



Newsletter – March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Time flies so quickly when you work hard, and this term has really flown by. Since our Ofsted visit in February we haven't looked back. The school has written a 'single plan' which is driving us on the quickest route back to 'Good'.

Thank you for your comments and ideas. I'm hoping that the information workshops for parents in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 were useful and you have a good understanding of the more formal testing that occurs in the Summer term. If you were unable to attend, please speak with your child's class teacher as I know they will be happy to support you with the information.

Many of you expressed an interest in 'learning' workshops. These will commence in the Summer term and will be led by a range of team members. We plan to make them key stage specific, however, you are welcome to attend all workshops to enable you to support your children as they move through the school.

The teaching team has been incredibly busy writing reports and finalising end of term assessment data. As part of this we have undertaken some testing and this has enabled us to identify gaps in knowledge. These gaps will be filled next term through a more targeted teaching approach. The reports will be with you at the end of the first week in April with parent consultations being held the following week.

I have spent a significant amount of time in and out of classrooms and wherever I go I am greeted with smiling faces and a real enthusiasm for learning. When children aren't in the classrooms, they seem to be in one club or another. We are really privileged that the staff readily give up their time both at lunch and after school to provide extra-curricular opportunities, all of which are currently funded by the school. I would like to thank the team for going the extra mile to ensure our children get the very best learning and enrichment activities.

As we head into the Easter holidays, please keep practising times tables and spellings as well as spending some time together sharing a book. If it is anything like my children they do insist that I 'do the voices' and this enables children to become excited about reading. I'm hoping you have all managed to log into MyMaths and Purple Mash. Once you have completed the set home learning there are lots of maths games and activities for the children to undertake.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 19th April – doors open at 8.45 am.

Thank you for your continued support

Tracy Prickett



Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

Keep safe – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

Readathon Sponsored Read

Many children took part in the Readathon and raised between them an amazing amount of £595 for the Readathon charity, which regularly gives new books and arranges storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK. Evie in Reception raised the largest amount of £65. Many thanks to all parents who helped their children raise this money.



World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, we celebrated World Book Day. The children enjoyed undertaking a variety of book-themed activities throughout the day, including the sharing of books with pupils in other classes. We were incredibly impressed by the range of fantastic characters that we saw, with a certain Tin Man in Year 5 proving to be a particular highlight! Many thanks to all of you for the creativity and effort that you put into your children's costumes.



Red Nose Day

Sale of the Red Nose pens raised the fantastic amount of £116 which has now been passed on to the charity.



Mothers' Day Sale and Assemblies

Our two Mothers' Day assemblies were very well attended and we received £173 from our Mothers' Day sale.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following children who have 100% attendance since September 2016:-

Surina – EYFS1 Mellissa – EYFS1 Eva – EYFS2 Holly – EYFS2 Freya – EYFS2 Azaan – Year 1 Chloe – Year 1 Riley – Year 1	Joshua F – Year 2 Isabelle – Year 2 Carrie – Year 2 Tia – Year 3 Ryan F – Year 4 Paula – Year 4 Vagelis – Year 4 Isabelle – Year 5 Oakley – Year 5	Josiah – Year 5 Emily – Year 5 Vinuujan – Year 5 Anastasia – Year 5 Summer – Year 5 Finlay – Year 6 Noor – Year 6 Kristians – Year 6 Tamxin – Year 6
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Well done to the following children who have achieved 100% during the Spring term:-

