



## Newsletter: Week commencing: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here we are, the 2020-2021 Academic year draws to a close and I'm delighted to say that all 'bubbles' have remained intact. Operating 'normally' within COVID restrictions has thrown up some obstacles however we are good at removing barriers at The Reddings and with our solutions focussed minds on we have managed to get through safely and with a sprinkling of 'fun'.

At this time of year, I usually take the time to reflect back to September before looking forward. This time however, I want to take you back to the first time I came to this school. I was working as a senior leader and Year 6 teacher in a school in Watford and I came to view the school for the Deputy Head vacancy. Mrs Cook greeted me and introduced herself as the acting Deputy Head – my heart sank, she had so much experience the role was clearly not going to be mine. As we walked into the link, a child literally rolled from one end to the other (there were no internal doors at that point of time) and they may have been wearing something red. As I breathed in 'The Reddings' atmosphere, I was hooked. The school was clearly misaligned but it felt great and I knew I could make a difference. My career commenced at The Reddings in September 2003 and in January 2006 I became Head Teacher. We have never looked back and the rest, as they say, is history. I am proud of our school and our success would not have been achieved without our school community. They say it takes a village to raise a child; well we have the whole of Bennetts End raising the children at The Reddings!

I am not quite sure where the last seventeen years have gone. During this time, I got married and had my children. Becoming a parent changed me as a leader as I learnt to juggle work and small children. I became 'that parent' who was running late to consultations and failed to hear my children read or when I did, I failed to write it in the reading record!

I am eternally grateful for all your support and belief in me especially during the period of 'Requires Improvement'. Thank you for staying with me and I can truly say I am leaving a 'great' school in the very safe hands of Mrs Fleet and 'team Reddings'. I know that you will give her the support and encouragement as she commences her new role.

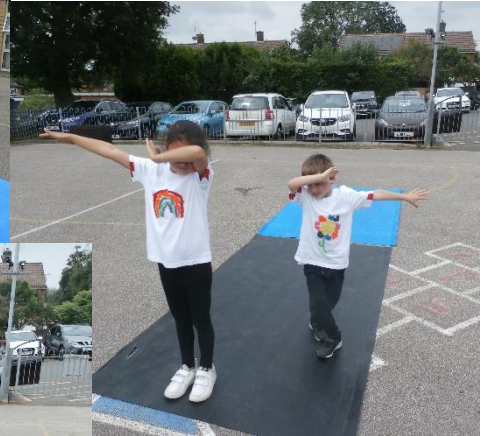
As our thoughts move to the summer break, I want to wish out class of 2021 every success as they move to pastures new. The Assembly this morning brought a small tear to my eye as I watched these passionate, mature, articulate children take to the stage. They need to be proud of the young men and women they have become and I wish them every success and happiness for the future.

For the final time, thank you for your continued support and may I wish you a lovely summer break. School recommences at 8.45am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

Kindest Regards

Tracy Prickett

## Design and Technology



In DT, year 1 made some amazing t-shirts. To display them this week they decided to perform a fashion show to year 2. We had a catwalk, music and the children enjoyed sharing their designs in their own unique way! The children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their well-designed and made t-shirts. Team year 1 are incredibly proud of the children's efforts and hard work in making them. We hope they enjoy wearing their t-shirts over the summer holidays.

## Children's Day



What an amazing day! It is fair to say that the Children's day went down a treat; it was lovely to see all the children having a fabulous time. Their faces whilst deciding what to do first was pure joy. The children loved having lunch outside and the ice-lollies went down a treat!

## Kidzania

To celebrate the end of their time at The Reddings, Year 6 went on an outing to Kidzania. They had a great time while carrying out different jobs around the city and earning "kidzos" for their efforts. The children behaved impeccably (setting a superb example for the other schools in attendance) and we were all very proud of them.



## Year 5 Cultural cooking experience

As part of our learning in Year 5, we had to look into seasonal and cultural food from around the world. All the children researched a new piece of street food from the region of Asia. Over the last few weeks, we have cooked (including endless handwashing!) in small group's five new meals: okonomiyaki; chicken / vegetable yakisoba; chicken / vegetable biryani, chilli garlic noodles with crispy tofu and fluffy Japanese pancakes. From new ingredients to new taste experiences, everybody tried them all and achieved to a very high standard. I hope they children are more enthused to cook more at home from now on.



### Stars of the week:

|           |                                   |
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| Nursery   | Joey                              |
| Reception | Ali-Musta-fa and all of Reception |
| Year 1    | Aishvi                            |
| Year 2    | Aaryan                            |
| Year 3    | Riley                             |
| Year 4    | All of Year 4                     |
| Year 5    | Beau                              |
| Year 6    | Alex and all of Year 6            |

'Ready to Learn' classes of the week:  
Year 5 and Year 2

'Ready to learn' class of the term:  
Year 4

Attendance class of the week: Year 2 (99.3%)

| Bronze Award | Silver Award |
|--------------|--------------|
| Arjun        | Haroon       |
| Nimrod       | Amazigh      |
| Amelia       | Aarya        |
| Ava          | Maia         |
| David        |              |
| Lillie       |              |
| Kaela        |              |
| Tyler        |              |
| Josiah       |              |
| Alexia       |              |

### Key Dates

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| Children's First day Autumn Term | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 |
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