



## Rowner Junior School

Newsletter 4 - December 2022

Well done **Fraser and Noah C** on your awards in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Brighton Open this month. Not only did you win silver and bronze, you were also fighting in the belt category above your own. What an achievement. There was also a karate grading this month that saw **Harley T, Stephen H and Cody O** all pass their gradings to move up to the next belt. **Kyra W** attended the Aerobic gymnastics competition in Wales where her team placed 5th.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to **Henry H** in year 6, who won The GFM award for The Arts Achievement Award.

The school, along with our sister junior school, Gomer Junior, have made it to the final of the Education Today Awards for the 'Best Use of Technology'. We are delighted to have had our approach to technology recognised in this national forum and will let you know if we win. The GFM are also finalists for most Outstanding MAT and Community Engagement.

<b>DATES FOR December:</b> The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change	
<b>YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Year 3</b> - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn	<b>PE:</b> Monday & Thursday
<b>Year 4</b> - Miss Pollet and Miss Winzar	<b>PE:</b> Monday & Friday
<b>Year 5</b> - Mr Corlett and Miss Daly	<b>PE:</b> Monday & Wednesday
<b>Year 6</b> - Mrs Southern and Mrs Walton	<b>PE:</b> Tuesday & Thursday
<b>Key dates for November</b>	
<b>Friday 2nd December</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y5 Portsmouth Historic Dockyard (children to be in school uniform).</li> <li>Y3, 4 &amp; 6 non-uniform day (in exchange for gifts for the raffle).</li> <li>Asda cooking and well-being session in year 3.</li> <li>Last day to order Christmas Lunch</li> </ol>
<b>Monday 5th December</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JC Sustrans Bike Doctor in school.</li> <li>Book Fair arrives in school. Not open on this day.</li> <li>Y4 to St Mary's - Christingle</li> </ol>
<b>Friday 9th December</b>	'Biscuit and read' A google form was sent out with information and for you to sign up to the event.

<b>Tuesday 6th December - Monday 12th December</b>	<b>Book Fair</b> Children will have an opportunity to purchase books throughout the week. Parents are invited to a 'Biscuit and read' after school on Friday 9th December to purchase books.
<b>Monday 5th December - Thursday 15th December.</b>	<b>Christmas Post Box</b> The Christmas PostBox will be on the playground at the start of each day. Cards will then be distributed to classes on Wednesday 7th December, Monday 12th December and Thursday 15th December. Please remind your children to address the cards with their friends name and class. (Yr 3 Poplar, Chestnut; Year 4 Rowan, Willow; Yr 5 Maple, Hazel; Year 6 Redwood, Sycamore)
<b>Friday 9th December</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flu vaccinations</li> <li>2. Christmas Jumper Day - Book Flood day. Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper on this day in return for a contribution for the book flood. Donated book (new or nearly new) and wrapping paper to school. We will use these books to provide each child with a wrapped book to take home on the last day of term for them to snuggle up with during the Christmas break.</li> </ol>
<b>Monday 12th December</b>	<b>Christmas Service Family Event:</b> 16:00-18:30. Service children and their families are invited to the GFM Community Hub to take part in a range of Christmas activities, listen to the Royal Marine cadet band, have their photo taken with Father Christmas, enjoy food and drink.... the list goes on!
<b>Monday 12th December - Friday 16th December: Christmas Week</b> <b>Please see the timetable below for the week for each year group.</b> Raffle tickets to be on sale during 'Christmas week', ready for the draw on Thursday.	
<b>Tuesday 13th December</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Christmas Lunch</b></li> <li>2. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers/tops or festive colour tops with their school skirt/trousers. Or their regular school uniform.</li> </ol>
<b>Wednesday 14th December</b>	<b>Christmas Disco</b> Doors will open at 17.00 for this year's RJS festive Christmas Disco. Pick-up time will be at 18.30. Entrance fee will be £1. There will be hotdog and a drink (£1) and sweets available to purchase. We look forward to seeing the children in all their Christmas splendour!
<b>Friday 16th December</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers on this day.</li> <li>2. <b>Christmas Raffle draw</b></li> <li>3. <b>Christmas Sing-a-long</b> are invited to join our school community for a Festive sing-a-long on the last day of term. This will be from 13.15.</li> <li>4. <b>End of term. School finishes at 14.00.</b></li> </ol>
<b>Upcoming dates for January (Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3rd January</b>	Spring Term starts - Pupils return to school
<b>Thursday 26th January</b>	Simon James - author visit

