



Rowner Junior School

March 2022 newsletter

We are immensely proud of our children at Rowner, and in February they continued to shine in so many ways!

YEAR 3 raised an immense £1200 for the Rainbow Trust Charity. In their PDL lessons, the children looked at a number of charities and decided to support The Rainbow Trust Charity, who provide emotional and practical support to families who have a child with life-threatening or terminal illness. This month, the children will be taking part in a special celebration where they will be presenting the funds to the charity. Well done to **KYRA WOOD** and her trio, who won bronze at a recent IAC gymnastic competition. Finally, well done to all of the children in **YEAR 5 and 6** that took part in Dance Live! at the start of February. You were all amazing and should be so proud of your achievement.

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.

Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Our attendance for the year is currently **93%**. Whilst this is currently above the national average of 91%, we continue to aim for our attendance to be at least 95%.

We pride ourselves on working alongside our parents/carers in ensuring that their child(ren) attend school regularly, but understand that sometimes there may be barriers to this. The protocols that the school follow for non-attendance are there to be as supportive as possible. Our intention is to identify and address the challenges that are resulting in the poor attendance.

As part of our attendance protocols we do the following:

- Keep parents/carers updated on attendance via letters, newsletters and our websites
- Report to parents/carers on how their child is achieving in school and how their child's attendance is impacting on this
- Monitor individual learner attendance
- Review attendance on a regular basis and identify any learner falling below 90%. If your child's attendance is below 90%, we identify, monitor and review trends and patterns in attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 90% you will be notified of this in a letter. In most cases, we will monitor this, however in some cases you might be invited in for a meeting to complete an attendance plan. In an attendance plan we will look at what the barriers to school are from the school's parents and pupils perspective and draw an action plan to amend this. This will be reviewed regularly.

We hope that the supportive process above will lead to improved attendance. However if the poor attendance continues:

- The parents/carers will be asked to meet with the GFM Attendance Panel to justify the reasons for absence where anomalies exist. At this meeting the panel will
 - ❖ Outline how a supportive action plan will be implemented to increase attendance
 - ❖ Set attendance targets to be worked towards
 - ❖ Start the legal process for poor attendance (if necessary)

If you would like to speak to a member of staff about your child's attendance then please contact either Mrs Fuller or Mrs Sharpe.

Your School Needs You!

Our Parent Teacher Association has been renamed from 'Rowner United Friends and Family ' to '**Friends Of Rowner**'. Over the years, the group has worked tirelessly to help raise funds for the school through our school including discos, Christmas Shop and our raffles. In the past the raised funds have enabled the children to participate in whole school trips to the theatre (to see Mary Poppins), Longleat Safari Park, Moors Valley as well as the circus.

As staff members and parents have moved on, we find ourselves needing your help. When your child joins the school, you automatically become a member of our Parent Teacher Association. Staff members have kindly continued the work of **Friends of Rowner**. However, if we are to continue providing events, we need more parents to support us. You might like to show your support at events such as the Spring Disco or attend Parent Teacher Association committee meetings. If you are interested, please complete the attached Google Form, or speak to Mr Connor or Mrs Connor.

Friends of Rowner look forward to welcoming you.

[Google Form for 'Friends of Rowner'](#)

You said....we did!

'More regular contact with my child's teacher would be nice.'

As a school, we have always had an open door policy, however like many other areas of our life, over the past two years we had to make changes to keep our community safe - parents having face to face contact with teachers reduced. Whilst we much prefer to see you in person, you have always been able to make contact with your child's teacher via email (enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org) or phoning the school office to arrange a phone call. If a formal meeting was required, then socially distanced meetings were arranged.

In addition to the above, as we find ourselves moving out of Covid restrictions, we are:

- Able to have class teachers available on the playground at the end of the school day;
- Working alongside outside agencies such as MHST on bespoke sessions e.g. MHST Parent workshop (anxiety, sleep),
- Planning on having parent workshops where you can find out what your child is doing in class as well as how you can support them at home;
- Planning to have a family event in the summer for the Queen's Jubilee. Details to follow;

World Book Day

At Rowner Junior we aim to foster and promote a love of reading, fluency and a secure ability to comprehend information. Reading is at the centre of everything we do, including the wider curriculum where reading is used as a gateway into other learning opportunities. Not being literate is a barrier to all learning, and one we endeavour to remove for all our children to ensure equity and future learning success.

