



Rowner Junior School

Newsletter 2 - October 2022

Well done to Florence H, who has been attending Stagecoach since February 2022 and during that time has performed in Grease the Musical, achieved student of the term during stage 1 and has now moved up to Stage 2. Wow Florence, what achievements in such a short time!

Awesome Start to the Term

Wow! What an amazing start to the new academic year. It has been so pleasing to see everyone settle so well into the Autumn Term. Lots has happened including:

- We have had an amazing uptake of our after school clubs, which are now underway.
- Amazing learning - we have loved going into lessons, looking in books and speaking to the children about their learning.
- Working collaboratively with our feeder schools to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 3 children, as well as those who have moved onto secondary school.
- The Friends of Rowner have had their first meeting and are planning and organising lots of fantastic opportunities for the children in the year ahead.
- It has been amazing to see all of the children coming back to school looking so smart. Thank you so much for ensuring that your child has the correct uniform, The zipped tops look especially smart.

But, the best advocates for RJS are the children, and here are some of the thoughts of school from our newest members in Year 3:

"The best thing about RJS is we get to do lots of fun activities."

"My favourite lesson is maths because we are challenged with BIG numbers, and I get more confident every step I take."

"I love Co-Joes because we learn how to work in a team like you have to in life."

"My favourite lesson is English because it's the funnest thing I've ever done!"

"I would give RJS 100/10 because I like doing everything - all the different subjects."

"I would give RJS 10/10 because we do more learning than play, which means we have more opportunities."

Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. It is important that both school and home, work together on this.

In the coming weeks, we will be communicating with parents whose children are below 90% to work together on how we can move towards improving their child's attendance.

100%	0 days off school
97%	5 days off across the school year
95%	10 days off across the school year
90%	20 days off across the school year
85%	30 days off across the school year

Communication Between Home and School

Communication between home and school is really important to us. This is why we have a number of ways in which we communicate with you. They include:

- **Meet the Teacher** - parents/carers having the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher at the beginning of term.
- **Parent/teacher Meetings** scheduled for November where you will be able to discuss your child's academic progress and how they are socially - letter to follow.
- **Monthly Newsletter** - sharing key information for the coming month.
- **Daily Blogging** - please visit, like and interact with on our public [Facebook](#) page
- **Open Door** - members of staff, including SLT, are on the playground daily in the morning and after school for you to talk to.
- **Parent Partnership** - an opportunity for you to have a direct impact on school life. At the meetings, key items are discussed and solutions generated together. Our next Parent Partnership is on **Thursday 6 October**. Last academic year, this group was able to have a real impact on key aspects of school life.

At Rowner we pride ourselves on working collaboratively with our community. Please raise any questions or concerns, you may have, directly with us - if we do not know these, we cannot address and remedy these **together**. We are always looking for ways to make our school even better, and to this end we would appreciate it if you could complete the following Google Form for you to share what we are doing well and how we could be even better. Please complete the survey via this [link](#).

You said....we did: Curriculum

You said that you would like to know what your child is learning. Please also see the attachment, with a quick overview of current curriculum learning in each year group. Or visit our [Curriculum pages](#) on the website to find out what your child is learning this term. Any questions? Please speak with Miss Tuckley or any class teacher.

Home Learning

Thank you for supporting your child with Home Learning because this consolidated what they are doing in class. **You Said** completing some Home Learning is difficult due to technology access. To respond to this, we have arranged, from Monday 10th October (15.15-16.00) for the school library to be open for **parents/carers and pupils** to work alongside each other in completing their Home Learning.

Breakfast club

BREAKFAST CLUB continues for pupils of Rowner Junior School. However, due to rising costs of living, we are having to increase our costs to **£4.00 a session** and there will no longer be a 5th free session. This will take effect from November 1. Having compared our prices to other schools in the locality, we are still very competitively priced.

We have had an increase in people trying to book sessions via Facebook. We no longer use Facebook as a means by which to book breakfast club, so if you do need a last minute booking please contact the following email addresses:

enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org and finance@gfmat.org Bookings should, ideally, be made seven days in advance of the date required. All payments must be made on Tucasi (Scopay) to book and pay. Once the session is full you will not be able to book, so advance booking is recommended. Please note that if you do not pay for the sessions, then your child will not be able to attend the Breakfast Club.

GFM SEND Forums

SEND Forums were trialled last year. Using the feedback from parents/carers we have decided to continue running these again this year. GFM schools and schools in the local area will be invited. We are aiming to have 6 forums over the academic year, which will be held at the new GFM Community Hub, located at Brune Park Secondary School. They will be informal drop-in style sessions, providing an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with our trained SEND Leaders across the MAT, plus expert advice from specialised professionals. Our first forum focus area is Autism and the Autistic Spectrum. Parking is available at Brune Park, however as always car sharing is suggested as parents from other local schools are also being invited.

