



The Reddiford Read March 2021

Head Teacher's Bulletin

Last Easter, just after the school had closed for the first lockdown I ended my bulletin with these words:

“Reddiford children are resilient and adaptable and will cope with whatever the next few months bring. We are the Reddiford family and will work hard to ensure that we take care of each other and look forward to more stable times. Thank you to all our NHS frontline workers - we appreciate your dedication more than ever at times such as we are experiencing now.”

At that time none of us could have anticipated the year we have had, but those words are as true now as they were then. Reddiford children have coped, and I am extremely impressed as to how they have embraced the changes that the year has brought - they have been an example to us all. Included in this I must mention our Year 6 children that have undertaken their secondary transfer exams and interviews. They have done this with diligence and tenacity and we are immensely proud of every one of them. There are a great number of reasons why various schools are sat and various offers accepted, but all the children have given an excellent account of themselves and all must be congratulated. Overall 20 scholarships have been offered which is a huge achievement in the current financial climate.

I must also take this opportunity to thank all the Reddiford parents that work in the frontline NHS, they have been the real heroes of the last year and we are all indebted to them. Of course, I would also like to congratulate and thank all Reddiford parents, you too have worked hard to ensure that your children had your guidance and support throughout this strange year and I thank those of you that passed on words of encouragement to the teachers, these spurred us on during these difficult times.

I always expect so much of the Reddiford teachers but much has been asked of them this year. The long hours, the coping with unpredictable technology and the new Covid regimes have necessitated that they `dig deep` at times - I thank them all for their dedication. Last but not least a word of thanks to the Teaching Assistants and admin staff that worked throughout lockdown manning the critical workers provision. It was strange for them coming into school every day without the rest of the staff around but they assisted the children in completing

their Satchel One work and provided much needed support to parents - thank you to you all too.

During the Easter Break do have a look at the school website where there are a selection of the 100 Challenge and World Book Day photographs in the 'Lockdown Learning' section.

Along with the rest of the world, it is my fervent prayer that we are moving forward and beginning to find a way of living with Covid and I hope that brighter days are before us both metaphorically and meteorologically.

I have asked the children to share their thoughts on the last year - I hope you find them interesting.

Mrs J M Batt
Head Teacher

What I have learned this year ...

I liked doing art, maths and cursive letters.
Amelia Patel RL

I liked learning phonics and new things.
Aaryen Pradeep RL

I played with Playdough and learned about coins
Anjali Patel RW

I love songs, I love brownies and cards
Seetha Jayaseelan RW

I learnt about money and halving. I learnt to skip and that having friends is fun.
Aarishan Sajiram RW

I enjoyed most of the games Mrs Sethi set for us, so we could understand the work better on Satchel One. Zoom assemblies were fun because I got to see all my friends, especially on World Book Day.
Shanaya Babla 1S

I liked watching the videos. I enjoyed showing mummy my work. I liked reading the teacher's marking.
Amaya Patel 1S

I liked the art work and the PE lessons in Satchel One. I also enjoyed the Zoom lessons because I could see and talk to my friends after a very long time.
Ahana Putatunda 1W

During my home learning I got to practise my phonics and there were lots of fun activities to do on the website. I enjoyed the most, listening to the chapter of Matilda by Roald Dahl.
Vaishali Partheepan 1W

My favourite part of Satchel One was Zoom assemblies because I saw my friends and had a chat with them.
Eesa Anwar 1W

I liked looking at my work with my mum so she could see it. I was always eager to see the teacher's comments. The best thing is I can see all my work over the last months.
Aashvi Mehta 1W

I have learnt the value of life and friendship, going to school and spending time with friends which I missed greatly.
Harisiyan Sajiram 2V

I learnt about the Vikings from the incredible presentations, how to design and use ramps to investigate forces in Science. In Maths we practised formal written addition and subtraction, rounding and fractions.
Neithra Aarooran 2V

I enjoyed all the subjects and learnt how to email my work, how to attend Zoom lessons and print documents using the computer. I became more confident.
Saanvi Santosh 2V

