

REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

End of Term 3



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL

It feels like we are only back since Christmas and already the term is over! I can't believe how quickly the term has gone!

Our children have been wonderful, as always, this term and have completed some excellent learning. We hope that you all enjoyed sharing this at our Parents Evening this week. Thank you to everyone who was able to come.

I have shared on page 2 of this newsletter some of our successes from this term. This is something that I like to do at the end of every term as I think it is important for us all to reflect on what has gone well during the term. Please do take a moment to read this page.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff at Repton—without them these successes just wouldn't be possible. I think our children are extremely lucky to have such a passionate and dedicated team of staff working so tirelessly for them.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Jackie Chambers

Head of School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3 Ends - Friday, 10 February 2023

Term 4

Term 4 Monday, 20 Feb 2023 - Friday, 31 March 2023

Term Starts: Monday, 20 February 2023

Year 4 Production: Tuesday, 21 March 2023 @ 2pm and Wednesday, 22 March 2023 @ 5pm

Classroom Open Afternoon: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 @ 2.30 - 2.50pm

Parent Focus Group: Thursday, 23 February 2023 @ 2pm

Opal Family Playtime: Wednesday 15th March

Interim Reports : Friday, 24 March 2023

Medal Assembly: Friday, 24 March 2023

Term Ends: Friday, 31 March 2023

For more important dates this term, please see our school website:

<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-parents/term-dates/>

School Car Park



Please be reminded that our school car park should only be used by parents / carers who clearly display blue badges. Unfortunately, we do not have enough parking within the school grounds for everyone and so we have to prioritise this group of our school community for use of the school car park. Anyone who is parked in the car park without a blue badge will be politely asked to park elsewhere.

Please do consider parking away from school and walking in. This helps immensely to avoid congestion around the roads that our children use, making it safer for everyone.

Friday Class Assemblies for Term 4:

We welcome family members to attend our Friday assemblies to see their children share their term's learning. Please wait outside the Out of Hours Door and we will let you in ready for assembly to start at 9am.



- Friday 3rd March: Miss Iles' Class— Mary Anning (Year R)
- Friday 10th March: Miss Boatfield's Class— Jane Goodall (Year R)
- Friday 31st March: Year 6 Assembly

Dates for the remainder of Friday assemblies can be found here: <https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-parents/term-dates/>

TERM 4 THEME: AUTONOMY

For more information about your child's curriculum please see our [Curriculum page](#) or your child's [Year Group page](#) on our website.



Repton Photo Album

This page of our website is being regularly updated—to view these, please visit: [Repton Photo Album](#).



Term 3 Successes

Curriculum Enrichment Events

We have been very lucky to see so many curriculum enrichment events this term – Fire Safety workshops for the whole school followed by a surprise fire engine visit, Dentist visits for EYFS and Year 1, Outdoor Learning for Years 2, 4, 5 and 6, Cycle Ready for EYFS and Year 1, Swimming lessons for Years 3 and 4 and a Year 6 Port Lympne trip to name but a few. The children certainly are very lucky.

Kent Inclusion Leadership Project

This year we are taking part in a Kent Inclusion Leadership project. As part of the project we will evaluate our inclusive practices and work within a triad of schools to support change within each school. Repton Manor had our monitoring day this term and we couldn't be prouder of our children. They spoke confidently to our visitors, sharing their memories of their time at Repton – they are a real credit to us all.

Core Subject Training

This term all staff have received some wonderful Handwriting and Reading training from our Core Subject Leaders within school. Several of our staff have also received Maths Mastery training. We have some great ideas to develop our teaching in these areas even more.

Our Clubs Offer

We are excited that our clubs offer continues to grow term on term. Following parental feedback, our wonderful staff have looked at new clubs that they may be able to run and we have been sourcing new clubs for our children to enjoy. We will continue to take feedback on anything else that you'd like to see but we are very proud of our clubs offer for our children.

Federation Achievements

We have had some very effective joint collaboration training this term from which both schools benefitted immensely. We have also been very pleased to be able to advertise and begin to appoint for some of our curriculum specialist roles.

Visitor positive feedback

We have been inundated this term with lovely comments from visitors to our school (from prospective parents, to potential new staff touring the school to visitors running workshops) - comments of how polite and knowledgeable our older children are when they give tours, how polite all of the children are around the school, how there is a really purposeful learning atmosphere and comments about the 'feel' of the school and what a lovely atmosphere there is. We are extremely proud.

Opal Play Outcomes

Opal Play has gone from strength to strength this term. The children have been wonderful as we have introduced them to new loose parts and their play has really benefitted – we've seen such creative and engaged play across the whole school. Feedback from our Opal Parents visit supported what we have seen – thank you for coming and for your lovely feedback. Thank you also for the wonderful donations from 'Opal Own Clothes Day' and for your support with our fundraiser - our Valentines Disco.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all families who attended parents evening this term – our teachers really value the opportunity to share your child's learning journey with you. We hope that you found these meetings informative and useful.

Read Write Inc Development Day

Expert trainers from Read Write Inc (RWI) visit all schools that teach RWI from time to time to support them to develop their practice further. Our trainer visited this term and was very impressed with our RWI progress. She spent time working with staff and children and she gave us some tips to support your children to learn to read even better.

Further curriculum planning

Mr Page and the Phase Leaders have been working hard to evaluate our new curriculum offer – to ensure that it is expertly sequenced and progressive for our children.

Tapestry

Tapestry is an electronic Learning Journey that has been used in EYFS and Year 1 in our school for a long time. This term we have started using Tapestry in all classes across the school as a way to collate your child's learning across the entire curriculum in all subjects. We currently share Tapestry with our families in EYFS and we are hoping to look at ways that this can be opened to all year groups in the future.

Subject Leadership

Our Subject Leaders have been working hard to champion their subjects in order to improve standards. All subject leaders have attended training for their subject this term as part of our local Ashford Towns school collaboration. Our foundation subject leaders are beginning to collect examples of great learning in their subjects to show-case around the school.

Governors

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of Governors across the Lightyear Federation. Each term our Governing Body meet as a federation and as Local Boards. The Governing Body challenge us to ensure the best outcomes for our children across the federation. This term our Governors have visited Repton to monitor Safeguarding practices, our Humanities curriculum, Opal play and EYFS. They have been very pleased with their findings and have also given us many things to consider to make our practice even better.

School Trip Planning

Following parental feedback, our staff have begun collating an overview of our curriculum trips and visits offer. We are working hard to ensure that our children experience a breadth and depth of experiences throughout their time at Repton Manor Primary School. We plan to communicate this offer to you as soon as we can and we would value your feedback.

Health and Well-being Project – MOKI Fitness Trackers

After wearing the MOKI fitness trackers in Term 1, our data showed that whilst our children were completing a great number of steps over the course of a week, the intensity level at which they were doing this was not having maximum fitness impact. We have been working hard to trial different ways to rectify this before we wear the watches again next term.