

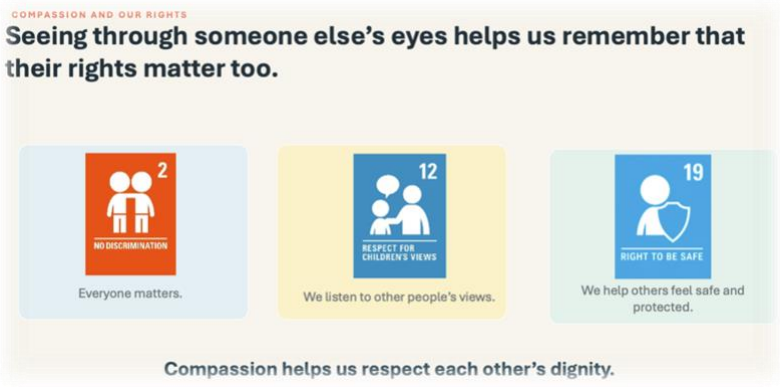
Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team

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Term 2 – Compassion

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to Term 2! It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and positivity. We have had a fantastic start to the term, with children settling quickly back into their routines and demonstrating our Redfield Way of being Ready, Kind and Safe.

We have another busy but incredibly exciting term ahead, with a wide range of opportunities for children to celebrate their learning, develop new skills and come together as a school community. From performances and concerts to open classrooms, workshops and festive celebrations, there is certainly plenty to look forward to!

Our value for Term 2 is Compassion, and last week we launched this through our whole-school assembly, exploring the theme 'Seeing Through Someone Else's Eyes'.

We encouraged children to think about what compassion really means: recognising how others might be feeling, understanding different perspectives and considering how our words and actions can make a positive difference to someone else's day.

This week, we built on this learning through our Remembrance Assembly, exploring the theme:

Showing compassion in times of conflict?'



Children reflected on the experiences of others during times of conflict and considered how remembering these experiences can help us appreciate the importance of peace, kindness and understanding. We discussed how compassion is particularly important during difficult times and how even small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference.

As a Rights Respecting School, this links closely to our commitment to ensuring all children feel safe,






respected and valued, particularly Article 19 – the right to be protected from harm and Article 38 – the right to protection during armed conflict.



Both assemblies have been shared on ClassDojo, and we would encourage families to look through the slides together and continue these important conversations at home.

We also had two special visitors come to school this week to lead assemblies and workshops. On Thursday we welcomed Bristol City Council to lead a whole school assembly on 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. Reiterating the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing in the winter to keep safe.

Then on Friday we had an inspirational visit from Cairo Ja'mai Thomas. He is a rising 15 year old British youth Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) competitor from Bristol. He has been travelling around the world competing and was also a former pupil at Redfield during Covid times.



A documentary is currently being made about his life and he came back into school to inspire our children. He had an EHCP himself and did not always find it easy so he wants to show the children that they should never feel limited by their circumstances and that anything is possible if they believe in themselves.

Throughout the term, we will continue to explore how children can demonstrate compassion in their everyday lives, whether through supporting a friend, including others, recognising when someone needs help or showing kindness and understanding towards people whose experiences may be different from their own.

What Have We Been Learning?

Over the past few weeks, there has been some fantastic learning taking place across Redfield. From exploring history and cultural celebrations to music, design and outdoor learning, children have been developing their knowledge, creativity and confidence across a broad range of subjects.

Early Years – Celebrations and Festivals

Our Reception children have been learning about Bonfire Night and Diwali, exploring how and why people celebrate different festivals. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, children have been developing their understanding of different traditions and cultures, while recognising the importance of respecting and celebrating the beliefs of others.






Year 1 – Toys and Moving Parts

Our Year 1 children have been exploring different types of toys and how they move. They have been investigating moving parts and beginning to understand how different mechanisms work. This has provided fantastic opportunities for children to develop their curiosity, problem-solving skills and understanding of design and technology.



