



The Reddiford Read May 2022

Head Teacher's Bulletin

Well it really was an interesting end of term with an Independent School's Inspection followed by Jubilee parties - so I really have to begin my bulletin with some thank yous!

Firstly to the children, who must be commended on their exemplary behaviour while the inspectors were in school. The inspectors were very impressed with the children's articulate answering and diligent working. Also, to all the staff who went the extra mile to show the school at its very best. The full inspection report should be with us in a few weeks' time and then it will be published and sent to parents.

Next, I must say thank you to all the members of the PTA who made the Jubilee Celebrations such fun. The school was awash with red, white and blue and the sound of children having a great time filled the air. Their hard work was appreciated by all.

In staffing news - after half term we welcome Mrs Rajab back from her maternity leave and she will be working in the Prep Department. Sadly, Miss Bales will be leaving Reddiford at the end of this academic year as she moves to Hampshire. Mrs McMullen is also leaving and taking up another post outside education. I know you will want to join with me in wishing them both the very best for the future.

I am very proud to say that once again Krisha Bidadi Y6, represented Reddiford School in the Children's Parliament session last night. Ms Katie Amess is the Patron of the National Children's Parliament which is held in honour of her father, the late Sir David Amess MP. It is comprised of pupils from schools all over the country that meet via Zoom to debate important issues. The last one was held just before the COP26 Conference and included a video message from the Prime Minister Boris Johnson. At this meeting Krisha spoke on climate change and the topic for last night's debate was 'How do we make the world a safer place'. Well done Krisha!

Next half term is a busy one with sports days, trips and culminates in the annual Speech Day on Tuesday, 12 July (Y1-Y6). Do keep your eye on the school calendar and we will send any amendments asap. Also, a reminder that it is Summer uniform for all children after the half term.

May I finally take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful half term and I hope you enjoy the many Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Mrs J M Batt
Head Teacher

Lower School

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children and families that have joined Reddiford this term. For some of the younger children it is their first venture into an educational setting due to Covid. A number of children have also joined us from other local schools and nurseries. They have all coped remarkably well and have now settled into their new environment.

Jubilee celebrations

It was so lovely to be able to welcome the PTA back into school for the Jubilee Day celebrations. The children had a fantastic day celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The pizza and cup-cakes were wolfed down eagerly and the party bags caused great excitement. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event and the parents who assisted on the day.

Trips

Next half term is very busy with trips for all year groups. All permission slips will need to be returned if you have not already done so.

Transition meetings

Transition meetings will be taking place for parents of children entering the PS3+ class, Reception and Year 1 on Friday, 24 June, and Year 3 on Wednesday, 22 June. Please refer to your ParentMail letter for further details.

Uniform

All items on the uniform list are compulsory unless otherwise stated and **summer uniform is compulsory after half term**. Hopefully the weather will be nice enough for the children not to have to wear their "big" coat but please make sure that they do have their school cagoule and blazer to allow for changes in the weather. The children should also have their Reddiford sunhat for sunny days and once-a-day sun cream applied at home should you wish to use it.

Whole school photograph

There will be a whole school photograph taken on **Monday, 6 June**. This is the first day back after the half term and a lovely memento of the children's time at Reddiford. Summer uniform must be worn for this photograph.

I wish you a peaceful and sunny half term and hope that you have great fun with your families celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Mrs A McCabe
Head of Lower School

Upper School

It has been a fantastic Summer Term, so far, in the Prep Department. We have seen a resumption of PTA events this past week – it was just wonderful to see staff and parents working together and the children having such a brilliant time. Again, we were able to welcome parents into the new gym (I think I can keep calling it that for a bit longer) for our Parent's E-Safety Workshop, which was a little scary in parts but hugely useful in advice and strategies we can use as parents to keep our children safe. (Please see the notices at the end of this Reddiford Read for useful links related to keeping children safe online).

Year 6 enjoyed an excellent field trip, on a lovely sunny day, taking field measurements and investigating the River Chess at the start of May. Year 5 then went into London, to Shakespeare's Globe, where they earned many positive comments, not just for their knowledge but also their exemplary conduct. Well done to them! Year 3 also managed to get out and about, with their visit to Kew Gardens where they enjoyed some expert-led activities and braved the treetop walkway – a real **highlight!**

We were able to hold SATs again for the Year 6 children this year, alongside a return to our usual "exam week" – this week is very much meant to "normalise" the exam process for the children; to reduce the anxiety they might face in the key exams both at their secondary schools and during the process of moving to their secondary school. We also celebrated another successful year in the Junior Maths Challenge, which our Year 6 children take on and you can read about this on our website.

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I know the staff will all enjoy a well-earned half-term break, following on from our ISI inspection, and I look forward to seeing and celebrating their findings with you next half term. Wishing you and your families a wonderful week: I hope you are able to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee with friends and family. See you next half-term!

Mr J Ford
Head of Upper School

Notices

Parent car share request

A parent would like to enquire whether any other families are travelling to school from the Amersham area who would be interested in a car share. Please contact the school for further information if you are interested.

E Safety – useful links for parents

Following the parents' E Safety meeting this is the link for the parental resources -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Va1EPGXO1Jsn9sGVxbUHlr5rjYnlnBgA/view?usp=sharing>

This is the link for monitoring apps - <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/>, this is also a useful link for setting up broadband controls and mobile operators - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

Head's Honours

Zaynah Khan	4S	For a fantastic Easter Diary
Rohan Patel	5B	Excellent behaviour and work

Postcards Sent Home

Aanu Malomo	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For great research in ICT about animals
Baibhav Kadel	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For great research in ICT about animals
Maya Mistry	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For her kind and caring nature
Sophie	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For improved creative writing
Muskietorz			
Kai Ghedia	4B	Miss Bales	For a well-presented Easter Holiday diary
Simran Sakaria	4B	Miss Bales	For a well-presented Easter Holiday diary
Kishann	4S	Mrs Shah	For a fantastic Easter Holiday diary
Yohamoorty			
Zane Al-Hadad	4S	Mrs Shah	For significant improvement with his homework

Thank you wonderful PTA
More photos on the school website