Wajeeha – EYFS1 Safia – EYFS1 Surina – EYFS1 Shivan – EYFS1 Mellissa – EYFS1 Azan – EYFS2 Eva – EYFS2 Holly – EYFS2 James – EYFS2 Rosabella – EYFS2 Freya – EYFS2 Ali-Mutaqi – Year 1 Dylan – Year 1 Azaan – Year 1 Otilia – Year 1 Angel – Year 1 Chloe – Year 1 Riley – Year 1 Moussa – Year 1 Freya – Year 1 Cole – Year 1 Isabella – Year 1 Xande – Year 1 Tommy – Year 1 Brooke – Year 1	Alexander – Year 2 Zakaria – Year 2 Akilah – Year 2 Daisy – Year 2 Prudence – Year 2 Joshua – Year 2 Isabelle – Year 2 Iustin – Year 2 Tayah – Year 2 Dylan – Year 2 Lilly – Year 2 Carrie – Year 2 Ali-Reza – Year 3 Mara – Year 3 Jack – Year 3 Ella – Year 3 Lukas – Year 3 Ibrahim – Year 3 Tia – Year 3 Mavis – Year 3 Ryan – Year 4 Paula – Year 4 Caitlyn – Year 4 Vagelis – Year 4 Ryan P – Year 4	Kenneth – Year 4 Rhys – Year 4 Olivia – Year 4 Kiera-Lynn – Year 4 Isabelle – Year 5 Oakley – Year 5 Amna – Year 5 Josiah – Year 5 Emily – Year 5 Vinuujan – Year 5 Anastasia – Year 5 Summer – Year 5 Hoor – Year 5 Fifi – Year 5 Finlay – Year 6 Noor – Year 6 Kristians – Year 6 Tamxin – Year 6 Krystal – Year 6 Simmron – Year 6 Matthew – Year 6
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Year 6 – Play In A Day Workshop

Last Wednesday, 22nd March, Year 6 took part in a Play-in-a-day workshop from Konflux Theatre. The content of the play was all about road safety and how we can look after our environment. All of Year 6 took part and those who wanted speaking roles were able to develop this skill; everything was led by the willingness of the children. The enthusiasm shown by Year 6 was excellent and the actor who came in to facilitate the session was very impressed. It was really pleasing to see so many parents come and see the finished product when it was performed at the end of the day. I hope that you were as proud of your children as I was.



Year 1 Trip to Tring Museum

On Wednesday 22nd March Year 1 enjoyed a trip out to the Tring museum. We arranged a polar expedition workshop which thoroughly supported the topic work we had been learning about in class. We also had the opportunity to touch real artefacts, which was very enjoyable. Year one were very excited and behind every nook there was even more to see and explore. A special thank you must go to Mrs Jones and Mrs Housein for coming along and helping us throughout the day.



Year 1 – Sports Festival

Year one had a fantastic time at the sports space on Tuesday 7th March. They competed against five other schools, completing a range of sporting activities. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed this morning out, especially after it was announced that The Reddings had won!



GoApe Competition

Raring2go has joined forces with Go Ape to host a fantastic competition which one class in the school could win, the prize being a day out at GoApe experience, a tree top adventure. To take part in this competition you need to enter at <https://raring2go.co.uk/competitions> with your child's name, age, school name and school address (The Reddings Primary School, Bennetts End Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 8EY). To enter, your child must be aged between 6 and 15.

Bronze Awards – March 2017

Conor – Year 1
Angel – Year 1
Chloe – Year 1
Riley – Year 1
Dylan – Year 1
Kenneth – Year 4
Aliyah – Year 4
Krystal – Year 6

Silver Awards – March 2017

Faith – Year 6
Nokukhanya – Year 6
Miriam – Year 6

Head Teacher Exemplar Learners

Alicja – Year 5
Anastasia – Year 5

Hemel Town FC Tickets

If you have not already ordered your free tickets for the Hemel Town FC match against Weston Super Mare on Saturday 29th April 2017, please returned the completed slip to the Office by Wednesday 19th April. Spare letters are available at the Office.



Dacorum Dance Competition

On Friday 17th March 2017, we entered three teams into the Dacorum Dance Competition to compete against over a 100 other children.

We went with 3 teams:

- Diamond Divas
- Electric sliders
- Cartoon Heroes

All three teams consisted of Year 3's – Year 6's, they worked very hard with just under a month's training.

The outcome of all the performances were amazing, they were all very confident and brave to get up and dance in front of so many people. They danced there absolute socks off and deserved to be placed. We cannot wait for it to come back round again! Bring on next year!

