



Newsletter – December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

This is our concluding week of the Autumn Term and it seems like yesterday that we were opening up the school to start a brand new year.

The first week in December was our assessment week and children across the school undertook a range of formal and informal activities. This enabled the teachers to see where children have gaps in their learning and what they need to focus upon to allow them to make good progress. All of these outcomes are analysed, and plans implemented to plug the gaps and accelerate learning – a very complex and thorough process!

I also met with our new Attendance Improvement Officer this month. She took a very robust approach to monitoring our current attendance and she was keen to impress upon the school community the importance of regular attendance all the way from Nursery to Year 6.

The second week in December was all about the children in Early Years and Key Stage One. 'A King is Born' wowed audiences over two days and it was an absolute pleasure to watch the younger members of our school sing, dance and deliver lines with confidence.

This week was also where the Key Stage Two outcomes for 2018 were published. For the first time since the new assessments were introduced in 2016 The Reddings has 'green' progress data. We are proud to inform you that out of over 450 primary schools The Reddings was placed 31st in the County for reading progress and 40th for maths progress. As you can imagine we are delighted to share with you our 'good news' and would like to thank you for your help in this journey. Hearing children read, sharing a book at bedtime, looking at numbers in the environment, practising timetables and learning spellings have made a huge difference. Securing these basics and promoting a love for learning enables us to enrich and deepen understanding, so thank you.

In the third week of December, the spotlight moved to the children in Key Stage Two, who celebrated Christmas through traditional cards and poems. It was lovely to see so many of you joining us and I would like to thank all parents for their kind and generous donations to Great Ormond Street. The School Council selected this charity as it is very close to our hearts at The Reddings.

This week also included: Christmas crafts with parents, whole school Christmas lunch with Christmas jumpers and the panto! What a way to end the Autumn Term!

It is at this time of year I take a moment and look back over the last fifteen weeks; the team have worked hard to ensure that each and every child in their classes gets the best and most exciting learning opportunities. I'd like to say a big thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants who regularly go that extra mile.

The school could not operate without an effective office and caretaking/cleaning team, so I would like to say thank you to them too for all their hard work over the term.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Tracy Prickett

Reception Application – September 2019

Reminder that applications for children to start Reception in September 2019 close on 15th January 2019. Any applications made after this date are considered as late and you may not be offered your first choice school. Please apply online at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/home.aspx>.

Nursery Application – September 2019

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you can now apply for a Nursery place for September 2019. Forms are available from the School Office, with the closing date being 15 March 2019.

Office Updates

Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8 am to 8.45 am where children are provided with breakfast and can play games, for £2.50 per child per session. If you would like your child to attend, please book in advance. Forms are available from the School Office.

Parents who use the Schoolcomms app, please remember if you leave the app open, all e-mails and texts will go straight into your app. All correspondence is sent out initially via e-mail, and hard copies are sent home if reply slips are attached.

A new club letter for lunchtime clubs available in the Spring term will be sent out on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Clubs will start during the week commencing Monday 14th January 2019.

Year 5 Visit to the XC

Year 5 were invited free of charge to have a wonderful time wall climbing at the XC in Jarman Park. The children had a whale of a time, were very brave and were all seasoned climbers by the end. The Reddings was extremely grateful for the opportunity and the four trainers who captivated and trained the children for the whole afternoon.



Random Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar

For the month of December, the children have been focusing on what we can all do to help others and make our world a happier place. During an assembly the children helped generate ideas for acts of kindness which they could do at school or at home throughout December. These were put together into a Random Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar which was emailed out to all families. It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children have been and how they have put this into practice in class, on the playground and with their peers.

This focus on acts of kindness has shown itself in how we have thought of others and acted to support them through events in our wider school life.



Fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

A number of the children in our school have been, or continue to be supported by Great Ormond Street Hospital. We held retiring collections at the end of our EYFS/KSI Productions and the KS2 Carol Concert to raise money for this charity that is so close to our hearts. We are delighted to announce that we raised £185.30. Thank you all for your generosity.

World Volunteer Day.

To celebrate World Volunteer Day on 5th December we invited in a volunteer, Peter Williams, from DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter) to lead an assembly explaining to the children about the volunteer work they do to support homeless people in our area, and for others who are in need. We presented DENS with a hamper of goods that had been put together by staff on behalf of the whole school.

Stamp Appeal!

Don't throw your used postage stamps away!

