



Rowner Junior School

Newsletter 10 - July 2023

Our **Lego League club** showcased all of their hard work at Portsmouth Dockyard this month. Whilst it might not have been the event that we had hoped it would be, the staff at Boathouse 4 and the Dockyard, spoke highly of the Rowner and Gomer pupils that attended. **Brooke R** has been supporting our wider community by attending the 999 day in Fareham with her St Johns' Ambulance Group - an amazing life skill! **Pippa P** took part in the Southampton Stage Dance Festival and placed 2nd and 3rd in different categories. **Isabelle W**, also took part in the festival and 'danced her socks off'. **Kyra W** went to Bracknell to take part in a gymnastic competition, with her team taking second place. And finally, some of our learners across the school represented our school at the **Winchester Commonwealth Games Festival**. It was absolutely fantastic hearing about personal fears being overcome and the achievements of the day. Well done to all of you!

DATES FOR July: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change	
PE/outdoor learning days - PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DAYS FOR PE	
Year 3 - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 - Miss Pollitt and Miss Winzar	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Monday and Friday.
Year 5 - Mr Corlett and Miss Daly	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6 - Mrs Southern and Mrs Walton	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Thursday Year 6 will also be doing swimming lessons on a Monday this half term. Please see information below about these days.
Key dates for July	
Monday 3rd July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y6 swimming 2. Redwood Transition at St Mary's 3. Y2/3 Transition breaktime
Tuesday 4th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y2/3 Transition breaktime & Afternoon Taster session 2. Sycamore Transition at St Mary's 3. RJS Sports Morning
Wednesday 5th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y6 Alver Valley walk 2. Y2/3 Transition breaktime 3. Autism Hampshire meeting 13.30 - 14.30

Thursday 6th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RJS Whole School Day out to Moors Valley 2. Baycroft Transition
Friday 7th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y3 Beach day 2. Y6 Hunger Games Day 3. Y2/3 Transition breaktime
Monday 10th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children and parents to be informed of their new teacher for next year. 2. Bridgemy transition week begins. Children will attend their school all week.
Tuesday 11th July	Cat Protection League visiting Y3
Wednesday 12th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report's home to parents 2. Book Fair
Thursday 13th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RJS Transition day (Y2 to join RJS and children moving to new class in school) 2. Bay House and Brune Park Transition days 3. Baycroft Transition 4. Book Fair
Friday 14th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bay House and Brune Park Transition days 2. Book Fair
Monday 17th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year 6 Fort Purbrook 2. Book Fair
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 camp over
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 picnic
Thursday 20th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y6 Leaver assembly - 13.15. 2. END OF TERM - School finishes at 14.00
Friday 21st July	INSET DAY - school closed
Upcoming dates for September <i>(Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)</i>	
Friday 1st September	INSET day
Monday 4th September	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year 3 only to attend school. 2. Opportunity for Parent - Teacher meet for Y4, 5 & 6 (new class teacher - see below)
Tuesday 5th September	Years 4, 5 and 6 to return to school.

A warm welcome...

A warm welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year. It has been another busy and successful year. There have been many highlights of the year and the children should be proud of their many achievements - socially and emotionally and academically too. We are proud to have moved from an Ofsted RI to 'good' with outstanding features. We thank you for your continued support, open dialogue and for being so appreciative of our efforts and offer.

CALENDAR/INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
<p>Start: Friday 1 September (Inset Day)</p> <p>Finish: Friday 15 December</p> <p>Half term: 23 – 27 October</p>	<p>Start: Tuesday 2 January</p> <p>Finish: Friday 28 March</p> <p>Half term: 12 – 16 February</p>	<p>Start: Monday 15 April</p> <p>Finish: Tuesday 23 July (Inset days 22 & 23 July)</p> <p>Half term: 28 May – 31 May</p>

Nb Y3, Y7 and Lower Sixth GFM learners will return to school **Monday 4 September as part of their transition.**

Whole school to return to GFM sites on **Tuesday 5 September 2023**

The following days are the INSET days for the academic year 2023-24

- Friday 1 September 2023
- Monday 30 October 2023
- Friday 9 February 2024
- Monday 22 July 2024
- Tuesday 23 July 2024

E Mail Addresses and Mobile Phone Numbers

E Mail Addresses and Mobile Phone Numbers are required from all parents/carers for us to keep you up to date. It is really important that you share updated details in order that we can contact you.

Please contact the office ASAP with any changes.

Farewell Year 6

Farewell to Year 6 who leave us at the end of term. They have been a delightful year group who we are going to miss very much. We are so proud of how well they have approached their secondary school transition. We are so excited for our Leavers' Assembly and are sure that everything else that surrounds Y6 leaving will make wonderful memories for the children.

We look forward to welcoming as many Y6 parents/carers to our 'Leavers Assembly' on **Thursday 20th July at 13.15.**

Keeping Safe Online

Keeping safe online is really important for us all. Please do access our monthly online newsletter to learn about how to help keep your child safe and read all about current information. There is a lot of online activity for your child to access. We recommend that parents/carers regularly check Apps and games and possible chat functions being accessed to ensure that they are age appropriate and not asking children to share their personal information.

Library and book loans

Library book returns - please can all library books be returned to school by Friday 14th July.

Book Fair - We are pleased to announce that the book Fair will arrive at RJS on Tuesday 11th. Viewing and purchasing for children and parents/carers will be from **Wednesday 12th - Monday 17th July**. The book fair will be available on the playground after school on these dates.

