



Rowner Junior School

May 2022 newsletter

Well done **Ollie Doel** on his fantastic results in his dance exam and in achieving an Honours in his disco freestyle. **Fred Staddon** who has been supporting his dad at the community pantry as well as spreading smiles to our elderly residents by taking some beautiful flowers to the residents and staff at Glen Heathers Nursing Home. **Albert McCormick** has moved up in his karting to the intermediate group, the next Lewis Hamilton in the making.

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.

THANK YOU

This week we held our first Ground Force day for nearly three years and what a day it was. The generosity, support and kindness of our community in giving their time and hard efforts made the day a huge success. A huge thank you to each and every one of you - we really could not have done this without you all. Some special mentions go to James Driveways and landscapes who updated our Jubilee Garden superbly. Mr Christie and Mr Hole in creating our bee garden, Mrs Riches for helping us throughout the whole day, and to the Family Lampard and Mr White for your work in the Hive garden and our vegetable patch. We are looking forward to our next whole school event.

SATS

SATs have been scheduled for Year 6 by the government this year. The school is committed to ensuring pupils make progress throughout their learning journey at Rowner and can account for this accordingly. We will share attainment information with parents/carers in our annual reports (July) and liaise closely with secondary schools to inform them about Year 6 respectively.

Year 6 children are invited to arrive at school each day from 8.10pm for a SATs breakfast. Children are to arrive at their classroom where they will be provided with some breakfast options e.g. pain-au-chocolat, fruit, croissants, crumpets etc. If your child does not want to have breakfast with us, they are still able to join us at this time.

Date	Test
Monday 9 May 2022	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English Reading
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 12 May 2022	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

How you can help your child in the build up to and during SATs week:

- Plan a relaxing weekend before the SATS
- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep that week
- Provide your child opportunities to talk about how they are feeling
- Find small things that can help them relax during the week

- Make sure in school with plenty of time - rushing can add to feeling unsettled
- Reassure them that all everyone wants them to do is for them to try their best.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Preparations are underway and we are set to celebrate with Rowner Infant School on **Friday 27 May from 12.30- 14.00**.

We will be sending out a joint letter with the infant school, however a brief overview of what we are planning include:

- Children are invited to wear red, white and blue clothing (there will be no PE on this day).
- Children are able to wear a tiara or crown - bought or homemade.
- GFM Catering will provide a picnic menu for Rowner Junior School children that day, so children can have a picnic lunch / garden party outside if the weather is fine.

We would love as many families as possible to celebrate this lovely community event. Both schools will be closing at 14.00 on that day. If you are unable to collect your child at 2.00 pm, you will be able to collect your child at the normal end of school time.

POLLING DAY (a reminder)

Polling, locally, will be taking place on Thursday 5th May. Previously, the school has been used as a polling station meaning that the school has had to close. However, after consultation with Gosport Borough Council The Drey will be used as the Polling Station on this particular day, meaning that the **school will remain open**.

Gosport Borough council and the school are implementing the following measures:

- Fencing will be erected to ensure that the school is not accessible to the general public.
- The one way system will not be in place this day as the fencing will cover this route. On this day only, parents/carers and pupils will only be able to access the school site via the pedestrian entrance on Tichborne Way.
- The children will only be able to play on the Music Room playground and field.

If you have any queries please do come and ask us.

Your school needs you!

Parent partnership and Friends of Rowner

Parent Partnership

Our **Parent Partnership** is a body which:

- gives parents/carers a voice and enables them to contribute to school decision making
- enables parents/carers to meet, share ideas and feed back to the school
- helps develop a partnership between parents/carers and school
- talks to parents/carers and informs the GFM governance of parents'/carers views, when appropriate and if time permitting

When does the Parent Partnership meet?

The Rowner Junior Parent Partnership was established in March 2022 and typically meets with a member of the Senior Leadership Team on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, once a half term. Each meeting has a clear agenda. If you have items you would like to be discussed at one of the meetings, please share this with the office team or speak to one of the Parent Partnership representatives.

The time given by the Parent Partnership is greatly appreciated by the school and views and opinions do help to inform decision making.

Our current members have said that they welcome the opportunity to see what is going on in school and to be able to contribute to the decision making process.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 24th May (08.45-09.45)**. If you would like to join this group, please speak to Mrs Sharpe.

Friends of Rowner

As well as our Parent Partnership group we also have the **Friends of Rowner** our Parent Teacher Association. 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'](#)

WANTED

Friends of Rowner are looking for any school uniform (jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts) that we could sell on, in a pre-loved sale at the end of this academic year. If you are able to help, please pass onto Mr or Mrs Connor.

You said....we did

‘Children are not always supported when moving onto secondary school.’

TRANSITION is a major event not only for a young person but also for the family members that support their child. It is therefore our aim to ensure that the transition journey is enjoyable, informative and exciting. A move to a new school and organisation is a significant time for any family. For some, transition will be an exciting time. For others, this will be a time of nervousness.

Our Year 6, as always, are well supported in the next stage of their journey - whether they are staying as part of the GFM in our ‘school family’ or attending other local secondary schools. Transition conversations have already started with our secondary colleagues and will continue to happen over the coming months. Already, we have had staff members from secondary schools coming to RJS to complete observations and to meet some children.

Across our GFM schools, colleagues from Brune Park and Bay House are in school regularly to see what we do in the Primary Phase, this is from both an academic and personal and social perspective, so that they have a clear understanding of the whole child.

Our Year 2s will receive a warm welcome and opportunities to learn more about us, our approach and have opportunities to preview KS2 learning. For those transitioning to a new year group, there will be opportunities to meet the new teacher and learn a little about what life will be like in the new year groups. Your child’s new teacher will be shared with you in their end of year report.