Open Evenings/Days

In the coming months there are a number of Open Evenings for parents whose children will be joining Year 3 next year, or for those who are moving onto secondary school next September:

Open Day for Year 3: This will take place on Wednesday 19th October over two sessions. The first session will be from 09.00-09.45 and the second session will be from 14.15 - 15.00. This will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about the school and to visit some of our classrooms.

Open Evening at Brune Park: This will take place on Wednesday 5th October from 16.30-18.30.

Open Evening at Bay House: This will take place on Thursday 13th October from 16.30-18.30.

October Events

MacMillan Coffee and Cake Afternoon

On **Wednesday 5th October**, children will be able to come to school in **non-school uniform**. In return, we are seeking baked contributions towards our MacMillan Coffee and Cake Afternoon. Contributions can be bought in on Thursday or Friday to help keep your lovely bakes delicious and fresh.



Please can you ensure all contributions are NUT FREE due to the risk of severe allergic reaction amongst some of our school community.

At 2pm on Friday 7th October, parents, friends and family members are welcome and encouraged to pop along to the school hall for a slice of something yummy and a hot beverage in exchange for a small donation towards the MacMillan cancer support charity. At 2.30pm children may be signed out by their parents to be able to come and join them in the hall and participate with the event.

To add even more excitement to the occasion, there will be a cake auction of a selection of our donated cakes as well as a 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition involving a delicious sponge cake and fruit cake.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Halloween Disco

On **Thursday 20th October**, we will be hosting a whole-school Halloween Disco starting at 5pm and finishing at 6.30pm.

Children are welcome to wear their disco clothes or a Halloween costume. We do, however, ask that no clown costumes or masks are worn and that all costumes are age appropriate (e.g. no references to characters from films involving adult content). This is to avoid any children feeling uncomfortable or scared due to our youngest attendees being only 7 years old.



During the evening, children will be able to enjoy a hot dog and drink. For a small fee of 50p they can choose to enter the 'Room of Doom' where they will be able to enjoy a range of 'spooky experiences'. There will also be a quieter/calm room which will contain a selection of 'spooky' crafts and activities they can enjoy.

For both of these events to be successful we do need adults to supervise the children to ensure they have a safe and happy time. If you feel you might be able to offer some time to help at either of these events, please contact Miss Sewell via the school office.

Opticians

Optician appointments are free for children and it is recommended that children have an eye test at least annually. Although serious vision problems during childhood are rare, routine eye checks are offered for FREE to identify any problems early on. We are seeing an increase of children who are struggling to read from the board or from books and recommending that all children have an appointment to see an optician for a FREE test. For more information please see [here](#). Opticians can become busy so half-term may be an ideal time for your child to have an eye-test or after school on a weekday.

Parking

Parking safely and with courtesy helps the whole community. We are aware that it can be tricky to park around the school site. It is awesome that so many children walk, cycle and scoot to school. If it is not possible to walk or scoot all the way, please consider leaving home a little earlier so you can park a small distance away from school. It has recently been reported that some of our neighbours are struggling with school related traffic at drop-off and collection time. Drives should NOT be parked over. Please ensure the highway code is adhered to. For example it is illegal to:

- to park on the yellow zig zag lines
- To park on a bend, or dropped kerb

We are also looking into joining the Junior Road Safety Scheme so we can recruit our Junior Road Safety Officers at school to support with this and sustainable travel to school.

A Royal Visit

Princess Anne will be visiting the GFM on **Tuesday 1 November** to open the Community Hub at Brune Park. We are very excited that all GFM primary learners will be transported to Brune Park to help greet her and welcome her to Gosport and our wonderful organisation. This will be a special and memorable occasion for our children.

DATES FOR OCTOBER: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Year 3 - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn	PE: Monday & Thursday
Year 4 - Miss Pollet and Miss Winzar	PE: Monday & Friday
Year 5 - Mr Corlett and Miss Daly	PE: Monday & Wednesday
Year 6 - Mrs Southern and Mrs Walton	PE: Tuesday & Thursday

Key dates for October

Wednesday 5th October	Brune Park Open Evening 16.30-18.30
Thursday 6th October	Parent Partnership Meeting 09.00-10.00
Friday 7th October	Macmillan Coffee afternoon 14.00-15.00
Thursday 13th October	Bay House Open Evening 16.30 - 18.30
Friday 14th October	Year 6 Storyteller event 18.15 - 20.45
Thursday 20th October	Halloween Disco - organised by Friends of Rowner. 17.00-18.30
Friday 21st October	Be Bright and Be Seen Day - children are invited to come to school in bright clothing
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Half term
Monday 31st October	INSET Day
Tuesday 1st November	Children return to school for a VERY exciting opportunity: whole school to visit Brune Park for Princess Anne Visit - please ensure your child is in school uniform and has a coat.

Upcoming dates for November *(Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)*

Year 3: Monday 7th November Year 4: Tuesday 8th November Year 5: Thursday 10th November Year 6: Wednesday 9th November	Parent-Pupil-Teacher meet
Monday 7th November - Friday	Bikeability for Y6
Friday 18th November	Year 3 Butser Farm trip