



Newsletter – June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Summer Term 2 launched with a bang, (literally) and there has hardly been time to draw breath as the month has been so busy.

Our Science Week was a huge success with a plethora of opportunities to get 'hands on'. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time with Nitro Nick and Toxic Tom from Mad Science and participated in a range of experiments in classes across the school. A big "thank you" to Mrs Haswell for organising the event and to all the staff for making the week go off like a rocket.

The second week of June was the Year 1 phonics check week where every child in the year worked with Mrs Noble on a special test. All the children worked to the best of their ability and shared determination and resilience when faced with some challenging words; we are all extremely proud of you.

My senior team and I undertook the Summer Term formal 'drop-ins'. This is one of my favourite monitoring activities as I get time in class to see your children in action. I have to say that you will be delighted to hear how much your children enjoy learning and tackling new challenges. Their behaviour is impeccable and they love to be actively involved. As a Head Teacher I could ask for nothing more.

The children have participated in a range of excursions this month which include a variety of sporting fixtures; news of these events are in the sports news section.

Last Friday we were externally moderated for our end of Key Stage Two writing. Both moderators were extremely impressed by the work they saw and the progress the Year 6 children had made over the year. They were highly complimentary about Mr Rawes and have invited him to join the school teacher based team of moderators. A very exciting invitation that I am sure Mr Rawes will wish to undertake. This means that Mr Rawes will be at The Reddings, however, in the summer term would be out for a few days in other schools undertaking the moderation process.

Football came home on Wednesday 20th June where, thanks to Year 3, the Premier League Trophy came to school. Thank you Year 3 and Mr O'Callaghan for facilitating this once in a life time opportunity for us all.

The final week of June has been our Sports Week. We have been blessed with glorious weather which has presented us with a few challenges; thank goodness Mr Torris fitted our water fountain just in time for warmer climes.

As we experienced a sustained period of warmth and sunshine, please ensure you have applied sun cream to your children in advance of school and that they have a named water bottle and hat. Water bottles are available to purchase via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support as we head towards the final weeks of the Academic Year.

Tracy Prickett

Headship Team/Parent Network Session : Wednesday 4th July at 2.30 pm

Having undertaken a full analysis of the parent questionnaire responses (which is available to view on our website). Mrs Fleet and I would like to have Home Learning as a focus for this session.

As you may remember a collaborative piece of work was undertaken by parents and senior team members to overhaul home learning this time last year, so clearly further refinement is required.

If you have some suggestions, please come and join Mrs Fleet and myself on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 2.30 pm. If you are unable to make the meeting and would like your ideas discussed, please e-mail them directly to myself at head@reddings.herts.sch.uk. Mrs Fleet and I look forward to seeing you on 4th July.

Lettings

The school has recently written a Lettings Policy. Letting the school building/grounds will help us generate additional funds for the school.

If you know of anyone or any groups/clubs who would like to hold meetings, run sports/exercise classes, please let them know about our new venture. The Lettings Policy is available to view via the website. Should you have any further questions or lettings enquiries please speak directly to the School Office.

After School Club

The Afterschool Club located at Lime Walk School is now available to children who attend The Reddings School. Information regarding the afterschool club, including prices and book forms, is available at the School Office

The Happy Puzzle Company Coding Box Activity

This was a step up in difficulty from our last visit from The Happy Puzzle Company, putting some serious challenge into a mixture of activities from lots of subjects. Even though many children found the activities difficult, the strength of resilience and not wanting to give up was obvious throughout the whole day.

Well done to all the children for making it such a good day.



Science Week

The first week of this half term was an exciting one! Science Week was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children were engaged and enthusiastic about their learning all week and particularly enjoyed the Mad Science Workshops. In response to this, we are offering Key Stage 2 the chance to join an afterschool club run by the Mad Scientists during the Autumn term. Details have already been sent to parents, we hope lots of you will sign up!



Premier League Trophy Visit

On 20th June the children at The Reddings Primary School had a once in a lifetime opportunity; to meet the Premier League trophy! The Year 3 class at the school entered a competition, as part of the Super Movers initiative from the Premier League and the BBC to get children more active throughout the school day. As a result of winning this competition, the Premier League trophy came into school and the whole school had the chance to have a class photo with the trophy.

Also as part of the morning, The Watford Community Trust came in to work with the children both inside and outside the classroom. They were helping the children work together as a team and put the children through their paces physically, they also met Harry the Hornet! A fantastic day was had by all children and teachers and well done to Year 3 for winning the competition!



Sports News

Ice Skating

Key Stage One had a brilliant time ice skating on Monday 25th June 2018. We had a few children that had never skated before but as soon as they got on the ice the nerves went away. The confident skaters were helping the other children which was so lovely to see. There were a few tumbles but the children just picked themselves back up and continued skating. Many children who started off using a penguin or polar bear by the end were skating independently. Well done! It was a fabulous afternoon and just what the children and adults needed to cool down during a glorious and sunny day.



Girls Tag Rugby

On the 18th June, a number of girls went to Longdean School to participate in a girls' tag rugby event as part of 'She can' week to promote girls sport across Hertfordshire. Some excellent performances from all of the girls that attended!

Hertfordshire Schools' Athletics Championships – 600 m County Time Trial 9th June 2018

This event was a first for 'The Reddings' sports team. Pharren and Emily stepped up to the challenge and did themselves proud. 600 m is quite a difficult distance. It is 1½ times around the track and is not a sprint nor long distance.

Athletic standards were incredibly high with highly tuned and trained competitors. Thank you Emily and Pharren for representing the school, you both ran really confidently and gave this new distance 'a go'.



Kwik Cricket

On 19th June, a group of Year 5 and 6 children went down to Leverstock Green cricket club and competed against a number of different school from Dacorum in Kwik cricket. Some fantastic performances from Kenneth and Faheem which saw them hitting 6's from all angles. Some excellent bowling from Khizar taking wicket after wicket. Unfortunately we didn't make it out of our group but an excellent display from all players who took part.