### OFSTED

Last week we received the final report from our Ofsted inspection. We were thrilled that we are an Ofsted graded **GOOD** school with **OUTSTANDING** features. We sent home a hard copy of the report last week. When it is available on-line you will see it [here](#).

**Quality of Education** balloon reveal

**Behaviour and Attitudes** balloon reveal

**Leadership & Management** balloon reveal

**Personal Development** balloon reveal

**Overall Effectiveness** balloon reveal

**Overall effectiveness**

The quality of education **Good**

Behaviour and attitudes **Good**

Personal development **Outstanding**

Leadership and management **Good**

**Ofsted**

### Princess Anne Visit

On the 1st November HRH The Princess Royal visited the Gosport and Fareham Multi-Academy Trust for the official Royal opening of the Gosport Community Hub. In addition to the whole of Rowner Junior School attending, all learners from Gomer Junior and representatives from Bay House and Brune Park and Gosport learners from the TS Hornet Sea Cadets lined the playground to welcome Princess Anne. Located at Brune Park Community School, the Hub supports families and children, particularly those from service families.

The Primary Phase were so excited ahead of Princess Anne's visit and took pride in making bunting, and preparing art-work and gifts for her. On the day of the visit, the children's presence created a wonderful atmosphere and the children greeted HRH with smiles and enthusiasm. Many happy memories were made that day and the children who talked to her represented the GFM superbly. Some of our children presented her with gifts (artwork and 3D printed bouquet) which the Princess really liked.



### Christmas Week at RJS

Please find below the timetable of Christmas week for all of the year groups. Please note the timings for the last day of term on the calendar dates above.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Monday 12th</b>	Christmas Shop	Christmas party		
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	Christmas lunch	1. Christmas lunch 2. Christmas shop	Christmas lunch	1. Christmas lunch 2. Christmas party
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	Online panto	Online panto	1. Christmas shop 2. Online panto	Online panto
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	1. Christmas party 2. Visit from Santa	1. Christmas movie 2. Visit from Santa	1. Christmas movie 2. Visit from Santa	1. Christmas shop 2. Visit from Santa

<b>Friday 16th</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christmas raffle</li> <li>2. Christmas movie</li> <li>3. Festive sing-along</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christmas raffle</li> <li>2. Festive sing-along</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christmas raffle</li> <li>2. Christmas party</li> <li>3. Festive sing-along</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christmas raffle</li> <li>2. Christmas movie</li> <li>3. Festive sing-along</li> </ol>
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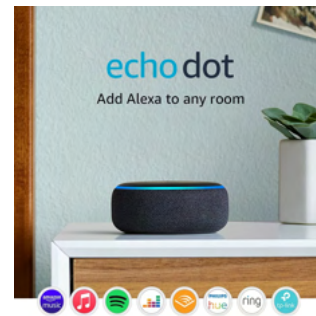
**Christmas Raffle!**

**This year's top prizes include:**

**Fire HD 8 Tablet, 8" HD display**



**Echo Dot (3rd Gen)**



Children can bring their money in for the tickets from Monday 12th December in a clearly named envelope with their name, class, amount of tickets required and amount of money included. Tickets are 20p each. We will once again be doing an electronic raffle, so physical tickets **will not** be handed out to children. Their names will be added onto the electronic raffle related to the number of tickets they require e.g. 5 tickets purchased and their names will be put into the raffle 5 times.

