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Dear RPPS Families,

This morning our Year 3 cohort treated us to their highly entertaining and informative assembly on 'Changing Communities'. This show had it all... history of the local area, an insight into the diversity of our local community and even a couple of cameos by local legends! Well done to our fantastic Year 3 staff team and children. A huge thanks to our Year 3 families who came to support the children too.

Yearly Planner

The most up-to-date version of the Yearly Planner can be found below. It is a good idea to print this and check it regularly. If dates change, I will communicate these through Schoop.

Click here: [YEARLY PLANNER 2023-24](#)

Eisteddfod 2024

Our annual Eisteddfod where we celebrate Welsh culture, heritage and language will be celebrated on **Friday 1st March**. Please could all children wear red, white, green or their house colour on this day. Traditional Welsh costumes, rugby or football kits are also permitted. Please do not buy costumes especially for the event.

School meals

We are working towards the rollout of Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) into Year 5 and Year 6. Whilst Cardiff Council have not confirmed the exact dates, we are told they are likely to be April for Year 5 and June for Year 6. We have bought additional lunch benches and our fantastic school cooks are ready to cater for an increased number of children.

School Essentials Grant

Some of our families might need financial support to buy school uniform, sports kit, school bags and stationery. You can apply for the School Essentials Grant here: [Cardiff Council - School Essentials Grant](#)

Roath Park Cycleway

You may have received correspondence about Cardiff Council replacing the cycle path and carrying out other works on or near Roath Rec. If not, then all details can be found here: <https://www.kbinfowales.co.uk/roath-park>

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The works are likely to affect traffic and parking in the area. Please consider this when travelling to school – pedestrians, cyclists etc. are at more risk when there is a greater amount of traffic.

Friends of RPPS – upcoming events

Our Friends of RPPS committee have been working hard on upcoming events. We held an open meeting earlier this week and I have been asked to share the following information with you.

‘Community Day’ on Thursday 29th February: Thank you to those who have signed up already for the community day, there is still time for you to join in. If you are not available on the 29th, you can still register your support for future DIY events. Email pta@roathparkprm.co.uk or register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSen9pAT4bpefU6f_QqmEFtB4_PYPacKihUs9oiI8H-vaeHbxw/viewform?usp=sf_link

We are keeping our eyes on the weather and will let you know if we need to postpone.

Quiz night: This has been rescheduled for **Friday 26th April**. More information will follow shortly.

Summer Fayre: The event will be on **Thursday 11th July** – please save the date. If you would like to get involved, please email the FRRPS.

Please email pta@roathparkprm.co.uk if you have any ideas or queries.

School building

Despite continued efforts, we are yet to receive further updates on the school building. We will communicate these once we receive an update.

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 your child arrives to school on time – the school day starts at 8.55am. Our school gates and class registers will be closed at 9.05am meaning that any pupils who arrive after this time will be marked as absent or late. The benchmark for attendance across the school is 97% which equates to attending school on 189 days out of a possible 195 days.

Requesting holiday leave

Requests for holiday leave should be made to me via email. Please include the following details; purpose of visit, location of visit, dates of visit. My email address is LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

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Where Roath Park Primary and Cardiff Council do not know the whereabouts of your child, we will investigate. Cardiff Council regulations state that if the pupil is absent for over **20 school days** and hasn't returned from their holiday and is not back in school on day 21 then the regulations permit schools to remove the child from their register.

School successes

Cheerleading: Daisy (Year 5) and her Cheerleading squad took part in a competition and came 4th.

Karate: Noor (Year 2) competed in the Welsh Karate League 1 where she won a gold medal in Kata and a bronze medal in Kumite.

Rugby: Tomisin (Year 3) scored two tries for his rugby team.

Hockey: Josie, Imogen, Zoe and Martha (all Year 6) played in a hockey tournament and won most of their games.

Swimming: Betsy (Year 3) moved up a Level in her swimming club.

Exam: Maher (Year 6) recently passed exams at his mosque

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 an award, certificate or achievement outside of school please contact me with details

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Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
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