Online safety

As a school we take the safety of our pupils very seriously including their safety while they access the internet. E-Safety is taught in each year group at an appropriate level and this approach to e-safety spreads to the home online environment too.

We recognise that the internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children’s use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online.

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities, however communication between yourselves and your child is key in keeping your child safe online. Some simple actions can help to keep your child safe. For example:

- monitor the time they are spending online
- regularly check what they are viewing

- Have the computer/use devices in a communal area where it is easier to monitor what your children are viewing. Do not let children have webcams, or similar, in their bedroom. Remember any image, sound or text can be copied and viewed by everyone.
- Regularly discuss online safety and go online with your child. Communication is key to 'staying safe online' Encourage your children to tell you if they feel uncomfortable, upset or threatened by anything they see online.
- Keep virus and firewall software up to date. Enable your 'browser safe' search option and/ or consider using internet filtering software, walled gardens and child-friendly search engines. Critically view all content as some websites are not what they appear.

We have also committed to monthly parent newsletters to support you in navigating online safety.

Helpful websites:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>

For a parental guide to apps, including gaming apps and social media apps look at the following link as well as other general information on keeping safe online:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>

THANK A TEACHER

NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER or SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER is Thursday 26 May. Team Rowner are grateful for each other, their GFM colleagues and for colleagues that teach and support their own children in and around Gosport. The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. The campaign exists to celebrate the professionalism, passion and commitment of schools all around the country. So, if you would like to send a free card (anonymously or signed) to any member of staff working in any educational establishment you can do so by visiting [here](#).

BAE ROADSHOW

BAE ROADSHOW returns and Y3, Y4 and half of Y5 (the others will be swimming) Y6 will be walking to Brune Park on Monday 16th May. MGA are proudly working in collaboration with BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force, and The Royal Navy to deliver an engaging theatre roadshow celebrating STEM during the Summer Term 2022. Aligned to the National Curriculum, the 50-minute performance intends to inspire and engage our learners. The 2022 theme is Magnetism, and the presentation will explain the integration of magnets, magnetism and electromagnetism in our everyday life.

SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION REMINDERS

To reflect the additional days holiday outlined by the government, for the Queen's Jubilee (2 June 2022 – half term), rather than having a reduced week after the May half-term, the Summer Term will end a day early.

Last day of term for children: Wednesday 20th July 2022 - 2pm finish (no After School club at the end of the day)

Remaining GFM INSET dates, for the academic year 2021/2022: Thursday 21 July 2022

GFM INSET dates, for the academic year 2022/2023:

Thursday 1 September 2022

Monday 31 October 2022

Friday 10 February 2023

Friday 17 April 2023

Friday 21 July 2023

Nb Y3 and Y7 GFM learners will return to school Friday 2 September as part of their transition. Whole school to return to GFM sites on Monday 5 September.

Staffing

At the GFM, we strive to motivate each other to be greater and aspire further, this includes pupils, our community and our staff. Over the years Mr Stubbings has supported pupils in class, as well as pupils who have required more specialist support. We are therefore exceedingly proud of Mr Stubbings in securing a new role within the GFM where he will be supporting pupils from across our school sites at our Spring Garden Lane provision. He will not only support them with

their academic learning, but also provide music therapy.

For personal reasons, Miss Devin has also made the difficult situation to step back from her class teacher role. Whilst she navigates family matters we are delighted that we have retained Miss Devin, in the GFM, as a member of support staff at Gomer Junior.

We wish them both all the very best in their new endeavours and are thrilled to have retained them in our GFM family.

May Dates

PE timetable for the summer term

Year 3	<p>PE: Monday and Wednesday Year 3 will not take part in swimming lessons this academic year</p>
Year 4	<p>PE: Monday and Friday</p> <p>Swimming: Monday 27th June, Tuesday 28th June, Wednesday 29th June Monday 4th July, Tuesday 5th July, Wednesday 6th July Monday 11th July, Tuesday 12th July, Wednesday 13th July</p> <p>When your child is taking part in swimming they will only have PE on a Monday</p>
Year 5	<p>PE: Tuesday and Thursday</p> <p>Swimming: Tuesday 26th April, Wednesday 27th April Tuesday 3rd May, Wednesday 4th May Monday 16th May, Tuesday 17th May, Wednesday 18th May Monday 23rd May, Tuesday 24th May, Wednesday 25th May</p> <p>When your child is taking part in swimming they will only have PE on a Thursday</p>
Year 6	<p>PE: Tuesday and Thursday (up to Friday 17th June) After 17th June PE will be on a Monday and a Thursday</p> <p>Swimming: Monday 6th June, Tuesday 7th June, Wednesday 8th June Monday 13th June, Tuesday 14th June, Wednesday 15th June Monday 20th June Tuesday 21st June, Wednesday 22nd June</p> <p>When your child is taking part in swimming they will only have PE on a Thursday</p>

Key dates for May:

Date	Event
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday. School is closed.
Wednesday 4th May	Dance Live! Final
Thursday 5th May	Polling Day. School is open.
9th May - 12th May	SATs week for year 6 pupils. Please see timetable above

16th May - 20th May	Walk to School week
Friday 27th May	Jubilee Event with Rowner Infant School Early finish 14.00pm
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	HALF TERM
Upcoming dates for June	
From 6th June through to 24th June	Year 4 multiplication checks
Monday 6th June - Wednesday 22nd June	Year 6 swimming. Please see individual dates above.
Monday 27th June - Wednesday 13th July	Year 4 swimming. Please see individual dates above.