



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 3 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely half term. If you have been into the office this week you will have seen a new member of the admin team. We are delighted to welcome Jay Auger to the school.

Inset Day Friday 24th November

You will have seen in our term dates for this year that we have an Inset day on Friday 24th November when the school will be closed to children.

Au Revoir

It is with a very sad heart that I am letting you know that the wonderful Mr James Smith will be leaving RAB at February half term. James has been an invaluable member of staff at RAB for the past 10 years and has transformed the way sport and PE are taught and loved by all at the school. He has been offered a post as Head of Junior Sport at St Mary's College in Cambridge.

Club Finish Times

With the darker nights now drawing in, we will be **finishing all outdoor clubs and training at 4.15pm from next week.** Indoor clubs will still finish at 4.30pm.

Y5 Residential



Our Y5s have had a wonderful few days up at Aylmerton this week, not letting the wet weather dampen their spirits. They've fitted in so many activities from assault courses, spider's web challenges and night walks to the Felbrigg estate, to coastal visits to see the impact of coastal erosion which they have been learning about in school and a chance to steer boats on the Norfolk Broads. The children have been brilliantly behaved, we're very proud of them. I am sure you will all join me in thanking all the staff involved in making the trip so much fun, from those organising logistics in the office to the staff who have accompanied on the trip. We hope you enjoy hearing all about their adventures.



Pop Up Village

Reception enjoyed a visit from Pop Up Play Village this week. The children were able to be builders at the building site, go shopping in the supermarket, make delicious smoothies at the café, look after the babies in the nursery and keep people safe at the emergency services HQ. There was even spooky Halloween area to enjoy. It was wonderful to see the children taking on different roles, developing their language skills and really immersing themselves in the role play opportunities.



Diary Dates Next Week



6-10 Nov	Week 2 Autumn Menu
6 Nov	RNB Library Visit pm
7 Nov	RCR Library Visit pm
8 Nov	Y1 Town Walk am
8 Nov	RJD Library Visit pm
10 Nov	Y5&6 Swimming @ LBLC
10 Nov	RAB's Got Talent Final (Jnrs) 3.30-5.45



Individual & Sibling Photo Days

As you will have seen in the newsletter dates section Pret a Portrait will be coming in on 13th and 14th November to take individual and sibling photos. Due to the complications of timetabling, taking into account school events and siblings we ask that children come in looking smart in their school uniform on both days ready for photographs. If your child has PE on Monday or Tuesday, they should bring their PE kits into school and they will change in school. If your child has a before school sports club they can come in their PE kit but please ensure they pack their full school uniform & shoes on both days. Your child will be sent home with a unique sitting ID card enabling you to pre-register for an email alert as soon as your pictures are available. Viewing cards will be shared once we receive them from Pret a Portrait.

Tesco Tokens

We are delighted to have received £1000 in the recent Tesco Tokens collection. Thank you all for supporting the initiative over the summer months. This money will be going to enhance our Design Technology and cooking provision.

Vacancies

We are currently looking for people to join our fabulous support staff in the roles of Teaching Assistants. You can find further details [here](#). Please do share this information with anyone you think may be interested.

Global Citizens!



Thank you for supporting the fidget toy stall at the end of last half term. With your help, Isla and Ella from Year 4 managed to raise a brilliant £219 for Save the Children. This will make a big difference to children and help them to gain access to their rights for survival, health and development. Well done to Bea in Year 1, who won the 'guess the name of the puppy' competition!



Anti Bully Week

Anti bullying week is 13th-17th November and the theme this year is 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. As part of the week, the children will be revisiting their understanding of all types of bullying and taking part in some fun activities. On Thursday 16th November, Bigfoot Arts are coming in to stage 'The Big Experience' for children in Years 1-6 (thank you to the PTA for funding this event). This thought provoking experience is designed to help the children understand how we maintain positive, respectful relationships. **On Friday 17th November, we are asking children to wear odd socks and a brightly coloured accessory to raise awareness about bullying.** In the afternoon, children will be joining up with their buddy classes for a friendship disco. You can find more information about anti-bullying week [here](#)

Mighty Oak Workshop

On Wednesday, Year 4 participated in a really exciting workshop to launch their work on the Mighty Oak Public Speaking Module. Oracy is such an integral part of RAB's curriculum and Mighty Oak enables children to develop their confidence and skill in the art of public speaking, exploring skills such as tone of voice, posture, gestures and eye contact. Every child practised delivering a speech to their class and learnt how to give constructive feedback to their peers.



