

# Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team

#### 10th October – Newsletter 3

## Term 1 - Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our value this term is Community, and over the past couple of weeks, it has been wonderful to see this shining through in so many aspects of school life.





The children have really enjoyed taking part in our singing assemblies with Preludes. Music has such a special way of bringing people together, and it's been lovely to hear everyone joining in with "I Can See Clearly Now" - the hall has been filled with smiles and song!

On Tuesday, Year 1 put their geography skills into practice on a local walk. The children plotted their route, followed a map, and searched for man-made and natural features along the way. A highlight was spotting the large mural by artist Zoe Power on Church Road - especially exciting as they've been studying her artwork this term. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who joined us and made the trip possible.

In Reception, children have been working hard and exploring the many ways we communicate, through spoken language, visuals, gestures and signs. This year, the class will be learning signs as part of their learning journey, supporting and celebrating all the ways children express themselves. Look out for their videos each week showing the signs they are learning!

Year 2 have begun exploring some of Bristol's most famous landmarks. The children played a game where they placed landmarks on a map, improving their understanding of Bristol's



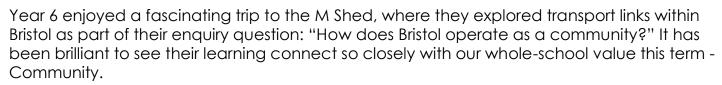
geography. Their goal was to confidently locate four key landmarks but some groups managed even more!

Year 3 have been incredible this week, leading our Harvest Festival with confidence and joy. The children sang beautifully, demonstrated The Redfield Way throughout, and impressed us all with their growing confidence when speaking to an audience. They have also been learning to ride safely as part of their Bikeability lessons.

Year 4 have been busy becoming scientists, sorting and grouping plants using classification keys. Their curiosity and teamwork have really stood out.

Year 5 have also been taking part in Bikeability this week, showing great resilience as they built confidence and control on two wheels. They also welcomed 'Shooting Fish Theatre Company to school on Friday, who they will be taking part in an exciting







This week, we carried out our Safe Inside Lockdown drill. We're pleased to share that everything ran very smoothly, and the children did a remarkable job following the steps calmly and sensibly. These drills are an important part of keeping everyone safe and ensuring that both staff and pupils know exactly what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency. Well done to all our pupils for their maturity and cooperation.

Finally, a reminder that on 20th and 22nd October, we will be holding our first Parents' Evenings of the year. These meetings are a great chance to celebrate your child's successes, discuss their progress and explore ways we can continue to support them together. When home and school work as a team, children feel

supported and confident to do their best.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and positivity. It's been an inspiring start to the term, and our community spirit continues to grow stronger each week.

# **Book Cover Competition**





Well done to Nae Nae Y6, Isla Y4, Senan Y1 and Nico, Y1.

All winners of our Book Fair Competition. Well done for your amazing book cover designs. All lucky winners have spent their voucher and collected a book from the book fair.

Also well done to Fonda Y6, Aliya Y4, Ruby Y1 and Betty in YR, our runners up!



Thank you for everyone who took part in the competition and for everyone who purchased books.

#### Fee Half-Term Club

Date: October 29th, 2025

Venue: The City Academy, Russell Town Ave, Redfield, Bristol BS5 9JH.

Time- 9am- 3pm. Arrival from 8:45am onwards

**What's covered in the camp:** We will be going through batting, bowling, fielding using some really cool games. It will be an action-packed day full of fun and enjoyment for all! Signing up in the online portal also provides you with a **free**, customised Dynamos T-shirts!

Below in the email is the sign-up link along with the discount code. For this camp where a QR code isn't available, please follow the link and the prompted steps. If there are any issues, please feel free to contact me using the information in the portal.

#### Sign up

<u>link:</u> https://ecb.clubspark.uk/DynamosHolidayCamps/GCFACECityAcademySchool/Course/b57dc7b9-938a-4e25-ac1c-2e145a54200a

**Discount code:** PHQD6

#### **Attendance**



## Why Does It Matter?

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall well-being.

## Did you know?

# When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

We recognise the majority of our pupils are of an age where they cannot bring themselves to school independently and therefore understand that low attendance or poor punctuality is out of their control. As a result, we acknowledge that it is the efforts of our parents/ carers that will have a significant impact on improving both punctuality and attendance for our pupils and consequently include them within the recognition and rewards we share - achieving together, celebrating together.

Attendance at RFT last week: 95.2%

Legend
Severely absent (50% or more sessions missed)
Persistently absent (10% or more sessions missed)
At risk of persistent absence (5-10% sessions missed)
Good attendance (95-99%)
Excellent attendance (99%+)

## REMINDER - How to apply for a new year 7 secondary school place.

If your child is in year 6 or was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you need to apply for a new year 7 secondary place. Apply online from **Friday 12 September 2025** for September 2026 admissions. You'll need to register for an account on the Bristol City Council Parent Portal admissions system if you've not made an online application for a school place or free school meals before. The final date and date and time for making limited changes to an existing application for the first round of allocations is midnight on **4 November 2025**. If you would like any support with completing the application form please speak with Imrana





#### **Parent Code of Conduct**

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a respectful and supportive school community, we kindly remind all parents and carers to read and follow our Parent Code of Conduct.

This document outlines the expectations for behaviour when engaging with staff, pupils, and other members of our school community. By working together, we can ensure a safe and positive environment for everyone.

Our Parent Code of Conduct can be found on our website:

https://www.redfieldet.org.uk/assets/RET-parent-code-of-conduct.pdf

## Term 1 key dates



There are still some physical copies of our calendar available at the office if you would like one

#### **Events**

Harvest Festival - Year 3 Leading (all parent/carers welcome) 8/10/25 @2:45pm

## Parent/carer sessions:

SLT welcome meeting 18/9/25 @9:00-9:30am and 5:00-5:30pm Parent/carer evening 20/10/25 and 22/10/25 from 3:30pm



