



## THE REDDIFORD READ

MAY 2019

### **Head's Bulletin**

This term started with the rescheduled Year 6 concert, which was truly delightful and an excellent way to begin the term. We also enjoyed the staff/pupil netball match which resulted in a draw - well done to all the children and staff that played.

We have had a selection of interesting trips and activities so far this term and you will see more information and photographs on the school website under 'School News'. For the older children this included an 'exam week' where the children undertook their SATs (Year 6) and other checkup tests in all subjects. These exams are an integral part of learning and provide the teachers with valuable information that will enable them to ensure all children reach their full potential. Today all staff will be having an INSET day and we will be looking at the data collected from these exams. We will then analyse it to identify those children that may benefit from extra help, those that may need extension work and those that are not making the expected progress, this may need further investigation.

Now that the children have completed all their end of term examinations, our thoughts turn to the end of year activities; swimming galas, sports days, Leavers' Assembly and parents' evenings, to mention just a few. There is also the PGL trip and Activity Week to look forward to and this year's theme is Engineering. As usual the Summer Term culminates in the annual Speech Day and our Guest Speaker is Mr Neil Enright, Head Teacher of Queen Elizabeth's School.

It was a pleasure to have Reyan Devani (3GB) as a 'Teacher for the day'. He delivered Maths lessons to Year 3 and gave out reward stickers to children in the Pre Prep and Early Years Department. We also enjoyed a lovely lunch together.

Many congratulations to Aleah Salehi-Reyhani in RL who was awarded a runner up prize in the recent British Science Week competition. A great achievement, especially considering that this is a national competition. Many thanks to everyone who voted.

In staffing news; sadly, we will be saying goodbye to two teachers. After half term Mrs Gow will be leaving to have her second baby. Mrs Rajab will take over Mrs Gow's timetable until the end of the term. Also, Miss O'Connell, will be returning to Ireland at the end of the academic year. We wish them both every happiness in their new adventures and thank them for all their hard work during their time at Reddiford.

However, we have been fortunate in appointing Mrs Knight, BA Hons, QTS and Mrs Shah, BSc PGCE. These two experienced and well-qualified teachers will be joining the Prep Department in September 2019.

Mrs Cound will be absent for the rest of this term as she is having a much-needed knee replacement. We wish her a good recovery.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the PTA and all the children involved for their efforts that resulted in the collection of £1866.75 for the 'School in a Bag' charity (plus an additional £250 from the school). We had a wonderful assembly recently and the children and parents learned more about this very worthwhile charity and how the money raised will give access to education for significantly less fortunate children.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very pleasant half term.

Mrs J Batt  
Head Teacher

### **Lower School**

#### **Year 1 trip to the Roald Dahl Museum**

The Year 1 children recently enjoyed a trip to the Roald Dahl Museum to learn more about this famous author's life. They had a great time exploring the activities and interactive display in the museum and were complimented on their knowledge and behaviour. Photographs will be on the website soon.

#### **Year 2 visit to St Luke's Church**

The Year 2 children visited St Luke's Church in Pinner as part of the RE work about places of worship. They thoroughly enjoyed looking at the feature in this church and thinking about how it differs from Pinner Parish Church and their own places of worship.

#### **Early Years Uniform**

All items on the uniform list are compulsory unless otherwise stated and summer uniform is compulsory after half term. Blazers are a compulsory item throughout the year for Reception children upwards, due to England's changeable weather.

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 a cagoule. Nursery and Foundation shorts should be plain navy with no adornments. 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.

#### **Headlice**

Please check your children's hair regularly for headlice.

#### **Punctuality**

You are reminded that school starts at 8.45am for all children. Please ensure that they are in the playground by this time.

### **Pizza Lunch**

The children always look forward to this occasion. Thank you to the PTA for organising the lunch and the parents who assisted on the day.

### **Next half term**

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.

I wish you a peaceful and sunny half term

Mrs A McCabe  
Head of Lower School

## **Upper School**

### **Trips**

Year 4 had a very successful trip to the National Gallery where they had the opportunity to examine several famous paintings and explore how 'Every Picture Tells a Story'. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about various artists, painting techniques and making links to their RE, History and Art lessons. The children were complimented on their exemplary behaviour and insightful comments by the gallery staff.

Shakespeare Globe Theatre was also a hugely entertaining trip for Year 5. All pupils enthusiastically participated in the drama session led by a 'Shakespearean' actor who was very impressed with their theatrical skills.