I have learnt how to type on the computer with my fingers in the right place using both hands. I have learnt that I love reading, how to help with chores and how much I love school. I learnt how to ride a bike.
Aarya Doshi 2L

I have learnt lots of interesting things like adding and subtracting using the formal written method. Facts about Mexico, mini beasts in Science, how the Vikings lived and how important it is to take care of our mind, heart and body. I love Reddiford School!
Aaryan Varsani 2L

I learnt new ways to complete my work and new strategies in Chess.
Deeyana Pandya 3SB

I learnt how to use alliteration, similes and onomatopoeia. I also learnt how to use the bus-stop method in Maths.
Hridaan Gangar 3SB

I learnt what Romans wore in History and how to write descriptions of animals.
Zakir Anwer 3SB

I learnt new words in English in my dictionary and how to nearly do a full flip on the trampoline. I improved my football skills and know how to do new things on the computer.

Jaiyen Mistry 3SB

I learnt to work independently and working out questions that I was stuck on. I learnt to be confident in front of my whole class.

Shasmini Nimalathan 3SB

I became more confident using my laptop. I learnt my times tables up to 12. I played lots of board games with my family and did a lot of drawing – I finished my 200th!!

Shubham Sahu 3K

My Grandma taught me Tamil. I learnt never to give up and to be patient. I learnt new things on my iPad. I discovered how to rhyme poems with my mum.

Anuradha Jayaseelan 3K

I learnt what a census is, I learnt some Greek stories, how to do cartwheels and how to be more independent.

Sophie Cegla 3K

I learnt how to use Zoom properly and by myself. I learnt my multiplication tables and how to be more patient.

Muhammad Anwar 3K

I learnt to play a new board game where you can't say "yes" or "no". I learnt part of a song on the piano, how to make cupcakes and do column addition.

Luke Griffith 3K

I have learnt to be resilient and to adapt, like many people, I have sacrificed seeing my family to keep everyone safe. During challenging times, I have learnt to manage my emotions by meditating and talking to my parents.

Ariyan Vaghjani 4S

I have learnt to work more independently. I learnt more computer skills such as sending emails, editing images and improved my typing skills. I also learnt to be more responsible.

Ashmitha Suthakaran 4S

I learnt you have to cope with situations and adjust to the changes. I got to spend lots of time with my family.

Diya Muralidharan 4S

I learnt that I know more than I thought I did. I am creative. I miss my grandparents.

Akshayen Sajiram 4S

I have got better at drawing because I have been practising using YouTube videos. I am more confident using the computer, especially Word and PowerPoint. I learnt to adapt to the changes of home-schooling.

Nimmi Patel 4S

I learnt to appreciate the outdoors, technology ie Zoom, my family, to be more confident and to skateboard.

Shay Davda 4B

I have learnt to appreciate walks – the only chance of some fresh air; Zoom calls – the only chance to interact with other people; home-schooling - as there is no time limit and my parents for helping me without me having to wait.

Aaroh Mehta 4B

I have learnt to appreciate friends and family, to take walks more often and to manage my time better. School is very important because teaching myself was tricky.

Khai Shah 4B

I have learnt how to make the right choices and listen to one another. Maths is extremely fun because every lesson I am always taught something new.

Anaiya Thukral 4B

I have learnt to appreciate school and we are lucky we are able to see our friends at school. We need to be more focused when doing our work at home.

Neil Naik 4B

I thought lockdown would be awful but it was a whole new world for me. Adapting to home learning wasn't easy but it was an important change – I would create PowerPoints in Science, Geography and History and enjoyed animating them. When I heard I was coming back to school I was jumping up and down!

Mihika Jain 5B

I cultivated the habit and confidence of asking questions and tried solving problems independently. I treasure the times with my family and although lockdown has its pros and cons, I feel like the rain in my life is never going to come whereas the sun still shines on me.

