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This week at

Ravenstone



09.10.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

Please also check the school calendar on our [website](http://www.ravenstoneschool.co.uk)

10.10.26 Reception and Nursery open morning from 10.00

12.10.26 Year 2 Library visit

13.10.26 Nursery family coffee morning

14.10.26 Year 1 Educational walk around Balham

15.10.26 Reception Educational visit to Wandsworth Common

16.10.26 Governor coffee morning

16.10 Show Racism the Red Card - (wear an item of red clothing)

16.10 FoR Magic Show

ATTENDANCE

Ensuring that your child is in school, on time (from 8:30 and by 8:45), every day is the most important commitment we ask of all families. As a school, we are aiming for at least 95% attendance and as of this week our total for this current year is 95.88%.

If you want to request a leave of absence please speak to a member of staff on the gate.

This week's year group attendance:

Yr R	97.16%
Yr 1	96.15%
Yr 2	97.66%
Yr 3	96.06%
Yr 4	97.01%
Yr 5	91.49%
Yr 6	96.01%

100%	Outstanding
99.9 - 95%	Good attendance
94.9 - 90%	Cause for concern
89.9 - 85%	Persistent absence
84.9 - 80%	Persistent absence
<79.9%	Persistent absence

Dear families,

Today we celebrate World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow as part of the international campaign to raise awareness of young people's mental health. This is particularly important to us here at Ravenstone, as we strive to ensure that all children have the strategies and resources they need to look after their own mental health and support the mental health of others.

We began celebrating Black History Month this week with an amazing assembly led by our Family Liaison Officer, Val. Thank you to Val and Miss Ahmad for your work on this over the coming month.

Next Friday, we will be participating in the national campaign against racism. We ask children to wear something red alongside their school uniform. We will spend time thinking about how we can all stand up against racism and support those around us.

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to the food bank as part of this year's Harvest celebration. Mrs Bull and the Rights Respecting Ambassadors took the donations to the food bank this week. Thank you for your generosity.

We are always keen to build strong community links with those who work in and around our school. This week, we welcomed a visit from our local police officer and Police Community Support Officer, who enjoyed a tour of the school.

We also look forward to welcoming our local MP, Dr Rosena Allin-Khan, to school before the end of term. We would like to share with her what makes Ravenstone such a great place, as well as discuss some of the local challenges we face as a school. We are also hoping that she will be able to speak to the children about her role and what it is like to be an MP.

Next week, we will welcome a new pupil to the school. Abeesha will be joining us in Year 4. A very warm welcome to Abeesha and her family!

Thank you to the members of our parent community who spent time at school last Saturday clearing out the playground shed and reorganising the resources. We really appreciate your time and support.

Due to changes in allergy legislation this year, known as Benedict's Law, we are unable to accept cakes or sweets brought into school to celebrate a child's birthday. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mike Riches
Headteacher



"WHEN WE ARE POLITE
PEOPLE LIKE TO BE
AROUND US"

UN Convention Focus Articles for October

[click here for more](#)



HANDWRITING UPDATE

Our writing lead, Mrs Mitchell, would like to share the following update about an important part of our school development plan for the year ahead:

We are continuing to develop children's handwriting skills across the school through regular, focused practice. Frequent handwriting sessions help to reduce children's cognitive load during writing lessons, enabling them to concentrate more fully on the content and ideas they want to communicate, rather than on the mechanics of handwriting.

From Reception to Year 2, we have introduced the Little Wandle handwriting scheme, which provides a consistent approach to developing children's handwriting skills. In Years 3-6, children continue to use Oak lessons to consolidate their understanding and application of different types of joins.

Across all year groups, children are given opportunities to complete hand warm-up exercises before handwriting sessions. In addition to this, children are taught to focus on the four Ps: **Posture, Pencil grip, Paper angle and Pressure**. These key foundations support children in developing greater confidence, fluency and accuracy in their handwriting.

Wandsworth Family Hub Guides Autumn 2026

Dear families,

We are pleased to share the Wandsworth Family Hub Autumn 2026 Guides, which include a range of advice, support, services and activities for families, children and young people aged 0-19, or up to 25 for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Please click on the relevant link below to view what's available in your local community.

