



Newsletter – July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Well I don't think that anyone saw that year coming!

Everything was going to plan and then COVID19 changed how school worked potentially for the foreseeable future. For those of you who have adopted the role as 'teacher' I thank you. You'll be pleased to hear that your INSET training that was scheduled for Monday 20th July was undertaken on Friday 17th July which means you can use your time wisely – I do hope that you received a lovely 'thank you' for all your hard work from your 'class'.

For us as a school we now need to look at other platforms of online learning where feedback is integrated as part of the teaching and learning process. We are currently looking at a range of platforms to enable us to find the one that meets the needs of the children at The Reddings.

This was our 60th birthday year and it was definitely a year to remember. Our lockdown diary has been placed in the time capsule box for generations to understand our piece of history. We had grand plans to celebrate this year however we will just have to have a 60+1 celebration next year (COVID permitting!)

We did manage to have a small 'bubble' celebration for Year 6 which involved a bouncy assault course and pizza. A leaving event for the whole class has been organised for September and I hope you will all be able to join us. I am enormously proud of the Year 6 cohort; they have worked really hard and were predicted to do well in their SATs. They have grown so much over the year and I know they are ready to take on the new challenges that secondary school will give them.

Transition was something we were not able to do in the usual way. I hope you all liked your postcard from your new teacher and I know they are all very excited to meet you in September. We have allocated the first Thursday and Friday when you return as a time for a proper transition to take place.

The curriculum for September looks very exciting as we will be trialling to a blocked approach to foundation subjects during the autumn term. This means that children will have English and Maths in the mornings and in the afternoon there will be a focus on one subject for several weeks (PE and PSHE will be taught weekly). This is something we have wanted to move to at The Reddings for some time as pupil voice has told us that they prefer to work in this way.

Wishing you all a lovely summer break and I look forward to a having the whole school back in September.

Backbones

On Friday 17th July we held our final celebration assembly of the term. the following children received backbone certificates:

Phoebe (N)	Leo (1)	Melissa (2)
Anayah (N)	Wa.jeeha (2)	Kristopher (2)
Freddie (N)	Zac (2)	Eva (3)
Rasa (3)	Dylan (4)	Ali-Haider (4)
Haroon (3)	Brooke (4)	Vince (5)
Arjun (3)	Jessie (4)	Daisy (5)
Adam (5)	Valeria (5)	Tayah (5)
Carrie (5)	Ali Reza (6)	Mara (6)
Luca (6)	Nancy (6)	Tia (6)

For those children who are not attending school at the moment we shall be sending your certificate home.

The following children were awarded their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards:

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Jessie Karla	Owen George Ibrahim Aahana	Luca Ella Tori Ali-Reza

For those children who are not attending school at the moment we shall be sending your certificate / rewards home.

Governors' Writing Competition winners

The winners of the annual Governors' Writing Competition were also announced. The governors had a plethora of amazing entries to judge and were impressed by the standard of writing that was submitted to them. The following children were the year group winning entries:

Year	Winner
Reception	Nabhy
Year 1	Ollie
Year 2	Leena
Year 3	Freya
Year 4	Jasmine
Year 5	Raisa
Year 6	Tori

Congratulations to Freya who was judged as the 'whole school winner'. The shield will be engraved over the summer and we will be able to present Freya with the shield when she returns to school in September. The governors have provided gift vouchers for all the winners - these will be posted out to children shortly.

September 2020

I shall be communicating separately the operational arrangements for September 2020. As a school, we have had approximately 100 children back in the building which has enabled us to 'catch up' the learning. In September, our focus turns to those children who have been working hard at home. We have mapped out the teaching sequences in Maths and English and we have interventions planned for children across KS1 and KS2 to enable those gaps to be plugged and to accelerate learning.

I am privileged to have an exceptional team of teachers and teaching assistants who are ready and raring to go for September. I am quite sad that I won't be with you in September but there are other children that need me more and I need to ensure that they get the very best too. You are in very safe hands with Mrs Fleet and the SLT and I look forward to returning 'home' in January 2021.

Thank you for your continued support,

Tracy Prickett