**Online ordering of lunches**

**Coming January 23** We will be piloting a new online meal ordering system on Scopay. The online option will be open to all and you will be able to select your child's chosen meal choice, in advance, online. This will not only help to reduce food waste but also help our catering team better plan when ordering. Children's meal choices will be displayed daily in the classroom as a reminder of their choice for that day. Please be assured that your child will still be able to choose their meal choice on the day in the classroom, should you or your child not wish to order online or you simply forget. Menus will still be emailed and displayed on the website as usual and you simply select the colour meal choice. For pupils who bring in packed lunch you can select the 'packed lunch' option.

**Attendance**

You would have read in the Ofsted report, that ***'Some pupils do not attend school regularly enough. This affects their learning and well-being. Leaders need to ensure that strategies to improve attendance remain a high priority and that they keep a careful check on their effectiveness.'***

Attendance has always been a key focus of ours at Rowner.

- SLT look at attendance on a weekly basis, identifying pupils that are at risk, or run the risk of becoming a persistent absentee (90% or less). This is then followed up by:
  1. Letters to parents informing them that their child's attendance is below 90%. This is done half termly.
  2. Meetings with parents whose child's attendance shows no improvement or remains below 90% over an extended period. At this meeting, we look at the barriers to schooling from the perspective of the child, school and parent. An action plan is then put into place to address the barriers.
  3. If attendance does not improve, then the school will make a referral to the Legal Intervention Team, who will work with family and school to improve attendance.

To this end, we have been receiving a lot of absence requests recently. Please note, schools cannot authorise term time holidays unless exceptional circumstances dictate. We define exceptional as - rare, significant, unavoidable and short. For service personnel (all services) please provide a letter from your Line Manager/Divisional Officer/Commanding Officer to support any holiday absence request, confirming that no alternative dates for holiday were available to you.

**Field Gun**

Our Field Gun would love it if you could come and support them on Saturday 10th December at 11am in the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. They will be racing against other schools with the awesome backdrop of HMS Victory. It is free to enter the dockyard and it would be wonderful to have your support. We wish the team the best of luck for the event. The schedule:

Ser (a)	Time (b)	Event (c)	Location (d)
1	08:30	Staff Muster	Victory Gate
2	09:00	Schools Muster	Victory Gate
3	09:30	Days Brief	TBC
4	10:00	Practice Period	Track
5	10:40	Break	TBC
6	11:00	Competition	Track
7	12:30	Awards	TBC
8	13:00	De-Brief	TBC
9	13:30	Dismissal	Victory Gate

### Staffing

In the November newsletter we shared the news that Mrs Keally-Williams is going to be taking on the role of Deputy Head of Year for wellbeing at Brune Park. The support and targeted interventions that The Hive provide will still be on offer and we are pleased to share the news that Mrs Freeland will be running The Hive sessions in the afternoon. She has been working closely with Mrs Kealy-Williams to ensure a smooth transition. We would also like to welcome Mrs Lampard and Miss Butler, who are joining our classroom based support staff.

### Friends of Rowner and Parent Partnership - WE NEED YOU!

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 Partnership committee meetings.

#### 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.

**Friends of Rowner** look forward to welcoming you.

**PARENT PARTNERSHIP** The Rowner Junior Parent Partnership was established last academic year. The Partnership will meet once a half-term which will be led by one of our Assistant Head Teachers, Ms Sewell. Each meeting has a clear agenda. If you have items you would like to be discussed at one of the meetings (even if you can not attend as one of our representatives), please share this with the office team or speak to one of the Parent Partnership representatives.

If you are interested in supporting either of these (or both), please email Ms Sewell via [enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org](mailto:enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org)

### Well Wishes

Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday. Wishing you a healthy and prosperous New Year also. It has been a busy term and we are delighted with all that the children have achieved. As a community we share and achieve so much - Team Rowner are really grateful for this.

## YOU SAID/WE DID

### **You said that you would like to visit the school and to see your child's learning environments.**

This term, parents are invited to the 'Biscuit and read' where you can spend some time reading alongside your child. We also have the Festive Sing-Along on the last day of term. We are also planning some sharing events in the spring term where parents will be invited into school to learn more about what their child is learning. Watch this space!