



Rowner Junior School

February 2022 newsletter

We love to hear about your children's success outside school. **Amelia Hylands** and **Isabelle Watson** starred in their first pantomime this month. Well done girls, great examples of so many of our Gosport Futures. Another shout out to all of those children who moved to the next belt in their Karate grading. It is great to see your positivity and hard work from the Friday sessions paying off. Finally, to **Nathan Wingfield**, who after much determination and staying positive, is now cantering on his horse independently.

If you, or your child, would like to share something that they have been successful with outside of school, please inform us so that we can share them in our newsletters.

This month in class...

Year 3	Year 3 have shown <u>teamwork</u> in their Commando Joes, STEM and Dance learning. They have loved learning about the Egyptians and looking at the diaries and discoveries of Howard Carter. During February we will be finding out about Pharaohs, Mummification and lots more. We are looking forward to raising money in our charity run too.
Year 4	Year 4 have shown their <u>creativity</u> in our recent poetry unit. They have written, edited and published their own poems inspired by 'Green Candles' and have brought the west wing objects to life! Please visit the google classroom to view our poetic creations. During February, we are excited to learn about the Ancient Greeks, the Olympic Games and to continue developing our Greek 'Zorba' dancing. Opa!
Year 5	Year 5 have enthusiastically started their explorers project. They have been <u>aiming high</u> when writing their narrative biographies about the amazing journey of Ernest Shackleton. In maths they are getting to grips with how to use written methods for multiplication and division. During February, they will shortly be making their stuffed toys for their DT project and creating landscapes in art, as well as continuing to find about Earth and Space.
Year 6	Year 6 have started their Spring term with lots of energy, enthusiasm and maturity. Our project learning, focussing on injustice in the world, has led to some very interesting and thought provoking discussions. In English, we <u>aimed high</u> as we have used the Hunger Games as stimulus for some excellent diary entries which show the emotional impact of living in a dystopian future.

Arbor App & Arbor Portal

The Arbor app and Arbor Portal gives you access to your child's dashboard and account. You are able to access the Arbor Parent Portal either directly via the website or via the Arbor Parent Portal app which you can download via the app store. Many of you already do this but for those who have yet to please see the attached letter explaining, step by step, how to access your child's information via the Arbor portal.

You said....we did!

Thank you to those who completed our recent parent/carer questionnaire. There are many positives including:

- 97.5% agreed/strongly agreed that your child does well at school
- 95% agreed/strongly agreed that your child is safe at school
- 95% agreed/strongly agreed that bullying is dealt with quickly and effectively
- 90% agreed/strongly agreed that the school makes sure its pupils are well-behaved
- 90% agreed/strongly agreed that when issues have been raised with school that they have been dealt with properly.

We are keen for you to know that you are listened to. We are keen to be even better and will be telling you monthly what **YOU** said and what **WE** did about it.

You said...	We did...				
You would like to know what your child is learning.	<p>We are going to send home a half-termly curriculum newsletter. We are also going to further enhance our curriculum pages on our website.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td>Year 4</td> <td>Year 5</td> <td>Year 6</td> </tr> </table>	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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You didn't feel the children were being greeted in the mornings.	<p>We have always had members of staff on the playground to greet children in the morning. Each year group has an adult either by the year group entrance, or on the playground to greet children and to speak to parents if there are any problems that they would like to discuss. Mrs Fuller and a <i>member of the leadership team</i> (Mrs Sharpe, Mrs Mulhall or Miss Weaver) will also be available to address any enquiries.</p>				
There is a lack of communication between school and home.	<p>We very much look forward to when we can welcome you back into school for you to work alongside your child. These past 18 months have meant that we cannot open our doors to you all as much as we would like, however we will continue to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent - teacher Learning Reviews each term to discuss how your child is doing academically and socially. You will be able to book the spring term meetings in the coming weeks and these will be online. - Report cards each term that are shared ahead of the parent - teacher Learning Reviews. These explain how your child is doing in reading, writing and maths. - We have previously hosted half termly newsletters. These will now be monthly. These will include an update for each year group on what is coming up in the month in addition to celebrating the children. - We blog on our public Facebook 3-5 times a week 				

	<p>It's only a few more sleeps until children from across the school compete in Dance Live 2022! There is still lots of polishing to do but we are very excited. Please note the arrival times at the Guildhall, kit, hair, food requirements etc, as detailed in the letter emailed on 11th January 2022, in order that the preparation time on Saturday is seamless. I am sure you will join us all in wishing the whole team all the very best of luck on <u>Saturday 5th February</u>. GO TEAM ROWNER!</p>
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February Dates			
Ongoing dates:			
Monday	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Art club 15.10 - 16.00 First aid club 15.10 - 16.00 Premier Sports football club (Y5/6) 15.10 - 16.10	Thursday	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Coding club 15.10 - 16.10 Gardening club (alternate) 15.10 - 15.45 Premier sports football club 15.10 - 16.10
Tuesday	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Lego league 15.10 - 16.10 Film club 15.10 - 16.10	Friday	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Manga club 15.10 - 16.00
Wednesday	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Dance Live! Rehearsals 15.10 - 16.15	Saturday 5th February: Dance Live! At Portsmouth Guildhall Friday 18th February: INSET day - school closed to the children Monday 28th February: Children return to school	