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Dear RPPS Families,

This week will be very busy at school with the following events planned; members of Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan schools orchestra performing at St. David's Hall, RSE focus group session, Parents' Consultations for Year 2 and Year 3, Eric Ngalle Charles delivering a Cynefin (belonging) project, Cardiff Devils visiting school, pupils visiting Glamorgan Cricket and the usual after school activities and clubs. We are a very busy school and we like it this way!

Ramadan

As the holy month of Ramadan is just about to start I want to wish all of our families a safe and peaceful Ramadan Mubarak. Information about fasting was shared with families via Schoop last week. Please provide a drink, healthy snack and lunch as normal throughout the month of Ramadan.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 'Stay and Play' events

Many thanks to all families who attended the Stay and Play events in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 last week. It was great to see so many of you enjoying time with your children in their classrooms. We hope you had lots of fun and gained a greater understanding of how your child is getting on in school.

This is the second year we have offered this approach in our Early Years classrooms. I just wanted to thank all staff involved for their time and effort in delivering these fantastic opportunities.

Upcoming Parents' Consultations

Year 2 and Year 3 parent consultations are taking place on **Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March**. These will be in the school hall. Books will be provided and teachers will be able to discuss your child's progress. The consultations will be for 10 minutes only. Mrs. Lark has shared the booking system with you via Schoop.

Year 4, 5 and 6 parent consultations are taking place on **Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March**. These will be in the school hall. Books will be provided and teachers will be able to discuss your child's progress. The consultations will be for 10 minutes only. Mrs. Lark has shared the booking system with you via Schoop.

Llangrannog

Some of our Year 5 pupils took part in a residential trip to Llangrannog last Wednesday to Friday. Mr. Newbury, Mr. Lewis, Miss Owen and Miss R Evans were full of praise for the group who showed great effort, attitude and teamwork throughout the trip.

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Reminder: Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel from 20th March

We ask that as many pupils as possible travel to / from school either by walking, cycling or scooting throughout this week and next week. Miss Owen has shared further information with you via Schoop.

Internet Safety – Guide for Parent / Carers

Keeping pupils safe online is something we take very seriously at Roath Park. Mrs. Wright is currently working on a package of support for families to help with keeping children safe online whilst they are at home.

Mrs. Wright has asked me to share the following link with you as a starting place for you to discuss with your children: <https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online> We hope this is useful to you.

RSE focus group 20th March

As communicated to group members via email, the RSE focus group will meet this afternoon (Monday 20th March) at 4pm in the Learning Plaza (located in the main school building). I will share the outcomes of this group meeting in a future newsletter. This group is currently at full capacity.

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

Last week we celebrated Comic Relief by wearing funny, mismatched and wacky outfits to school. We had a brilliant day, told lots of jokes and raised a very tidy sum of £244.47! As always, many thanks to our Roath Park Kind Hearts teams who coordinated this event alongside Mrs. Richards.

'Friends of Roath Park Primary School' committee

We are very excited to announce that we have recently established a new committee to operate as our school PTA. The newly formed 'Friends of RPPS' will involve parents, staff and other volunteers who will be looking at running extra-curricular events for our school community. The following people have been voted into roles within the committee;

Chairperson: Yvonne Perkins
Vice Chairperson: Fiona McDonald
Secretary: Anita Walker
Treasurer: Tim Earlam
Marketing / Communication: Jess Hannagan-Jones

Thank you to those listed above and all others currently involved with work connected to the Friends of RPPS group.

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Help for families*

We have helped many families by offering support in a variety of different ways. Please contact sivens@roathparkprm.co.uk if you wish to discuss what help and support we can offer as a school.

Alternatively, further information and guidance is also available from the Welsh Government website:
<https://gov.wales/get-help-cost-living>

Attendance and punctuality*

Where a child does not come to school and we haven't received a call, email or voicemail we will be contacting parents straight away as part of our 'first response' strategy. We urge all parents to contact us if your child is unwell or cannot attend school and we will assist you where we can.

It is also VITAL that you arrive to school on time. Our class registers will be shut at 9.05am meaning that any pupils who arrive after this time will be marked as absent. The benchmark for attendance across the school is 97% which equates to attending school on 189 days out of a possible 195 days.

School Successes

Dance: Zoe, Josie and Martha (Year 5) took part in the WDO Welsh dance competition in Penarth over the weekend and received medals and trophies after gaining places in many different group, partner and solo events.

Taekwondo: Micky (Year 1) is currently with Cardiff Martial Arts Little Dragons and has recently achieved his brown belt. Micky's little brother Franky (Nursery) is part of the UTI Wales club and has just received his orange belt.

Karate: Dina (Year 5) has recently won 3 medals for karate in the Kata and Team Kata categories.

A huge well done to each of you for your fantastic achievements – we are extremely proud of your efforts in school and outside of school. If I have missed anyone who has **recently** picked up **any** award, certificate or achievement outside of school please contact me with details
LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support,

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Acting Headteacher

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