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Dear RPPS Families,

Today marks the first day of the holy month of Ramadan. We'd like to say Ramadan Mubarak to all families observing and send you our best wishes for the month ahead.

There is a lot going on here at school so I have provided some key upcoming dates for you in this newsletter. This week alone we have; swimming for Year 4, Nursery/Reception 'Stay and Play' events, Parents' Consultations for Years 1, 2 and Year 3 (Miss Kent only), Year 5's trip to Llangrannog and Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel event.

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](#)

Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel

Miss Owen and the Active Travel Team have already shared information about the Big Walk and Wheel event. The event runs from **Monday 11th March – Friday 22nd March**.

Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel event promotes walking and cycling to school. Schools are rewarded based on their efforts. We'd like as many families as possible to see whether they can travel to / from school on foot or by bicycle during this time.

Parents' Consultations

Nursery and Reception 'Stay & Play' – Dates/times have been shared by the class teachers. These are taking place throughout this week.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 (Miss Kent only) - These will take place on **Tuesday 12th March** and **Wednesday 13th March**. All meetings will take place in the school hall.

Year 3 (Mr. Newbury only), Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - These will take place on **Tuesday 19th March** and **Wednesday 20th March**. All meetings will take place in the school hall.

If you haven't booked your appointment already, please contact the school office ASAP.

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Swimming – Year 4

Year 4 began their fortnight of swimming lessons this morning. Each class enjoyed the lessons and we are looking forward to seeing how they progress over the two weeks.

Llangrannog – Year 5

Year 5 depart for their residential trip to Llangrannog on **Wednesday 13th March** and return on **Friday 15th March**. All information has been shared previously by Mr. Newbury. The staff attending this trip are; Mr. Newbury, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Tiani-Tanzi and Mr. Loizos.

Pupils in Year 5 who are not attending the trip to Llangrannog are expected to be in school as normal on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Evans has planned some fun activities for this group.

Community 'Iftar' Event – Monday 18th March

An 'Iftar' is the meal eaten after sunset during Ramadan. This event is the idea of one of our parents at school and we are delighted to support it. This event is open to Year 5 and Year 6 families in the first instance due to space restrictions in our school hall. It will begin at 5.15pm and finish at around 7.30pm.

A Schoop message with relevant details has been shared with Year 5 / Year 6 families. Please could those who are interested in attending, complete the form on Schoop ASAP.

Rocksteady Easter Concert

Pupils who take part in the Rocksteady Music School will be performing at their Easter Concert in the school hall on **Friday 22nd March** at **9.30am**. Families of those performing are most welcome!

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>

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.

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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 Monday 8th April: This event was postponed and has been rescheduled for 8th April which is an INSET day. Email pta@roathparkprm.co.uk or register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSen9pAT4bpefU6f_QqmEFtB4_PYPacKihUs9oil8H-vaehbxw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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

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.

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School successes

Taekwondo: Franky (Year 1) took part in a competition and was awarded a gold medal for his effort. He was the youngest competitor.

Ballet: Etta (Year 3) was awarded a High Merit after taking a ballet exam.

Taekwondo: Samantha (Year 5) took part in English Open Taekwondo competition. She won gold medal in patterns and bronze medal in sparring.

Exams: Zakariyya (Year 6) recently achieved first place in his class for mosque exams covering various topics.

Dance: Lily (Year 4) won the Dancer of the Week trophy in her dance class.

Football: Naeem (Year 5) won player of the match for his team - Cardiff Academicals.

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
LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Headteacher

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