DENS is running the **Help Stamp Out Homelessness** campaign and asking if we can collect used stamps, as they can raise money for every kilo collected. All stamps must be cut or torn from envelopes leaving approximately 1/4 inch of paper around them. Please keep any stamps you get from Christmas cards or other correspondence over the Christmas holidays and put them in the collection box which is in the link.



Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas raffle raised an amazing £124.50. The winners of the Christmas raffle are:

Christmas Hamper	Carrie – Year 3
Moët Champagne	Maia – Year 2
Chocolate Hamper	Angel – Year 3
Drinks Hamper	Blake – Reception
Tin of Sweets	Vince – Year 4
Smelly Set	Carrie – Year 4
Candle	Angel – Year 3
Bucks Fizz	Emi - Reception
Friends Bracelet Set	Milly – Yr 3
Nail Cream Set	Carrie – Year 4
Plant	Navisha – Year 6
Mug Set	Dylan – Year 3
Mug Set	David - Reception

EYFS/KSI A King is Born



The Gazette photographer, Adam Hollier, visited during our EYFS/KSI production of A King is Born and all photographs Adam took are available to view and purchase at <http://tinyurl.com/ybl5bqxx>, password M2Tkj.

Football Match against Bovingdon Primary School

The football team took on a strong Bovingdon side on the 13th December. The team showed excellent grit and determination and some excellent goal keeping kept the scores at 0-0. A high standard of goal keeping was also on display in the second half, and the match finished 0-0. We are looking forward to welcoming Bovingdon again in the new year when we will take them on in a friendly.

100% Attendance – Autumn Term

The following children have achieved 100% since the start of the academic year; well done to all these children:

Emilia – EYFS2	Azan – Year 2	Mason F – Year 3	Maliha – Year 5
Kooper – EYFS2	Eva – Year 2	Isabella – Year 3	Mara – Year 5
Robert – EYFS2	Maia – Year 2	Talia-Mae – Year 3	Jack – Year 5
Leo – EYFS2	Holly – Year 2	Lexi-May – Year 3	Prince – Year 5
Wa jeeha – Year 1	Evie – Year 2	Jasmine – Year 3	Nancy – Year 5
Ilinca – Year 1	Kaela – Year 2	Brooke – Year 3	Ibrahim – Year 5
Jacob – Year 1	James – Year 2	Daisy – Year 4	Tia – Year 5
Leena – Year 1	Mateo – Year 2	Raisa – Year 4	Mavis – Year 6
Surina – Year 1	Lillie – Year 2	Joshua – Year 4	God’sfavor – Year 6
Bailey – Year 1	Ali-Mutaqi – Year 3	Amelia – Year 4	Keira – Year 6
Lilly – Year 1	Kairo – Year 3	Italia – Year 4	Caitlyn – Year 6
Isla – Year 1	Jessie – Year 3	Isabelle – Year 4	Navisha – Year 6
	Azaan – Year 3	Valeria – Year 4	Ryan P – Year 6
	Otilia – Year 3	Adam – Year 4	Kenneth – year 6
	Riley – Year 3	Max – Year 4	Riddhi – Year 6
		Carrie – Year 4	Alesia – Year 6

Backbone Certificates

Congratulations to all the children who received a backbone certificate for the Autumn Term:

Jamie – EYFS1	Maia – Year 2	Raisa – Year 4	Joseph – Year 6
Emilia – EYFS2	Milly – Year 2	Amelia – Year 4	Caitlyn – Year 6
Layla – EYFS2	Evie – Year 2	Italia – Year 4	Navisha – Year 6
Alfie – EYFS2	Sparsh – Year 2	Dylan – Year 4	Kenneth – Year 6
Amina – Year 1	Ibraheem – Year 2	Ali-Reza – Year 5	Riddhi – Year 6
Leena – Year 1	Mariana – Year 3	Mara – Year 5	Keren – Year 6
Surina – Year 1	Milly – Year 3	Nancy – Year 5	
Maya – Year 1	Mutaqi – Year 3	Ibrahim – Year 5	
Jorgi – Year 1	Isabella – Year 3		
	Angel – Year 3		

Bronze/Silver Awards

The following children have received bronze or silver awards during Autumn Term 2:

Bronze:	Cole – Year 3	Silver:	Aneeka – Year 5
	Ali-Mutaqi – Year 3		Lexie – Year 5
	Azaan – Year – Year 3		Navisha – Year 6
	Mason F – Year 3		Katy – Year 6
	Hashim – Year 5		
	Nancy – Year 5	Gold:	Caitlyn – Year 6
	Riddhi – Year 6		

