



Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team

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Term 1 – Community

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and vibrant week at Redfield, with children across the school enjoying a fantastic range of learning experiences. From performing at our Harvest Festival and learning Bhangra dancing, to steel pans, swimming, Forest School and even designing smoothies, there has been plenty of creativity, confidence and curiosity on display.

It has been particularly lovely to see children having opportunities to develop their skills beyond their everyday classroom learning – whether performing in front of an audience, working collaboratively, being creative or challenging themselves to learn something new.

Year 3 Harvest Festival – Loud and Proud!

A huge well done to our amazing Year 3 children, who led our Harvest Festival the week before last.

The children were absolutely fantastic and really demonstrated the 'Loud and Proud' speaking skills we have been developing across the school. They spoke clearly and confidently in front of an audience and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

A huge thank you also goes to all of the parents and carers who joined us. We particularly enjoyed seeing you getting involved with the singing and dancing too! Having our families participate makes these occasions even more special and creates a wonderful sense of community for our children.

Thank you as well to everyone who generously contributed to our Harvest collection. Coming together to support others is an important way for children to see our values and Rights Respecting ethos put into action.



Year 4 – Steel Pans and Carnival

Our Year 4 children have continued their exciting creative work this week with a steel pan workshop.

The workshop links closely with the drama work children have already been undertaking and is helping them to deepen their understanding of carnival, music and performance.

Experiencing the music practically allows children to develop a much richer understanding of the cultural traditions they are exploring, while also building rhythm, teamwork and confidence. This work will continue to feed into their wider creative project over the coming weeks.

Year 1 – Forest School at Netham

Our Year 1 children have enjoyed another delightful Forest School experience at Netham Park.



This week, the children used natural materials to create faces on the trees and bring out each tree's 'spirit'. It was another fantastic opportunity for them to use their imaginations while exploring and developing their relationship with the natural environment.

Forest School continues to give our children opportunities to be creative, take appropriate risks, solve problems and learn collaboratively outdoors. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and independence developing with each visit.

Year 2 – Smoothie Instructions

Our Year 2 children have been putting their writing skills into practice by creating instructions for their own smoothies.

Writing for a clear purpose helps children understand why organisation, vocabulary and precise instructions matter. It has been fantastic to see them applying their learning creatively and thinking carefully about how somebody else could successfully follow their instructions.



Year 5 – Swimming

Our Year 5 children have continued with their swimming lessons this week and are making great progress.

Swimming is an essential life skill, and these sessions provide children with opportunities to develop their confidence, technique, stamina and understanding of water safety.

We have been really pleased to see children persevering, encouraging one another and challenging themselves as their confidence in the water grows.

Year 6 – Bhangra Dancing

Our Year 6 children have been busy learning Bhangra dance this week.

The sessions have provided another fantastic opportunity for children to experience and appreciate different forms of music, dance and cultural expression while developing coordination, rhythm and confidence.

As a Rights Respecting School, we want children to have opportunities to experience, understand and celebrate different cultures and forms of creative expression. Experiences such as our Bhangra and steel pan workshops help bring this learning to life and support children's right to participate in cultural and artistic life (Article 31).



Reminders for Families

Attendance & Punctuality



A reminder that arriving at school on time is really important. A punctual start helps children settle calmly, take part in the beginning of lessons and ensures that valuable learning time is not missed.

If your child arrives late through the school office, please be aware that we will be unable to take scooters or bikes into school for storage. Our office team do not have the capacity to take these through the school once the gates have closed, so parents and carers will need to take bikes and scooters away with them.

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring children arrive at school on time and are Ready to learn.

Healthy Breaktime Snacks

We have noticed an increase in children bringing sweets and crisps into school for their morning break snack.

A reminder that children only need to bring fruit for breaktime. We want to encourage healthy choices across the school, and a piece of fresh fruit is all that is needed for a morning snack.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

Lost Property – Please Name Clothing

We are also seeing an increase in the amount of lost clothing around school. Unfortunately, many of these items do not have children's names in them, which makes it very difficult for us to return them to the correct child.

Please make sure that coats, jumpers, cardigans and other items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Even simply writing their name on the label makes a huge difference and allows us to quickly reunite items with their owners.

We will be putting all of our current lost property out after school on Thursday and Friday this week. If your child is missing anything, please take the opportunity to have a look through.

Any remaining unclaimed items will then be cleared ready for the new term.

Looking Towards Half Term

As we approach the end of the term, it has been wonderful to reflect on just how many different opportunities our children have experienced during these first weeks of the academic year.

From writing and physical development to music, dance, outdoor learning, performance and enrichment, we want children to leave Redfield with much more than academic knowledge. We want them to become confident, curious and creative young people who understand their rights, respect the rights of others and are ready to participate fully in the world around them.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are incredibly proud of the way our children continue to embrace the opportunities available to them and demonstrate our Redfield Way of being Ready, Kind and Safe each day.



FORET NEWSLETTER

Friends of Redfield Educate Together

Please don't forget to also take a look at the FORET noticeboard in the playground and the information about upcoming events. As a parent-run group, everything we do relies on volunteers. To our existing volunteers new and longstanding - thank you, we couldn't do it without you. And if you have thought about volunteering with us: we would love your help in making our events a success!

If you can't help at events, please do come along and support them anyway.

This year all money FORET raises will go to improving the school playground.

To donate to FORET please use this link:

https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q34NHS2C?utm_source=qr&utm_medium=digital&utm_campaign=image



Our events support the school in delivering on the UN Rights of the Child