



## **The Reddiford Read - February 2022**

### **Head Teacher's Bulletin**

To say that the start of this Spring Term has been difficult is somewhat of an understatement. Staff and pupil absence, due to Covid, has presented a real challenge, but one I feel we have risen to. The combination of in-person and remote learning has ensured that the curriculum has continued to be delivered and I am grateful to those members of staff that felt they were able to 'Zoom in' or upload work, despite being absent from school.

I would also like to thank all of you for your consideration towards the Reddiford community by being vigilant with the testing of your children and keeping the school informed. I am hopeful that after half term we will be able to return to a 'non-bubble' environment which will mean the recommencement of all clubs and activities. This will also mean that Spring Concerts and other in-person events will be possible and we will inform you as soon as these are confirmed.

To ensure we do not have another Covid outbreak after half term, please can I ask you to do a lateral flow test with your children on the Monday morning or Sunday evening before returning to school. I will be asking all staff to do likewise.

In other news - congratulations to all of our Year 6 children, they have had to cope with an elongated secondary transfer process this year and I have received wonderful feedback from Head Teachers at the secondary schools regarding the way they have conducted themselves and the high standard of their applications. The results are nearly all in and I will update you with these when they are confirmed.

In order to further support Reddiford pupils in, what has been, quite difficult times, the Senior Management Team have been looking at implementing more mental health and wellbeing sessions throughout the week. These will be during registration and dismissal periods as well as used during PSHE and other lessons. They will not distract from the curriculum and our hope is that they will enhance the children's learning and concentration as well as their mental health. I'm sure your children will tell you all about them when they start after half term. Attached is a poster regarding resilience which some of you may find useful.

I wish you a wonderful half term, as always - stay safe and stay well.

Mrs J M Batt

## Upper School

What a roller-coaster ride of a half-term! The children and the staff have been phenomenal in their resilience and the learning has been able to continue regardless.

We were able to enjoy a wonderful Roman Day – Year 3 was a colourful Roman Republic; the children made interesting artefacts and enjoyed a Roman feast as part of their learning. The Year 4 children were delighted to be able to visit the National Gallery; I had exceptional feedback on their behaviour and maturity and how well they engaged with the art work. I'm so glad the children had this opportunity again this year! We also sent the Year 6 children to experience the intrigue of Second World War code-breaking at Bletchley Park. A really wonderful trip where children were able to see and use an actual German Enigma machine.

The Primary Maths Challenge we took part in, back in November, with the Year 5 and Year 6 children was again a huge success. 19 children were invited through to the Bonus Round of the Challenge this February and achieved an average score of 19 with Akshaj in Year 5 achieving the highest score of 23 out of 25.

We have also celebrated our fantastic, diverse school community in an assembly with some of the Year 6 children.

The children have really enjoyed being able to mix again from Year 3 – Year 6 in these last few days before half-term – I had some sweet messages in the Voice Box about how they were missing their friends.

I wish you all a wonderful half-term.

Mr Ford  
Head of Upper School

## Lower School

Well it has certainly been an interesting half term as both staff and children have had to cope with the challenges of Covid hitting the Pre Prep Department in particular. However, as expected, with the support of our Reddiford families, we were able to keep both departments open and have had no further cases this week.

Covid has meant that this has been a quieter half term than usual with regards to trips and additional activities but we are looking forward to these commencing next half term and include all the children taking part in their concerts, and a number of trips and themed days taking place. Miss Lloyd will also be starting her "Borrow a Big Book" library for Early Years children and may I remind you to return the permission slip if you have not already done so.

We have noticed that a number of children are bringing large rucksacks to schools instead of lunch bags. This can cause issues with storage and we would ask that children do not bring these to school.

Just a quick reminder for Year 1 parents that your children will start swimming after half term on Wednesdays. Please refer to the ParentMails from Miss Crawford for detailed information.

Wishing you all a happy and safe have term.

Mrs McCabe  
Head of Lower School

### Notices

#### Science Poster Competition

The British Science Association is launching a nationwide poster competition for National Science and Engineering Week. The competition entitled 'Growth' challenges pupils to think about how growth is part of people, plants, animals, materials, countries and other parts of our everyday lives. Please see the letter on the website for further details. **The deadline for posters to be handed in to your child's form teacher is Monday, 7 March 2022.**

#### Health & Safety

For health and safety reasons, please supervise your children outside school and ensure that they do not play around the parked cars on the school forecourts. Thank you.

#### **The following children have had postcards sent home**

Devan Lakhani	1S	Mrs Sethi	For his positive growth mindset in class
Shanaya Gautam	1S	Mrs Sethi	For her effort and positive growth mindset
Ishaan Soni	1S	Mrs Sethi	For his positive Growth mindset and effort this half term
Oscar Sanders	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	For making fantastic progress with his mental arithmetic skills
Araina Sharma	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	For making fantastic progress with her mental arithmetic skills
Waris Stotz	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For writing an excellent descriptive story
Molly White	2L	Mrs Longhurst	For writing an excellent descriptive story
Aneek Ghosh	2V	Miss Victor	For creating and presenting a fantastic movie animation project
Deven Morjaria	2V	Miss Victor	For having a determined and positive approach to learning
Mahee Ramessur	2V	Miss Victor	For excellent independence in creating and presenting her PowerPoint project
Arjun Gudka	2V	Miss Victor	For trying really hard to be the best he can be

Aaron Patel	3K	Mrs Knight	For writing an excellent myth using great descriptions.
Arielle Ibadapo	3K	Mrs Knight	For writing an excellent myth using great adjectives, similes and adverbs.
Navan Wadhwa	3K	Mrs Knight	For writing an excellent myth using great adjectives, adverbs and openers.
Jaiyen Mistry	4B	Mrs Slinger	For improved effort and focus in Science
Sheoli Patel	4S	Mrs Shah	An excellent marble run investigation write up and evaluation.
Aariyan Varsani		Mr Ford	For an outstanding contribution in my assembly.
Akshayen Sajiram	5B	Miss Qureshi	Fantastic science magazine article about the impact of air travel on climate change.
Aari Malde	5B	Miss Qureshi	Fantastic science magazine article about the impact of air travel on climate change.
Akshaj Mittal	5G	Miss Qureshi	Fantastic science magazine article about the benefits of using electric vehicles.
Pranit Narkar	5G	Miss Qureshi	Fantastic science magazine article about the benefits of using electric vehicles.
Anaiya Thukral	5G	Miss Qureshi	Excellent science magazine article about the impact of pollution on marine life and oceans.
Khai Shah	5G	Miss Qureshi	Excellent science magazine article about the impact of deforestation on climate change.
Haren Ranjith	6G	Miss Qureshi	Excellent science magazine article about the impact of fossil fuels on climate change and use of alternative energy sources.
Krishna Bidadadi	6G	Miss Qureshi	Fantastic science magazine article about the impact of pollution on marine life and oceans.
Zubiya Shaik	6G	Miss Qureshi	Excellent science magazine article about the impact climate change has had on natural disasters.
Annika Cegla	6O	Miss Qureshi	Excellent science magazine article about the impact climate change has had on natural disasters.
Saayyuj Shankar	6O	Miss Qureshi	Fantastic science magazine article exploring the use of renewable energy.
Rishi Kylaahsum	6O	Miss Qureshi	Fantastic science magazine article exploring the use of renewable energy.
Vihaan Khandelwal	6O	Miss Qureshi	Excellent science magazine article about the impact of deforestation on ecosystems.

### Head's Honours

Rachana Solanki	6G	For an excellent continuation of a story
Akshayen Sajiram	5B	For a fantastic mythical creature poem