

# Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team

#### 28th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another wonderfully positive and enriching week at Redfield. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and engagement in all aspects of school life.

On Monday morning, we were delighted to host the Be Bright Be Seen – Light Up Welcome event, funded by Bristol City Council and led by Play:Disrupt. Children arrived to an illuminated archway, bubbles, music, bright costumes and reflective dress-up stations. A brilliant, joyful start to the week.

Every child received a Be Bright Be Seen sticker and a free reflective or light-up item to help them stay safe when travelling during the darker winter months. The turnout was incredible; thank you to everyone who made the effort to dress up and take part.

A huge well done to all the children who took part in our Michael Rosen poetry activities last week. The standard of writing was exceptionally high, and we loved seeing pupils experimenting with word play, rhythm and humour.

We are thrilled to announce our winners:

- Winner KS2 Ishmael (Year 5)
- Winner K\$1 Ruby (Year 2)

Both have received a special Michael Rosen poetry book.

Our runners-up, who also produced fantastic pieces, were:

- Marla (Year 4)
- Kylian (Year 3)

A massive congratulations to all four children, we are incredibly proud of their creativity and effort.

Our Mental Health Support Worker, Ellie, will be delivering the next parent workshop: Monday 15th December at 14:30–15:30



This session will focus on supporting children with fears, worries and emotional regulation.



These workshops have been extremely valuable, and we encourage as many parents and carers as possible to join.

A reminder that our wonderful FORET team will be hosting the Winter Fayre next Friday, 5th December, from 15:30–16:30. Expect crafts, festive treats, games and stalls - it's always a warm and community-spirited event, and we hope to see many families there.

Next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the annual Redfield Lantern Parade will begin here on the school site before travelling along Church Road. Our

Year 3 pupils have been working tirelessly to create an impressive giant fox lantern, ready to shine at the front of the parade.

FORET will be on the playground selling hot chocolates and hot drinks for families taking part.

Please come along and celebrate this wonderful community tradition.

Next week is Assessment Week across the school. These assessments help us understand where children are with their learning so that we can plan effectively for the spring term.

We deliver all assessments in a gentle, child-centered, and age-appropriate way, ensuring children feel calm and confident. Teachers will frame activities positively, and children will complete them in small chunks with lots of reassurance. There is no need for children to worry, it is simply an opportunity for us to celebrate what they know and see where we can support them next.

We are excited to welcome the pantomime to school next Thursday. Due to space and scheduling requirements, the performance must start promptly at 9:00am.

This means it is vitally important, as it is every day, that children arrive on time.

The donation link shared by FORET remains active for anyone who would still like to contribute towards the cost of the performance. Thank you to everyone who has donated





so far. To donate follow this linkhttps://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q8GX0NEB or scan the QR below.(Suggested donation £2 - £5).

# **Learning Highlights From Around the School**

## **Early Years**

 EYFS children have been strengthening their fine motor skills through Pen Disco, building the strong foundations needed for mark-making and early writing.

# Key Stage 1

- Year 1 have been developing their ball-handling skills rolling, kicking and catching with increasing control and accuracy.
- Year 2 have been exploring the Victorian Bristol Docks, creating fantastic 3D models showing cranes, ships and dockside buildings.
- EYFS and KS1 have also begun Nativity rehearsals the enthusiasm and effort already on display is wonderful to see.





- Year 3 are completing their final preparations for Saturday's lantern parade.
- Year 4 have been strengthening their timestables knowledge through a variety of fun games and fluency challenges.
- Year 5 have been writing and performing their own playscripts, showcasing fantastic drama skills and expressive reading.
- Year 6 have been investigating electrical circuits, building their scientific understanding through hands-on exploration.

### **Reminders**

Punctuality – Gates Close at 8:55am

A reminder that children must be in school before 8:55am, when the gates close. Registers must be completed promptly for safeguarding reasons.

Arriving even a few minutes late can disrupt learning and means children miss the calm, settled start to the day.

School Meals – Please Book on Arbor in Advance

We are still seeing a number of children arriving with no lunch choices booked on Arbor. This affects the kitchen's ability to order and prepare food accurately.



Please ensure meals are selected in advance - even for children receiving universal or free school meals. Thank you for helping us keep lunchtimes running smoothly.

Thank you for your continued support. If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the Parent Feedback Form — your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us continue on our journey of improvement. <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/AVZ9ezNHGV">https://forms.office.com/e/AVZ9ezNHGV</a> The deadline for this is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

# **Upcoming dates:**

4.12.25 – Panto coming to school

5.12.25 – Winter Fayre (FORET) from 3:30pm

10.12.25 – Open classroom Year 3 2:45-3:15pm

11.12.25 – Open classroom Year 6 2:45-3:15pm

12.12.25 – Open classroom Year 4 2:45-3:15pm

15.12.25– EYFS, Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30am



15.12.25 – Ellie leading Parent Workshop on supporting children with fears and worries

16.12.25 – Christmas Dinner Day

17.12.25- EYFS, Year 1 and 2 Nativity 14:30pm

18.12.25 – Last day of term. Day finishes at 1:30pm

