



The Reddiford Read March 2022

Head Teacher's Bulletin

It was an absolute joy to be able to end this school term with eight excellent school concerts. It is so important to encourage children, from a young age, to be confident performers. I am sure you enjoyed these concerts as much as I and were impressed by their musical, acting and dancing skills, very well done to them all.

Your children may have told you that we recently had professional photographers in the school. They were taking photographs for our new website that we are aiming to launch in the new term. We hope that it will be more user-friendly and be an effective means of communication with parents.

After another rescheduling due to Covid, I am delighted that we have now booked in Wednesday, 4 May at 4.00pm as our new PTA get together. It would be wonderful to organise some Summer school community events and please do attend if you would like to be involved. You do not need to stand for a committee position - although we hope some of you will - please attend if you would like to be involved in any way.

Once again, our Year 6 children are to be congratulated on their commendable success in their secondary transfer examinations. Thirty-four scholarships have been awarded this year and it is the quality of these that has been quite spectacular this year - 29 Academic, 2 Drama, 2 Sport, 1 Technological Aptitude and 3 Music. They have also achieved notable success in their Grammar School applications.

There are many different reasons as to which schools the children apply, and also the school offers the children accept. We acknowledge that many of the reasons are beyond their control, all we ask is that they conduct themselves throughout the experience with dignity and give of their very best - this they have done. All the children have worked very hard and we are extremely proud of them.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter time and if you are travelling, a safe and pleasant journey.

Mrs J M Batt
Head Teacher

Lower School

It has been a very busy, fun packed half term with all year groups able to enjoy educational trips as well as making great strides in their learning.

We are very proud of our Pre School 2+ children, who are only 3 years old, as they were all able to write their names independently in their Easter cards.

I am particularly proud of my group of non-swimmers who are now able to swim without the support of an adult in the water. I am sure that it won't be too long until we can dispense with the floats as well.

Year 2 children visited the Heath Robinson Museum to take part in workshops about forces and electricity and last week dressed up as Vikings for the day and made shields, Viking jewellery and wrote in Runes.

Year 1 had an exciting day at the Look Out Discovery Centre where they explored science, technology, engineering, art and maths activities.

All the Early Years children clambered aboard the Banana Bus and improved their physical confidence through jumping, climbing, bouncing, sliding, rolling and balancing.

Photographs of all our trips and activities can be seen on the website.

We have ended the term on a real high with our usual array of concerts. The Pre School children performed together and were very brave to stand up and say their lines. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house after they sang their songs about their mummies. The Reception children showed us just how confident they have become as they told us the story of Hansel and Gretel and even entertained us with some French songs. The Pre Prep children delivered accomplished performances of songs and instrumental solos and finished with the hearty singing of our school hymn. We would like to thank you all for your generous donations to our retiring collection.

It just remains for me to wish you all a lovely Easter break with your families and don't forget that the clocks go forward one hour on 27 March.

Mrs A McCabe
Head of Lower School

Upper School

Apparently, this was a relatively short half-term but it certainly doesn't feel that way! The children have really enjoyed preparing for and performing their concerts, which has been a lovely distraction from their more academic tasks.

Year 5 enjoyed a trip back in time on their visit to Gunnersbury – everyone looked the part and got a real feel for life in Victorian times. We also enjoyed hosting our Netball tournament.

We have introduced Learnful Mindfulness sessions into our school week. It's great to hear the children suggesting breathing techniques to their friends that may help them cope in challenging situations!

Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round

Following on from the fantastic achievement of equalling our best ever performance in the Primary Maths Challenge this year, by having 19 children invited to the Bonus round, we have smashed our best previous performance in terms of number and quality of awards earned in the Bonus Round.

In context, our best award performance was in 2014-15 when we earned two Gold awards. Our highest number of awards was earned in 2017-18 (the last time we had 19 children invited to the bonus round) when we earned 9 Silver and 5 Bronze awards.

This year, all 19 of our competitors in the Bonus Round earned an award. There were six Gold awards (only 400 were given out) including one for Akshaj in Year 5 who scored more highly than any of the Year 6 children! There were 11 Silver awards (935 awards given) and 2 Bronze awards (358 awards given):

Gold awards: Akshaj Mittal, Haren Ranjith, Mihika Jain, Keshnika Senthuran, Kuldeep Bhalla, Arya Madhusudhanan

Silver: Annika Cegla, Saayuj Shankar, Rishi Kylahsum, Rishane Wijeratne, Kiaan Kariholu, Anya Amin, Vihaan Khandelwal, Aditi Arun, Jagrit Bhutani, Aman Mehra, Zubiya Shaik

Bronze: Mira Vekaria, Leah Devabala

All of our Year 6 children will take part again in the Junior Maths Challenge in April, in which we had our best ever results last year. This year's cohort are hoping to shine in this challenge also.

In addition, four of our Year 6 children recently went to Aldwickbury School, Harpenden, and came 5th overall in the Maths Challenge there, out of 14 competing schools. Four more children competed at Orley Farm last week and came 3rd overall, with **another** four travelling to Eagle House, Sandhurst, in May. This year, the real 'challenge' has been finding enough challenges for our able and talented Mathematicians to take part in!

The resumption of trips, visitors and competitions is a welcome enhancement to School life in the Prep Department. I wish you all a wonderful, safe Easter and look forward to more in the Summer Term.

Mr J Ford
Head of Upper School

Notices

PGL Meeting

Please note that the PGL Meeting will be held on Monday, 23 May at 3pm in the Prep Gym (Not 16 May as stated in the Summer Calendar).

The DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee)

£719.97 was raised from the retiring collections at our recent concerts; this money is matched by the Government and will be used to assist the relief in the Ukraine.