Safeguarding Training Session for Volunteers—20 November 9am

If you are volunteering or planning to volunteer we do require that you attend Safeguarding Training. Our next sessions is Monday 20th November at 9am. Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy to book your slot. We do encourage you to attend regularly so if you have not attended for a year please do come along.

Future Diary Dates

13-17 Nov	Anti Bullying Week
13 Nov	Connection Coffee Morning 9am
13&14 Nov	Individual & Sibling Photos
17 Nov	Odd Sock Day
17 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre Donations
17 Nov	Y1 Saffron Hall Trip
20 Nov	Volunteer Safeguarding Training 9am
24 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children
1 Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre 4-6pm
5 Dec	Music Concert 6pm
6 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm
6 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm

7 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm
7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
11 Dec	Connection Coffee Morning 9am
12 Dec	Early Years Christmas Play 9.15am
13 Dec	R-Y6 Book Look 8.40-9.10am
20 Dec	10.30am Christmas Carols @ St Mary's Church all welcome
20 Dec	1.30pm End of Term
You can find term dates for this academic year and next here .	

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Milo Laws	SILVER	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Noah N Zico C William N Edward C Aoife F Finley F Hudson C Esmee S	SILVER Daniel W Lily D	GOLD



Winter Fayre – save the dates

Donations Day Friday 17 November

Winter Fayre Friday 1 December 4-6pm

The RAB Winter Fayre is a wonderful slice of Christmassy fun with loads of stalls, games, refreshments, our magical Santa's grotto and more! Check school bags to find your Winter Fayre flyer with details on what's to come and how you can help. Please make a note that Donations Day will be Friday 17 November, in exchange for a non-uniform day. And don't forget to keep 4-6pm on Friday 1 December free for the Fayre itself!

Donations Day

We are very grateful for any donations you can contribute to help make this year's event the best one yet. It's a whole school effort so a huge thank you from us in advance. Please bring your donations to the school gates at drop off on Friday 17 November.

Suggested donations by year group:

Reception, Y1 & Y2: Chocolate of any shape and size, from bars to boxes for the chocolate tombola (no nuts, please)

Y3 & Y4: Children's Toys and Gifts – anything unused or nearly new for the toy tombola

Y5 & Y6: Anything in a Bottle for the bottle tombola: from wine and perfume to sauce and pickles...

Christmas artwork card and gift project – order deadline Friday 10 November

Alongside the Winter Fayre flyer, you should also find a unique order card showcasing your child's fabulous festive artwork as part of the Christmas card and gift fundraising project we run each year. Please check your inbox for today's email with all the information you need to help you place your order.

Y5 parents please note: Y5 will bring their order cards and Winter Fayre flyer home on Monday due to their classes being split for the Aylmerton residential this week.

Extra Halloween sweets?

If you're left with any unwanted Halloween sweets loot you can't face eating, please do drop it off at the School Office to be used for our Winter Fayre jarbola stall.

Thank you! RAB PTA

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	Stars of the Week	
<p>Reception</p> <p>Otis M</p> <p>George E</p> <p>Year 1</p> <p>Penelope B</p> <p>Henry Y</p> <p>Year 2</p> <p>Isabelle L</p> <p>William S</p> <p>Year 3</p> <p>Maddie D</p> <p>Stan B</p> <p>Year 4</p> <p>Clark J</p> <p>Rosie B</p> <p>Year 5</p> <p>All of Year 5</p> <p>Year 6</p> <p>Lois F</p> <p>Lyla C</p> <p>Infant Lunchtime Cup</p> <p>Junior Lunchtime Cup</p>	<p>Oscar F</p> <p>Ivy R</p> <p>Grace B</p> <p>Jack B</p> <p>Riley S</p> <p>Edward G</p> <p>Enas S</p> <p>Ellie G</p> <p>Logan S</p> <p>Andrej S</p> <p>Reu H</p> <p>Annabelle E</p> <p>RNB</p> <p>All of Year 6</p>	<p>Charlotte S</p> <p>Henry T</p> <p>Luke E</p> <p>Albie N</p> <p>Ariana L</p> <p>Millie N</p> <p>Ernie C</p> <p>Franklin P</p> <p>Layla K</p> <p>Grace A</p> <p>Grace M</p> <p>Aurora W</p>

Thinking of Teaching?

Join The Eastern Region Teaching School Hubs on
Thurs 7th December at 4:30pm
 for our 'Get into Teaching' webinar.

Join us either on **ZOOM** or
Facebook Live.

Register [HERE](#) or
 Scan the QR code

Get advice on next steps into teaching:-

- Find out how to apply
- Find out about the additional support for those applying for shortage subjects and for overseas applicants
- Get help to organise a school experience visit

