



THE REDDIFORD READ

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Head Teacher's Bulletin

The Autumn Term is now well under way and it is wonderful to feel less restricted by Covid guidance. This time last year I began this newsletter saying;

Despite the strangeness of the world at the moment, school life continues and we all learn new ways of ensuring that Reddiford children are as unaffected as possible by Covid 19.

That sentiment is still very true and we cannot forget that we are living with Covid and still taking precautions seriously and I want to begin by thanking you all for your co-operation with this. I feel we are all doing everything we can to protect the Reddiford community and by working together we are minimising the affect this will have on the children's health and learning.

Today the Prep Department were able to hold their Harvest Festival Celebrations at Pinner Parish Church. This is always a joyous occasion and grandparents are invited as a special thankyou for all their support of the school and their grandchildren. I think the children gave an excellent account of themselves especially as they do not have a chance to rehearse in the church. The Lower School held their own celebrations in school and were also absolutely delightful. So, very well done to all concerned.

Although a little while ago now, it was lovely to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening. I hope you felt you were given all the information you required and with parents' consultation evenings happening now, and in the near future, this will give you a further opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and receive feedback on their progress. We have decided to hold these face-to-face but if you would feel more comfortable receiving a telephone call then that can be arranged.

The Secondary Transfer Fair was also very well attended and I was delighted that so many of the schools we feed wanted to attend, even at short notice. It was also lovely to catch up with the staff from these schools and hear how well our ex pupils are doing.

We are delighted that Mrs Haines will be joining the Pre Prep department on 8 November as Lower School Secretary. Mrs McBreen, based at Early Years, will continue as the Admissions Secretary. We will be sending the Lower School parents a ParentMail with revised contact details after half term. Also, joining the Early Years Department after half term is Mrs Sharma as a Teaching Assistant. We welcome them to the Reddiford community.

We have a momentous change in the school regarding the renaming of the school houses. Nelson and Wellington have been house names for much of the 108 year history of the school with Churchill being added when the school expanded in the late 1990s. After much discussion the children put forward famous people that they felt are an inspiration to them and will be for future pupils. All pupils in Year 1 - Year 6 then voted on the suggestions and Attenborough (David), Parks (Rosa) and Hawking (Steven) came out as the winners. Therefore, from 1 November the house names will change as follows:

Churchill will become Hawking

Nelson will become Attenborough

Wellington will become Parks

The House Captains will be giving presentations in an assembly after half term on the new house names, which I believe are more appropriate as they are reflective of the diversity of the 21st Century.

Therefore, all that remains is for me to wish you a happy half term break and I hope you will be able to have some quality time with your children.

Mrs J Batt
Head Teacher

Upper School

It has been a fantastic start to the year in the Prep department. We have seen a resumption of sports fixtures both home and away, as well as maths competitions against other schools. It has been wonderful, also, to have children from the Lower School coming up to join us for assembly or to make use of the Gym and Learning Hub.

I would like to thank you for your support in helping us to minimise the impact of COVID as we have established our new normal.

The Year 4 children had wonderful weather for their trip to the London Wetland Centre, supporting their learning about habitats. Earlier this week, Year 3 visited Celtic Harmony to experience a glimpse of Celtic life – the children really looked the part and made very convincing Celtic warriors! The children have concluded the half-term splendidly with their Harvest Festival today. I have set them a piece of research for the break on Satchel One, following our adoption of new House Names: Hawking, Attenborough and Parks. The children will have a chance to share their research in class and I very much look forward to the House Captain presentations in assembly.

I wish you all a wonderful half term.

Mr J Ford
Head of Upper School

Lower School

The Lower School children celebrated Harvest in their department assemblies this week. The Early Years children joined in with songs and narration through the story of The Gingerbread Man. The Pre Prep children sang harvest themed songs and narrated harvest poetry, they closed the celebration by singing our school hymn, which they sang fantastically. I'm very impressed by how quickly the Year 1 children have learnt all the words.

The Pre Prep School Council is now well under way with their first task being to sell the Remembrance Day poppies. The School Council is run by Mrs McMullen. The children elect one boy and one girl from each class to represent them at the council meetings.

The Reception children will be taking part in gymnastic lessons next half term as part of their PE curriculum. They will need to wear their Reddiford PE shorts underneath their trousers for ease of changing. It is vital that all the children can take off and put on their trainers, socks, trousers and red sweatshirts independently for these lessons. Reception aged children should be able to dress and undress themselves. We have already noticed that some children are struggling with removing and putting on their sweatshirts and some are too small to allow them to do this quickly and easily. Please ensure that your child's sweatshirt is of an adequate size to allow them to do this.

In Early Years, we have noticed that some of the children need to have a more varied diet in their lunches. In particular, more fruit, vegetables and protein and not so much carbohydrate. Remember that children need "me" sized portions and not adult portions. A variety of items is more appealing to young children.

I have set the Pre Prep children a mini project (no more than one side of A4, pictures can be included) on Satchel One, following our adoption of new House Names: Hawking, Attenborough and Parks. The children will have a chance to share their research in class and will then attend the Prep assembly where the House Captains (Year 6 pupils) will present their research into their House Hero.

You are reminded not to park across our neighbour's driveways or to park in the staff car park at the front of the Pre Prep building at any time.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term with your families, stay safe!

Mrs A McCabe
Head of Lower School

Notices

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is compulsory after the half term. All children must bring a coat to school as they are outside at playtimes, lunchtimes and for outdoor learning. Earrings and religious adornments are not allowed. Please note that the children should not be wearing trainer socks.

Parking

We have had a high number of complaints from neighbours about parents parking across driveways or sitting in their cars with the engine running whilst waiting. Please ensure that you consider our neighbours and the environment when dropping and collecting your children. Thank you.

Postcards

Seetha Jayaseelan	1S	Mrs Sethi	For an excellent Sun poster
Milan Baskaran	1S	Mrs Sethi	For the excellent effort on his Sun poster
Ayva Assani	1S	Mrs Sethi	For her imaginative and informative Sun poster
Rohan Arora	1S	Mrs Sethi	For the effort he has shown in his Sun poster
Amelia Patel	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	Fantastic writing about Traction Man
Kailan Manokaran	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	Fantastic writing about Traction Man
Reyansh Khera	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	A fabulous poster about the sun
Aaryen Pradeep	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	A fantastic sun poster
Dhilan Dabasia	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	An incredible sun poster
Aleah Salehi-Reyhani	3K	Mrs Knight	Fantastic forest description
Raiya Assani	3K	Mrs Knight	Fantastic forest description
Mahi Patel	3SB	Mrs Buck	A fantastic description of a thunder storm
Neithra Aarooran	3SB	Mrs Buck	A fantastic description of a thunder storm
Vihaan Pachori	3SB	Mrs Buck	A fantastic description of a thunder storm
Saanvi Santosh	3SB	Mrs Buck	Excellent comprehension
Zubiya Shaik	6G	Mrs Knight	An excellent presentation and detailed research about Austria
Krishna Bidadi	6G	Mrs Knight	An excellent presentation and detailed research about Germany
Soraya Dudhia	6G	Mrs Knight	An excellent presentation and detailed research about Italy
Arya Madhusudhanan	6G	Mrs Knight	An excellent presentation and detailed research about Poland