Industrial Action

Industrial Action has been called by the NEU for its members on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July. We are hoping that Rowner Junior School will be open to all year groups on these days. If there are any last minute changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The results for the MTC check results will be shared with parents on the annual reports. We can provide the headlines here. Year 4 have worked really hard; as a consequence of this the children did really well. 19% of our children scored the maximum 25 points. And 58% of the year group scored 20-25 marks.

Year 3, in preparation for the national test, have already started recalling their times-tables at speed. You can support your child at home by enabling them to access Times Tables Rockstars and other multiplication apps.

Personal Learning Review Day

A Personal Learning Review Day (letter being sent home with more information and booking **w/b 3 July**) has been scheduled for Monday 4 September for **Y4, Y5 and Y6**. Accompanied by you, the children are invited to school for a 10 minute, in person, appointment with their new class teacher in the school hall. If in-person is not possible for you, you can meet with your child's class teacher online. The meeting will be a valuable opportunity for you and your child to talk through, with the class teacher, what worked well last year, areas for development in the new academic year and to work through any wellbeing matters - ultimately, how to get the best out of the year ahead both socially and academically.

Reports

Reports for the academic year 2022/2023 will be emailed to you on Wednesday 12th July, or will be available to you via Arbor. If you have any queries regarding your child's report, please do contact the class teacher accordingly.

Research

Research is valued in the GFM. We have been approached by the University of Central Lancashire who is looking to gain a better understanding of how parents find out information to help them keep their children safe online. It is hoped that this project, which has followed the university ethics procedure, will lead into a larger project working towards the development of A.I. and Deep Learning systems that can be used to support online safety for children. Although not a GFM research project. To take part, please click this [link](#), together with your views - it will take about 10 minutes.

School Uniform

School Uniform is important and we are really grateful to our parents/carers for ensuring that children are dressed in the correct school uniform which includes clothes, shoes and hair. Children coming to school in their PE kits on PE days will continue from September. This has been a big success and saves time. Therefore, we are encouraging all children to have a Team Rowner Sports Jacket which can be purchased from Skoolkit. Please also pay attention to tracksuit bottoms or leggings which should be black and non-branded (e.g no Nike or Adidas).

Skoolkit

Skoolkit is our stockist for our branded school uniform. Skoolkit has provided a good quality option for us. Supermarkets remain a good option for black/grey skirts or pinafores, black/grey trousers, dark red gingham dresses and white polo shirts. Skoolkit are offering 10% off all school uniforms (**for new starters only**) purchased from their Fareham store on Saturday 15 July - Friday 21 July and are also offering free delivery on all online orders placed between Saturday 22 July - Saturday 29 July - use code **SUMMER2023** at the checkout. All online orders will need to be placed by Wednesday 9th August at the latest for delivery before the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is returning to Hampshire Libraries this month. The Challenge, which supports children's literacy during the summer holiday, runs from 24th June. This year's theme is Ready, Set, Play. Families and carers can sign-up children online, or by visiting their closest Hampshire library - it's free to join the library and take part in the challenge - click here for details <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Transition and staffing

Transition is a major event not only for a young person but also for the family members that support their child. It is therefore our aim to ensure that the transition journey is enjoyable, informative and exciting. The Year 2 transition has already started and year 2 will join us for the whole day on Thursday 13 July. Year 6 will have their secondary transition days in a couple of weeks.

Year groups will be taught by the following teachers below. You will find out your child's teacher on Monday 10th July

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Miss Finn Miss Dymond	Miss Winzar Mrs Thompson	Miss Daly Miss Harding	Mrs Walton Miss Pollitt Mrs Lovisetto - <i>additional teacher for morning workshop groups</i>

During this week we welcome two new members of staff: Mrs Thompson and Miss Harding. We are looking forward to them joining Team Rowner - we know they are excited too! We say farewell to Mr Corlett and Mrs Southern at the end of term. We were pleased to inform you recently that Mrs Southern is moving to the GFM Enterprise Academy following a promotion and Mr Corlett moves to new teaching endeavours in Portsmouth. Both colleagues have given many years of service to Rowner Junior School. We wish them both every happiness and success. We would also like to wish Miss Rice all the very best of luck as she leaves us to begin teacher training.

We wish all of you the best of luck in your next journey.

Vaping

VAPING continues to be an area for discussion in our PD lessons. You may be aware that the issue of vaping in schools has hit the headlines again ([Vaping: High lead and nickel found in illegal vapes - BBC News](#)). Hope UK is a national drug education charity with over 170 years' experience of bringing relevant drug information to young people. They have developed various e-learning modules (for Key Stage 2) around peer pressure and making choices. With vaping hitting headlines again, they have created an e-learning module that gives children relevant and balanced information on the topic. To address this issue and complement our Personal Development learning, upper school (Year 5 and 6), will be accessing three of these modules:

1. Making Choices
2. Vaping
3. Peer Pressure

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about these. West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership have put together [this leaflet](#) to support conversations about vaping at home.

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer holiday. We remain committed to our community and look forward to welcoming you back in September. For those families moving to secondary school, please remember that we are very much part of the GFM family of schools. We wish you well and look forward to hearing about how the children adapt to secondary school. There is lots to do, for FREE, locally in our area. You might like to check out:

- [Gosport Community Hub](#) (you need a FB account)
- [Gosport Discovery Centre](#)
- [Family Fun](#)
- [Parks and open spaces](#)
- [What's going on in Gosport?](#)