



The Reddiford Read – May 2021

Head Teacher's Bulletin

This time last year we were embarking on a phased return to school for certain year groups. The school felt fractured, with some children and staff in school and others working remotely. So, we are now beginning to enjoy the 'nearly normal' school life and trying hard to arrange school events that will complement the school's academia. Admittedly, due to some Covid restrictions still being in place we have had to arrange these within the Government Guidelines but the children and staff are very much looking forward to the events.

On the last day of exam week, the whole school was ablaze with colour as we endeavoured to support those who are suffering so badly from the effects of Covid on the Indian sub-continent. Some wore the colours of various flags, some just colours that typified the continent. It was a day that provoked discussion not just about the pandemic but about the need to support our fellow men and do whatever we can to ease the suffering of others. The older children had been working hard during the week and giving their very best to their exams so it was an event that was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the parents, staff and children we raised £1653.78, and this will be split between the charities that we are supporting.

SEWA (Selfless Efforts for the Welfare of All)

SEWA UK is a humanitarian non-profit service organisation.

BAPS India Covid Emergency Appeal

The situation in India is dire and critical. Thousands are dying daily. BAPS has already responded with a new 500-bed facility in Atladara, Vadodara, equipped with emergency care facilities and life-saving oxygen. This is in addition to the ongoing relief work in India since the pandemic began, with the distribution of hot meals, fresh vegetables, ration kits, N95 masks, and more. They have now launched an emergency campaign to provide further care and support to the needy as the devastating second wave in India intensifies.

Action Aid

Action Aid has launched an urgent appeal to arrange testing and vaccination camps, and the distribution of safety and sanitation kits, including protective items, for communities to use in sanitation work, burials, and other essential activities.

Staffing news

Sadly, two teachers will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Edwards will be retiring after many years at Reddiford; her passion for languages will be her legacy to the school and we wish her a long and happy retirement. Mrs Gomes, has taught various year groups during her time at

Reddiford and, as she moves away, we also wish her every happiness. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both teachers for their hard work and dedication to the school.

We have been fortunate in appointing Miss Chalk, BEd Hons QTS, who will take over Mrs Gomes' teaching responsibilities. Also, Ms Travani MA, PGCE who will teach languages throughout the school. Both are experienced and well qualified teachers and I feel they will be a valuable addition to Reddiford.

Mrs Rajab will be taking her maternity leave at the end of this term and we send her all our very best wishes.

Stay safe, stay well and enjoy the good weather as much as you can.

Mrs J M Batt
Head Teacher

Lower School

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children and families that have joined the Reddiford this term. For many of the younger children it is their first venture into an education setting due to Covid. They have all coped remarkably well and have now settled into their new environment.

I would like to congratulate all the children, and of course you, their parents, on the resilience shown over the past year and hope that the fight against Covid continues to be positive.

Uniform

All items on the uniform list are compulsory unless otherwise stated and **summer uniform is compulsory after half term**. 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 or coat and for Pre School children, a light raincoat to allow for changes in the weather. 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.

Nits

Please check your children's hair regularly for nits.

Activity Week (w/c 21st June)

As we are still not at the stage where the children can participate in their usual school trips for the summer term, we are planning to make Activity Week a week of exciting and fun activities for the children. Some of which are outlined below.

All classes will take part in a children only on-site Sports Day, and a Well-Being Day.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in dance workshops delivered by an industry professional and an Engineering Day.

Year 1 and 2 have Art and Drama mornings planned and Early Years will take part in a Space Day (a great chance for dressing up!)

Pre School children will also take part in a Sensory Day.

You will receive a ParentMail after the half-term break to clarify which days these events are taking place.

I wish you a peaceful and hopefully a more sunny half term.

Mrs A McCabe
Head of Lower School

Upper School

It has been a wonderful half term with the children getting back into the routines of school life on school premises! We have been able to enjoy some assemblies and lunches together in the gym – albeit in slightly smaller groups than we would normally – and we have been able to go to Merchant Taylors’ for our games lessons. As the half term approaches the children have earned a rest, and have plenty of exciting events to look forward to before we break for the Summer (more information below).

