge-Stringer is thoroughly enjoying mum life!

Miss Solway had her baby girl, Sophia, on Saturday (14th November). They are home and mum and baby are both doing brilliantly.

Congratulations to all three of you and your partners! Enjoy this special time!

Diary Dates

November	Boy's Football Competition: Wednesday 18 th November
December	Tag Rugby Competition: Wednesday 4 th December End of term: Friday 18 th December (12.45pm finish)
January	INSET day: Monday 4 th January Back to school: Tuesday 5 th January
February	Half term: Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February Back to school: Monday 22 nd February
March	
April	End of term: Thursday 1 st April (12.45pm finish) INSET day: Monday 19 th April Back to school: Tuesday 20 th April
May	INSET day: Friday 28 th May Half term: Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June
June	Back to school: Monday 7 th June
July	End of term: Friday 16 th July (12.45pm finish) INSET day: Monday 19 th July INSET day: Tuesday 20 th July INSET day: Wednesday 21 st July

Work to be proud of!

Work to be celebrated in Year 4 comes from 4D this month! Well done to Korel Ozbek! We are very proud of how hard you have worked and you should be very proud of yourself too!

I decided to go to The Federal Department of Odds and Ends. It was a place of paperwork and desks, windows and cabinets, drawers and darkness. This was the strangest place of bits and bobs. Strolling down the gloomy corridor, I was anxious, my eyes were glowing brightly like a black cat in headlights. Why did I come here?

The business card took us on a journey through the city. We walked down the stairs, by the crazy signs and on top of a building until we found a colossal door. I could hear loud talking echoing through the darkness