Krishna Bidadi 5B

Instead of looking on the bad side, put your positive glasses on. We spent time with our parents. We treasured them and we appreciate our friends and extended family.

Rishane Wijeratne 5B

It has been tough but there are a lot of pros, I want to talk about them. We spent time with our family and were also able to have some alone time. It was a good chance to play video games with friends and there were a lot of people that helped during the pandemic such as the NHS and most importantly to me, Reddiford School.

Josh Ladwa 5B

Lockdown was very hard for me it was mixed with home-schooling and Key Workers provision but I have learnt to improvise and tried to stay occupied. When I struggled with school work I asked the teachers but first tried to work things out for myself. I was missing my friends but tried to keep in touch with them. It was hard not being able to attend clubs and my hobbies. When I wasn't in the keyworkers provision I liked not having to rush to school. In school it was lovely to see some friends and the teaching assistants who were there to take care of us. Thank you to them and the NHS.

Soraya Dudhia 5B

Lockdown has been hard as I could not see all my friends - but made new ones in the Key Workers provision. I had lovely Teaching Assistants to support me. I will always remember that you can turn a negative situation into a positive one.

Anya Amin 5G

The Sunday before the starting the Key Workers' provision lots of questions went through my mind, what if my friends aren't there; who would I get help from; who would I play with? The next day I saw both of my friends and our Teaching Assistants – the best day ever!

Sianna Patel 5G

This has been a challenge for everyone, also the teachers. One thing I realised is that you must have positive thoughts. Although back at school we have more structure, we have our friends and teaching assistants always giving us support. I can guarantee that being back at school is better than being at home.

Annika Cegla 5G

Lockdown was not as bad as I thought it would be. I went to the Key Workers' provision every working day and it was more fun than being at home. Teaching Assistants were there to help us if needed. We had a chance to play with people we do not usually play with at break time. When we finished our work we also had some fun. I missed my friends that were not in school but still had a great time.

Rishi Kylahsum 5G

I have learnt how to embroider and sew and if it was not for lockdown I would not have discovered this new interest. Lockdown has helped decrease the spread of Coronavirus but has prevented people from meeting up but has brought us all closer together using Chat Windows. I have learnt how to draw and this has helped to defeat the boredom.

Trisha Dave 6F

Lockdown has helped me to stay organised and connect with nature more and well as exploring different things in my spare time. I write more poetry and stories and am trying to learn sign language, which is very interesting

Jia Tanna 6F

I learnt to appreciate my friends and family more as I could not see them. I have gone for long walks and drives. When I could not go to school I learnt to appreciate it more and worked harder.

Jasmine Chohan 6F

I learnt a plethora of things; I have become more appreciative, learnt new skills and gained a better degree of independence. My feelings have also varied at particular times, I felt happy spending time with my family, but sometimes a bit sad, stuck at home unable to see extended family and friends. I have created numerous memories during lockdown.

Sahana Sakthivel 6F

I have learnt some new hobbies, such as embroidery and baking. There was more time to spend with family watching a movie or playing board games like Monopoly. I learnt to be more independent and used more technology, however, I missed friends and family as we could not celebrate together.

Jeisnavi Nimalathan 6F

I have learnt more about my local area and enjoyed playing basketball. I have found different ways to communicate with friends on my phone.

Nathan Lenox 6F

When working at home there are more distractions and being organised helped me to finish all my work on time. I researched independently to understand different topics. I learnt more about technology using apps like Skype and Zoom for communicating with friends.

Shriya Mistry 6F

I quite like spending time with myself to gather my thoughts, as normally I would be too busy thinking about other things. I felt very lonely as I do not have any siblings and I felt quite isolated and kind of a bit sad.

Reva Kesarkar 6O

It was annoying as my elder sister and I argued, as well as not seeing cousins or friends. But it made me have a stronger relationship with my family, especially my step-mum.

Ariyan Desai 6O

A good thing was spending time with my mum and learning to cook and bake. I am now able to make things like lasagne and cheesecakes.

Vihaan Patel 6O