I must mention the success of our Year 6 children in this year’s Junior Maths Challenge (which is aimed at Year 7 and Year 8 pupils). This was our most successful year, with 29 of the children earning awards for their scores when they took the challenge in April. Ten children earned a Bronze, fourteen earned a Silver and five earned a Gold Certificate. This is a new record number of awards for our Year 6: the previous record from 2017 was 24 awards. Excitingly, Jeisnavi Nimalathan, Yuv Juneja, Jasmine Chohan, Jai Popat and Abinaash Vaseekaran have also been invited to take part in the follow up Junior Kangaroo round. All of the Year 6 children performed admirably, as the maths required is of a very high calibre. All of those earning awards or invitations to follow up rounds have done exceptionally well. Thank you to all of the parents for your support of your children, and to all of their teachers over the years who have enabled them to reach such a wonderful standard.

We would like to inform you that we are sending 2 cheques of £150.00 each to Hillingdon Brain Tumour Trust and COSMIC (Children of St Mary’s Intensive Care). This is money raised by a previous School Council.

Hillingdon Brain Tumour Trust was nominated by Shyan Vaghjani, Aditya Puri and Aarnav Singh and COSMIC was nominated by Siya Nanavati, Alveena Dudhia, Keshavi Jani, Tishe Odunaiya and Mahika Karunathan.

Mr J Ford
Head of Upper School

NOTICES

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Please adhere to Government Guidelines regarding travel to other countries during half term. Travel to Red and Amber list countries is covered by strict guidelines/regulations which must be adhered to. Please ensure that you check the Government website and inform us if you are travelling/have travelled to any countries on these lists. We will require sight of the negative PCR tests before children can return to school.

Postcards Sent Home

Inaaya Rahman	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	for an incredible information book about the Queens of England
Yuvaansh Gupta	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	for an amazing book about the Queens of England
Maahi Ojha	1W	Mrs Whitmarsh	for an amazing book about the Queens of England
Aarya Doshi	2L	Mrs Longhurst	for making an interesting poster about a famous scientist
Aaron Patel	2L	Mrs Longhurst	for making an interesting poster about a famous Scientist
Mihir Sharma	2L	Mrs Longhurst	for making an interesting poster about a famous Scientist
Sakthi Sasitharan	2L	Mrs Longhurst	for making an interesting poster about a famous Scientist
Haisam Butt	3SB	Mrs Buck & Mrs Stewart	for the quality and content of his work and great care during that has gone into it
Aarish Mehta	5G	Mrs Gomes	for an excellent PowerPoint project on the Space Race
Jasmine Chohan	6F	Mrs Gent	for writing a moving extended biographical account of Malala as part of our History lessons
Aadi Bose	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Abhirath Chappidi	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Jasmine Chohan	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Trisha Dave	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Iain MacMillan	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Manas Mapara	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Shriya Mistry	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Jeisnavi Nimalathan	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Sahana Sakthivel	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper
Jia Tanna	6F	Mrs Gent	for working hard and producing an outstanding History exam paper

Nikhil Valecha	6O	Mr O'Toole	for his hard work on the poster of the Police which was excellent!
Srimayi Vijayaragavan	6O	Mr O'Toole	Excellent History work. Poster on the history of the Police Force was amazing!

Head's Honours

Sophie Cegla	3K	Mrs Knight	for her amazing Human Body Book
Victor Powell	6O	Mr O'Toole	for his excellent War Poem

Uniform

I would like to remind you that **summer uniform is compulsory after the half term break** (please see the website for uniform lists). 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.

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.

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

End of Term Events

Prep Sports Day	8 June (Years 3 and 4) 10 June (Years 5 and 6)
Parents Evenings (Telephone calls)	16 June (EYD, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4)
Year 5 Parents - Zoom Meetings	16 June – 5B 23 June – 5G
Year 6 Parents - Zoom Meetings	16 June
Activity Week/Fun week)	21-25 June (whole school)
Year 1 Sports Day	21 June (morning)
Reception Sports Day	23 June
Year 2 Sports Day	25 June (morning)
Year 6 Sleepover	Friday, 25 June
Year 6 Prom	Friday, 29 June
Speech Day Zoom	7 July (Year 3 and 4) 8 July (Year 5 and 6) 9 July (Pre Prep)
Year 6 BBQ	8 July

End of Term

9 July (EYD collect at 12.00)
(Pre Prep collect at 12.15)
(Prep collect at 12.30)