This week, Year 3 enjoyed becoming 'Kew Horticulturalists' for the day as they learnt more about the life cycle of plants. After a lovely picnic, they had an energetic walk up to the "Treetop Walkway" to see the views across London. The Kew Gardens staff were amazed with the children's knowledge and eagerness to participate in all activities.

After exam week, Year 6 also had an exciting time exploring the features of the River Chess in Amersham, taking comparative measurements and drawing field sketches.

### **Visitors**

This term, Year 3 Reddiford pupils had their photograph taken for Steve McQueen's Tate Photo Project. This is a phenomenal project which will encompass images of Year 3 pupils from over three thousand London primary schools; the photograph will be displayed at Tate Britain from November 2019 onwards. The children also had lots of fun during their workshop with the photographer, exploring how to interpret different 'layers' within photographs and practising facial expressions for different occasions.

### **Pizza Lunch**

Thank you to the PTA for arranging a super pizza lunch. As always this was a very popular and enjoyable event.

### **Science Quiz & Poster Competition**

Congratulations to Nelson team for winning the 2019 University Challenge Science Quiz and a huge well done to all the brave 'contestants' who participated in this annual quiz!

The science posters that were submitted for the BSA poster competition this year were of a very high standard. I was impressed with the children's creative ideas and amount of detail that went into all of the poster designs. A sample of the entries can be viewed on the school website in the science gallery. Please do have a look!

### **Junior Traffic Ambassadors**

Reddiford's Junior Traffic Ambassadors have also been busy this half term patrolling outside school with Mrs Anderson early in the morning. Further patrols are scheduled to take place next half term as well. Please remember that the zig-zag lines outside the school are not be parked on **at any time.**

### **Packed Lunches**

It would also be helpful if you could place a freezer pack inside your child's lunch box as the weather becomes increasingly warmer.

I look forward to seeing you next half term and hope you all have a restful break full of sunshine!

Miss S Qureshi  
Head of Upper School

## **NOTICES**

### **Uniform**

I would like to remind you that the summer uniform is compulsory after the half term break. All items of clothing must be **clearly labelled.** In order to cater for the changeable weather, please remember that blazers are compulsory and must be worn to school at all times when not in games uniform. However, children will still need to bring their cagoules to school in case we have any wet weather. On hot sunny days please ensure that your child brings their sun hat and a bottle of drinking water which can be replenished throughout the day at the water fountains.

### **PE/Games/Sports Days**

All children must wear their PE shorts/skorts under their tracksuits on PE/Games/Sports Days. Children not wearing their shorts/skorts on Sports Day will not be able to compete.

### **Sports Day**

**Please ensure your child has plenty of water for Sports Day and their sunhats!**

### **Pre Prep & Prep Staff Car Parks**

Please ensure that children remain at your side when you are collecting siblings from Pre Prep and Prep. We ask that you walk on the path to the entrance at Pre Prep rather than between cars and keep children away from the parking spaces/cars at Prep, as a number of vehicles have been damaged recently. Please do not lean on the cars or allow children to run around between them.

### **Authorised Absences**

We would remind you that a Request for Absence Form is required for **all** absences for children of compulsory school age. (Please do not send in a letter or email to request absences).

This is in **advance** of the absences and not to be used if a child has been absent due to illness.

If your child is away from school because of sickness, please inform the school first thing in the morning (before registration) and send in a letter/email by way of explanation on the child's return.

The only exception is for Year 6 secondary school examinations/interviews, when an email to [prep@reddiford.org.uk](mailto:prep@reddiford.org.uk) will suffice.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

The following children have been awarded Head's Honours/Postcards sent home:

#### **Head's Honours:**

Aman Kanda	5B	Performing in 'Oliver'
Rien Dattani	5G	Important letter about Parliament
Sahana Sakthival	4O	Excellent holiday diary
Anton Yudichev	4O	Excellent holiday diary

#### **Postcards Sent Home:**

Zakfemi Alese	6O	Contribution to the Voicebox – passionate, well-intentioned and well thought out
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## **STOP PRESS!!!!!!**

Results just in for the Junior (aimed at Year 7 and Year 8 pupils) Maths Challenge. Another fantastic year for Reddiford's Year 6 pupils with **half** of the year group earning an award placing them in the top 40% of entrants! A special mention for Siraj Sidhu – qualifying for the Maths Olympiad round; Ishaan Bhandari, Abishan Suthakaran and Arav Jain – qualifying for the Kangaroo round and Zak Kupfer for earning a Gold Award along with those four children.