



Newsletter – June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Every month at The Reddings seems to be full to the brim of exciting learning opportunities and June has certainly been a month to remember!

We launched the start of this half-term with a Science Week. As part of our INSET day the teaching team were 'hands on' with a science investigation and through a series of exciting events the whole 'Reddings Family' were all immersed in Science! It was great to have so many of you join us and we are currently planning more events such as these for the next Academic Year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Rawes for organising such a great event. Organising the whole school community in a range of activities is no mean feat!

Our Year 1 children undertook their Phonics tests and I'm really proud to say how hard they worked and applied all the strategies they have been taught. A big 'thank you' to the Year 1 team and the Year 1 parents and carers who also had a very important role to play in the preparations for the test.

Year 6 fully immersed themselves with outside learning at Phasels Wood. I'm not sure if they could have chosen a wetter week, however, spirits were not dampened and much fun was had by all. Thank you Mr Battersby and Miss Murray for leading on this.

June has brought many visits and visit highlights so far include Year 3 to Celtic Harmony, Year 5 to The Globe, Year 4 to St Albans Cathedral, a visit from the Imam and the Road Safety Team leading on Pedestrian Skills for Year 4 and Distraction Training for Year 6. As you can see a very exciting month.

On Tuesday we held our annual Sports Day and family picnic lunch – it was great to see so many of you joining us and weather conditions were simply perfect. More details of Sports Day and other sporting events so far this term are in our separate Sports Newsletter to be issued next week. I would like to thank Mr Prickett and Miss Broux for their excellent organisation ensuring the day was a huge success.

It has also been a busy month with visitors undertaking monitoring activities. Our Summer Review, led by Mrs Tattershall our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner, evaluated the work of the school this year and she was pleased with all the progress we have made. The School's provision for Children Looked After also had a monitoring visit and Herts for Learning have rated us as 'Green'. Finally the school has had a Health and Safety Audit and I'm sure you'll be pleased to hear that outcomes are positive. So all in all a very positive month for The Reddings.

As June becomes July there are only a few more weeks of school to go before the Summer break. It is important with all the hustle and bustle of busy lives that we do take a moment to enjoy these last few weeks together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tracy Prickett

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Extended Childcare Entitlement Parent Survey

Childhood Support Services is carrying out a childcare survey to gather information which will help us to shape childcare services for Hertfordshire parents in the coming years. So whether you currently use childcare, or will in the future, they would like to hear from you.

They are interested in hearing the views of parents with children 0-14 years and parents who use a variety of childcare options.

They would be very grateful if you would answer the questions in the survey which can be found at surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/6Q37I/ It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and all answers will be confidential and neither you nor your child will be identified in any reporting of responses.



Payments

Please ensure when paying money for trips, dinner money, uniform etc that payments are made separately. The correct money should be paid to the Office in a sealed envelope showing the child's name, year group and what the money relates to. Unfortunately the School Office is unable to give change and it becomes very difficult when parents pay for several different events with one payment. Thank you for your assistance in this matter, your help is very much appreciated by the Office Team.

LOUD Shirt Day

On Friday 17th June 2016 we all wore our LOUD shirts to school and raised £85.05 for the charity Auditory Verbal UK.



Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

"Our theme was red, white and blue, it may not be as grand as The Mall but all the children and staff had fun and enjoyed themselves"

Mrs Redgwell - Events Organiser



Pedestrian Skills: Key Stage 2

Year 4 spent the morning on Wednesday 29th June 2016 learning how to cross the road safely. They were led by Mrs Redgwell, Miss Collier, Mrs Gill and Mrs Hildreth who were trained by the Pedestrian Skills team from the local authority.

All children were taught about car park safety, crossing a busy Bennetts End Road, a quieter T Junction and inbetween two parked cars.



Today we did the pedestrians walk. The pedestrians walk is when you learn about the road and go and use them outside. We got into groups of four and we went to Alldicks Road to test our pedestrian skills. We also went to the school car park and learned how to cross safely in the car park. We used the Green Cross Code to cross the road safely. I had so much fun today.

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Year 4

Celtic Harmony Camp



On Tuesday 14th June, Year 3 spent the day at Celtic Manor where we went back in time to the Iron age.

We were welcomed into the Tribe with Celtic facepaints. We undertook a variety of activities in the roundhouse including trading goods, bracelet dying and investigating home grown herbs and their uses.

We dodged the rain by using shelters to make bread (Iron age way!) and weaving.

All adults and children thoroughly enjoyed being transported back in time. Thank you very much to Mrs Le Roux for joining us on our exciting day.

Mrs Ogilvie



Globe Theatre Trip

Last Friday, Year 5 embarked on a trip to London to visit Shakespeare's Globe theatre. Despite the atrocious weather that we experienced in the days leading up to the trip, the sun shone on what was truly a beautiful summer's day.

We were given a tour of the Globe itself by Sam, who explained what made the Globe unique and special and taught us about how the actors used the space on stage.

After that, the children worked fantastically in their workshop that was inspired by Macbeth (the play that they are currently studying in class). The adults saw some excellent acting work from the Year 5 pupils, who were portraying Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. The Royal Shakespeare Company may have discovered some stars of the future!

After eating our lunch outside of the Tate Modern Art Gallery, a quick visit to the Millennium Bridge and detour through Borough Market, we made it back to Apsley on time with a class of exhausted but very happy children, whose immaculate behaviour was commented on by various members of the public.

Mr Rawes



Science Week

We started the first week of the half term with a bang thanks to an enormously successful Science Week.

On Tuesday, the children learned lots about science thanks to Nitro Nick and Cosmic Chris, who taught the children a variety of things including how to make their own slime, how to launch a rocket and about static electricity.

It was amazing to see so many parents attending our open morning on Wednesday. There was a tangible sense of excitement throughout the school and it was so lovely to see parents working and enjoying themselves alongside the children.

We were also thrilled to welcome Keno Mario-Ghae – one of our governors – to our school, who delivered a fascinating presentation about the solar-powered car that he helped to build whilst studying at the University of Cambridge. The children were truly inspired by his work!



Finally on Friday, the runners up and winners were announced from our half term homework project, which was to create an invention out of junk and recycled materials. We received lots of fantastic entries and picking a winner was very difficult! Please see a list of runners up and winners below.

Runner up: Erin (Year 6)

Winners: Riley (EYFS2), Alex (Year 1) and Keane (Year 4)

On behalf of the school, I would like to say an enormous thank you to all staff and parents for helping to make Science Week such a brilliant week. The children learned a huge amount from the experience and were totally engaged in their learning.

Mr Rawes



KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2016

4 July 2016	Independence Day Lunch
7 July 2016	Transfer Day
8 July 2016	Longdean School's Extra Taster Day
8 July 2016	Year 1 trip to Ruislip Lido
8 July 2016	EYFS2 Assembly
11 July 2016	Year 2 – The Box Moor Trust Trip – Powerful Plants
11 July 2016	DHC Sports Event at Jarman Park – Selected KS2 Learners
11 to 15 July 2016	Year 6 Bikeability Week
14 July 2016	Ogilvie Open KS2 – afterschool to 4.30 pm
18 July 2016	Rounders Tournament at The Cavendish School
19 & 20 July 2016	KS2 Revue – 2 pm
21 July 2016	Celebration Assembly
22 July 2016	Year 6 leavers Assembly
22 July 2016	Last Day of Academic Year

Ready to Learn Focus for Summer Term 2 **'We will have our PE kit everyday'**

To enable us all to fully participate in the active sessions planned throughout the remainder of the Summer Term.