# Soaring High Newsletter

March 2025

Our School Values are

Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

## World Book Day




A very busy month, starts with World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. Following the book, *The Rainbow Flamingo* – children and staff can come dressed in their favourite colour or even as a rainbow! Watch out for secret readers around school and we really look forward to seeing parents sharing their favourite book with their child's class. Remember: children will not know who the secret reader is until they reveal themselves through the classroom door!

Don't forget that the deadline for the National Book Token competition ends on Thursday 6th March too. The winner will receive vouchers for the school as well as an opportunity to visit a bookshop to spend their tokens. Good luck everyone.

## Bunny Hop




We will be taking part in Willow Wood's annual Bunny Hop again this year. All of Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 will be hopping mad at Ravensfield on Tuesday 1st April.

Children will be doing a sponsored Bunny Hop. The event is a fun, physical activity for the children to enjoy with their friends. It also gives them an opportunity to understand the work of the hospice within the community.

Each child will receive a fundraising pack containing; bunny ears, a snap band, an activity booklet, a certificate for taking part, a Cadburys Creme Egg and an envelope for sponsoring their participation in this event.

The envelope includes a table for sponsors to complete with a tick box to easily Gift Aid their amount, if they are a UK tax payer. Please read the Gift Aid It section of the envelope for further information. A QR code has been added to the envelope for cashless sponsoring. Just add your child's name to the envelope and return it sealed by Friday 25th.

Willow Wood Hospice provides person-centred, individualised, high-quality and responsive care for local people living with any life-limiting illness. They manage their amazing work only thanks to the support of the local community.

## Calling all mums




You are cordially invited to our Mother's Day assembly on Friday 28th March at 2.30pm. Here we will be celebrating the amazing women in our lives.

## Keeping safe

Remember to take extra care when driving along Clarendon Street. Children need to be supervised carefully as they do not have the road and traffic awareness that adults do.

It is lovely to see children riding bikes into school but please dismount when you enter the school gates and push your bike along the school path or down the drive – the same for scooters too please.

## Class Dojo



We use ClassDojo as our main communication tool for key messages. It is a great way of sending messages to staff too. Please note that staff will only access these messages between 8am and 4pm.

If your child is not going to be in school please ring the school office on 0161 344 2905 or send an email to: mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk

## Easter Egg Competition



Our annual Eggciting Egg Competition is taking place on Wednesday 2nd April. Using your imaginations make your hard-boiled egg into an egg-traordinary character, part of a scene or event - the sky's the limit. Bring in your eggs that morning, make sure they are named and then they will be displayed in school for everyone to see. Eggs must be taken home by Friday when school closes for Easter. There is also a competition for parents! Look out for further details on ClassDojo. Prizes will be awarded on Friday 4th April.

## PTFA – Fund builders

The Parent, Teacher and Friends Association are raising funds for playground equipment for lunchtime for Nursery to Year 6 – everything from skipping ropes to board games. To help, we are having a non-uniform day on Friday 21st March. Children can come into school in their own clothes for a donation of £1. That can be brought in in coins or donated via SchoolMoney. Children who are doing PE that day should bring their PE kit into school in a bag so that they can get changed.

If you are interested in getting involved in the association, please contact Mrs Myatt via the main office.

## Children's University

Mrs Evans set everyone a February challenge. There were six fun activities to do from drawing to making pancakes. We have seen some great poems and maps already. Children earned a credit for each activity they completed. Watch out for more challenges coming your way on ClassDojo.

## CLIC Challenge Cup



This new sports competition kicked off with a Year 4 DodgeBall event. The team represented Ravensfield fabulously and two of our players received a recognition award for showing respect! Well done everyone.

## Getting along swimmingly

With rivers, lakes, reservoirs and canals in Tameside, it is really important that children know how to keep safe and how to swim. Every year our Year 4 children go swimming once a week. Class 7 have now completed their 6 months and it was a huge pleasure to award their certificates in the Soaring High Assembly on Friday 28th February. Every child received a certificate for a range of challenges and achievements and all had made great progress. Well done everyone. It is now Class 8's turn and we look forward to celebrating all their achievements in July.

## Phones

While Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring phones into school if they are walking home alone, these MUST be turned off as children enter school grounds and handed to their classteacher for safekeeping.

## School dinners

Please order school dinners via the Eduspot and SchoolMoney website. If your child brings lunch from home please remember that we are a nut free school.

## Toys and collectibles

Just a quick reminder that toys and collectable cards etc are not allowed in school.

## PE Kits and uniform



Children can come into school in their school PE kit on PE days. This is a white Tshirt, pumps/trainers and black shorts/leggings. Remember that no jewellery apart from non-recording watches is allowed in school and that long hair should be secured with a bobble.

### Diary Dates

- Thursday 6th March – World Book day.
- Friday 21st March – Non-uniform day.
- Friday 28th March – Mothers' Day Assembly at 2.30pm.
- Tuesday 1st April – Bunny Hop.
- Wednesday 2nd April – Easter Egg Competition.
- Friday 4th April – school closes for Easter.
- Tuesday 22nd April – school reopens.