Parent car share request

A family new to the school is looking for options to car share from September 2022 for their child who will be in Year 4. They live in HA2.

If you live close by and you are interested, please contact Mrs Kingsnorth who can put you in touch - Upperschool@reddiford.org.uk

An Unexpected Visitor

This week we had a surprise visit from a previous pupil of Reddiford School, who left here in 1965! It was interesting to hear about her time at Reddiford and how being taught by Miss White at Reddiford had helped to shape her life. You may like to look at the Alumni section on the website which has some interesting stories from past pupils.

Head's Honours

Mihika Jain	6G	Excellent report on a war-torn city
Rishi Kylahsum	6O	Assisting the photographer
Krishna Bidadi	6G	Assisting the photographer
Samir Akbar	6G	Assisting the photographer
Shreya Rachakonda	6G	Assisting the photographer
Jagrit Bhutani	6O	Fantastic performance on the electric guitar at the Spring Concert
Aman Mehra	6O	Fantastic performance on the electric guitar at the Spring Concert

Postcards Sent Home

Kaira Sharma	PS	Mrs Horne	For doing a fantastic job as Gretel in our Spring Concert
Dylan Ruparelia	PS	Mrs White	For a super performance as the woodcutter in our Spring Concert
Marco Petrina-Modha	PS	Mrs White	For a super performance as Hansel in our Spring concert
Ibrahim Abdullah	PS	Mrs White	For developing his confidence to stand up and quietly say his line in the Spring Concert
Yusuf Abdullah	PS	Mrs Davies	For delivering his line really well in the Mother's Day Concert
Aryana Salehi-Reyhani	PS	Mrs Davies	For stepping into the role of the witch last minute and performing very well
Aafia Khan	PS	Mrs Davies	For her performing her part very well in the Mother's Day concert
Ayaan Chaturvedi	RL	Miss Lloyd	For super acting as the character Hansel in our Mother's Day Concert

Amrita Madhusudhanan	RL	Miss Lloyd	For making fantastic progress in reading and writing
Danyal Maan	RW	Miss Way	For making fantastic progress in all areas
Raiden Patel	RW	Miss Way	For a great performance in the Mother's Day Concert
Surina Dass	1S	Mrs Sethi	For her progress and positive reaction to feedback on her work
Raiyan Kerai	1S	Mrs Sethi	For the effort he has put into his work and use of growth mindset for when he finds things difficult
Shanaya Gautam	1S	Miss Victor	For showing great thought and consideration towards other people's opinions in Wellbeing lessons
Milan Baskaran	1S	Mrs McCabe	For swimming without the support of an adult, just using floats
Hari Patel	1S	Mrs McCabe	For swimming without the support of an adult, just using floats
Ariya Jhutti	1S	Mrs McCabe	For swimming without the support of an adult, just using floats
Seetha Jayaseelan	1S	Mrs McCabe	For swimming without the support of an adult, just using floats
Deyan Patel	1W	Miss Victor	For reflective and well-articulated contributions to the Wellbeing lessons
Avika Shah	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	For a fantastic Queen Elizabeth I poster
Arnav Sehgal	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	For writing an excellent description of the BFG
Zorez Khan	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	For writing an excellent description of the BFG
Lucia Longhurst	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	For having a determined and positive approach to learning
Meera Bose	1W	Mrs McCabe	For swimming without the support of an adult, just using floats
Arnav Sehgal	1W	Mrs McCabe	For swimming without the support of an adult, just using floats
Khush Lad	1W	Mrs McCabe	For swimming without the support of an adult, just using floats
Oscar Sanders	1W	Mrs McCabe	For swimming without the support of an adult, just using floats
Aashvi Mehta	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For confident reading and use of expression
Eesa Anwar	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For his excellent effort and increasing independence
Maahi Ojha	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For showing kindness and care towards others
Yuvaansh Gupta	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For having a positive growth mindset this term
Eesa Anwar	2L	Miss Victor	For being confident to share thoughts and feelings reflectively in Wellbeing lessons
Musa Ali	2V	Mrs Longhurst	For being a polite and friendly boy with impeccable manners
Kiran De	2V	Miss Victor	For developing a very thoughtful and reflective approach in Wellbeing lessons

Amaya Patel	2V	Miss Victor	For showing increasing maturity and real determination to achieve her goals
Esha Kanabar	2V	Miss Victor	For being a caring, considerate friend and always giving her best effort
Yaqub Azeemi	2V	Miss Victor	For increasing confidence and showing determination to achieve his goals
Mihir Sharma	3K	Mrs Knight	Excellent effort, contributions and positive attitude in Maths
Aarya Doshi	3K	Mrs Knight	For working hard, challenging herself and having a positive attitude in Maths
Keya Ruparelia	3K	Mrs Knight	For working hard, improving her confidence and having a positive attitude to her learning in Maths
Anisa Ali	3SB	Mrs Buck	For writing an excellent story with delightful vocabulary about a camping adventure
Rayan Saha	3SB	Mrs Buck	For excellent progress in Mathematics and his contributions during our lessons
Rohan Wadhwa	3SB	Mrs Buck	For his continued excellent effort, progress and positive attitude to learning
Neithra Aarooran	3SB	Mrs Buck	For her excellent and informative PowerPoint about global warming and the work of the Reddiford eco committee
Aarav Shah	3SB	Mrs Buck	For excellent progress in Mathematics and his contributions during our lessons
Arjun Dutta	4B	Miss Bales	For writing a fantastic formal letter in English
Amani Hassan	4S	Mrs Shah	For working hard and being a fantastic member of 4S. Wishing her all the best in her new school
Darshil Solanki	4S	Mrs Shah	For performing with confidence and excellent expression in the Spring Concert
Luke Griffith	4S	Mrs Shah	For performing with confidence and expression in the Spring Concert