On World Book Day we are joining the organisers with sharing the message '**You are a reader!**' We have a range of activities planned for the day:

- Children are invited to wear their pyjamas/onesies to school as well as to bring their favourite book
- Children will be given a book voucher that they can exchange for a book at many book stores

End of school routines

As per the communication at the end of last term, we will be returning to the whole school **finishing school at 15.05**. As the country moves out of Covid restrictions, we have reviewed our own risk assessments. The changes below will commence from after half term - 28 February and we thank you for your support with this.

Please note:

- One way systems will still remain in place. This is to help continue the ease of leaving the school site.
- For safeguarding reasons, the gates between Steady Steps and Rowner Junior School as well as the gate that opens onto the alleyway **will remain closed**.

Start of the school day:

- The pedestrian gate on Tichborne Way will continue to open at 08.40.
- Children will be able to enter the school site between 08.40 - 09.00.
- All children should be in school and settled in class by 09.00.
- Gates will close at 09.00.
- Adults from each year group will continue to have a presence on the playground by the doors, and be available, should you wish to speak to them.

End of the school day:

- The whole school will finish the school day at 15.05. **There will no longer be a staggered end to the school day.**
- Children are to be collected from their classroom or walk home as per your current schedule
- Teachers will be available to speak to on the playground and/or by year group entrances.

March 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 (Y3/4) 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 (alternate weeks Y5/6) 15.10 - 16.00
Wednesday	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Dance Live! Rehearsals 15.10 - 16.15		

Key dates for the Spring term

Date	Event
28th February	Return to school
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas or onesies into school on this day.
Friday 4th March	Spring Term reports emailed to parents. These will be discussed with you in more detail at your child's Parent-Teacher meetings.
Monday 7th March	Year 6 Parent-Teacher meetings (online)

Thursday 10th March	Year 3 Parent-Teacher meetings (online)
Monday 14th March	Year 5 Parent - Teacher meetings (online)
Thursday 17th March	Year 4 Parent-Teacher meetings (online)
Friday 18th March	<p>Red Nose Day / Gosportarians 'Wear a Hat for Brain Tumour Cancer' Day.</p> <p>Your child is invited to wear as much red as possible and/or wear a hat to school on this day. The purpose of the day is to raise funds for Comic Relief and for the Gosportarians who are raising funds for 'Wear a hat for Brain Tumour Cancer day'</p> <p>You can do this by sending your child into school with a suggested donation of £1. The monies raised will be split between both charities.</p> <p>If your child would also like to purchase a Comic Relief Red Nose - these will be on sale for £1.50 everyday - until we have sold out - after half-term. Please do not buy noses from school for family members out of the school, as we will not have enough.</p>
Wc 21st March	<p>During 'Sustrans Walk and Wheelie' week to school.</p> <p>Children are encouraged to either walk, cycle or scoot to school this week.</p>
Wed 23rd March - Tuesday 29th March	<p>The Book Fair joins us again at RJS.</p> <p>Your child will have the opportunity to purchase books from the Book Fair.</p> <p>As before, the fair will be out on the playground for parents to also join us.</p>
Friday 25th March	Non school uniform day in exchange for a chocolate contribution (Chocolate egg, chocolate bar)
Friday 25th March - Tuesday 5th April	<p>Raffle Tickets to go live for pupils to purchase at 50p. As we did at Christmas, the raffle will be done electronically and children will not receive physical tickets.</p> <p>The last date for children to buy raffle tickets will be Tuesday 5th April</p>
Thursday 7th april	<p>Chocolate Raffle</p> <p>This will take place online in school.</p>
Date to be confirmed	<p>Spring Disco</p> <p>We are hoping to have our first school disco since COVID to help raise funds for the school through our Parent/Teacher group - 'Friends of Rowner'. Our thinking at the moment is that there will be two disco's, a Year 3 and 4 disco and a Year 5 and 6 disco. Details and times to be confirmed nearer to the time.</p>
Friday 8th April	<p>INSET day</p> <p>End of Spring Term.</p>