[Battersea](#)

[Roehampton](#)

[Tooting](#)

COFFEE MORNINGS

This week, we are looking forward to welcoming families to our **Nursery and Governors' Coffee Mornings!**

Our **Nursery Coffee Morning** is a lovely opportunity for families with children in our Nursery classes to meet our Nursery teacher, ask any questions and get to know other families.

Are you interested in taking on a voluntary governance role within our school? If you're interested in finding out more about what governance means and how this role can help our school to thrive, please come along to a coffee morning on **Friday 16th October, 9am** in the school hall. For more information about governance please click [this link](#).

Both coffee mornings will take place in the school hall, where you will receive a warm welcome. We encourage you to come along, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, say hello to our staff and governors, and connect with other families in our school community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Nursery – Tuesday 13 October, 8.45am

Governor's drop in - Friday 16th October 8:45

RAVENSTONE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Written by Maisie, Year 6:

Yesterday, Ravenstone football team took part in a local Wandsworth football tournament which takes place on Thursday in October and then restarts in February. The team involved a few boys and two girls. The tournament was held at Hillbrook Primary School. We sadly lost our first match but then won our second! Also a big thanks to Ize and some parents. Go Ravenstone!

Members of the team were: Maisie, Ana, Harry, Comi, Oscar, Mimi and Jacob.

ASSEMBLIES

This week, we celebrated Hello Yellow, the annual UK wide campaign run by YoungMinds to raise awareness for children and young people's mental health. Children came to school wearing yellow to open up the conversation about mental health. Thank you to our School Council members who shared some important messages during our assembly.

During our Showing Assembly we heard all about 4M, 6B and 2L's maths learning this week. They impressed us with their subject knowledge in maths and all three year groups were able to explain the power of pattern spotting in maths. It's important we all know our number facts because there are many, many more learnt facts that can come from just one equation.

CLASS NEWS

5A

This week in Writing, Year 5 stepped into the shoes of Mary Jackson and the City Manager of Hampton. Working in pairs and small groups, the children role-played the important meeting where Mary requested permission to attend the school she needed to further her career.

We explored both sides of the argument and considered the challenges Mary faced, before using formal and persuasive language to express our ideas clearly and convincingly. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their speaking, listening and reasoning skills while learning about an inspiring moment in Mary Jackson's story.



2G

This week in Year 2, we have been using manipulatives to add 3 addends together! First we started by using numbers within 10, and then we looked at bridging 10. All the children were really excited to use counting bears, dinosaurs and trucks to help them with their maths.

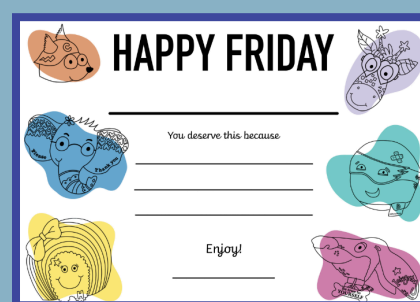
We have also been looking at different weather in Geography and taken that learning into our PE lessons, where we've been dancing to enact different weathers. Our fantastic dance teacher Rhianna got us to perform these different weathers, and everyone had to guess what weather each group had been given. See if you can guess the weather this group is performing!



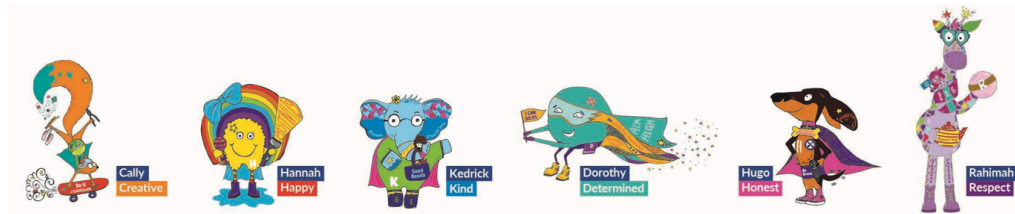
STARS OF THE WEEK!



Year 1 Harriet
Year 2 Leo S and Natalia
Year 3 Ayda
Year 4 Mihrimah
Year 5 Lise
Year 6 Jakeira and Harry
HC Sky
HR Joshua



Reception Franek
Year 1 Afnan
Year 2 Rani and Maria
Year 3 Harrison
Year 4 Kaia
Year 5 Tiego
Year 6 Aidan and Samuel



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