Year 2 – Discovering Brunel

Our Year 2 children have begun their exciting history topic exploring the life and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. They have been learning about his contributions to engineering and Bristol's history, building their knowledge ahead of their much-anticipated visit to the SS Great Britain next week. We are looking forward to seeing their learning brought to life through this fantastic local experience.

Year 3 – Forest School Adventures

Our Year 3 children have started their Forest School sessions, providing opportunities to learn and explore beyond the classroom. Through practical outdoor experiences, children will develop their independence, resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills while building a greater understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Year 4 – Shooting Fish and Rose Green Fireworks

Our Year 4 children have completed their exciting project with Shooting Fish Drama Company, culminating in a performance at Rose Green Fireworks Night. Throughout the project, children have developed their creativity, confidence and performance skills, while working collaboratively and exploring carnival traditions. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to share their learning and creativity with the wider community, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part.

Year 5 – The Changing Roles of Women

Our Year 5 children have been exploring how the roles of women have changed throughout history. Through historical enquiry and discussion, children have been developing their understanding of how society has evolved, considering the challenges women have faced and the progress made towards equality. This learning links closely to our Rights Respecting ethos, particularly Article 2 – the right to protection from discrimination.



Year 6 – Exploring Music

Our Year 6 children have been busy developing their musical knowledge and skills, exploring and learning to play a variety of musical instruments. These lessons have provided opportunities to develop rhythm, coordination, creativity and






collaboration, while building confidence in expressing themselves through music.

Across the school, it has been wonderful to see children so engaged in their learning and embracing the wide range of experiences on offer. As a Rights Respecting School, we believe every child has the right to an education that develops their talents and abilities (Article 29), and these experiences demonstrate our commitment to providing a rich, engaging and inclusive curriculum for all.

Anti-Bullying Week – Kindness, Respect and Online Safety

As part of our focus on compassion, we will also be recognising Anti-Bullying Week, helping children develop a deeper understanding of respectful relationships, inclusion and the importance of standing up for others. More information will be shared next week.



We are particularly pleased to be welcoming Papaya, who will be delivering workshops to our Key Stage 2 children focused on:

- 'Me and My Screen' – exploring healthy relationships with technology, online behaviour and making safe, responsible choices in the digital world.
- 'Me and My Self-Esteem' – supporting children to develop confidence, recognise their strengths and understand the importance of positive self-image and wellbeing.

These workshops will provide valuable opportunities for children to reflect on their own experiences, develop strategies to support their wellbeing and understand how their actions can affect others.

This work links closely to children's right to feel safe (Article 19) and their right to express their views and be listened to (Article 12).

An Exciting Term Ahead

We have so many wonderful events planned over the coming weeks, and we are looking forward to welcoming families into school to celebrate the children's achievements.

Open Classrooms

Our Years 3, 4 and 6 children will have opportunities to welcome parents and carers into their classrooms to share their learning. These events are always a highlight, allowing children to talk proudly about what they have been learning and demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed.

Rocksteady Concerts

We are looking forward to two Rocksteady concerts this term, where our young musicians will have the opportunity to perform as part of their bands. It has been wonderful to see the confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm that these sessions develop, and we cannot wait to see the children showcase their musical talents.

Nativity Performances



Our Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be busy preparing for their Nativity performances. We have two performances to look forward to, providing a lovely opportunity for our younger children to develop their confidence, speaking, singing and performance skills while celebrating with their families.

Pantomime – Dick Whittington and His Cat

We are delighted that a pantomime performance of *Dick Whittington and His Cat* will be coming to Redfield in early December!

The whole school will have the opportunity to enjoy this exciting theatrical experience, bringing storytelling, humour and performance to life. Opportunities like this are an important part of our wider curriculum, allowing children to experience live theatre and develop their appreciation of the arts.

Winter Fayre

We are also looking forward to our Winter Fayre, another fantastic opportunity for children, families and staff to come together and celebrate as a school community.

Events such as these are made possible through the generosity and support of our wonderful parent community, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who helps make them such special occasions.

As a Rights Respecting School, we recognise the importance of children having opportunities to participate in cultural, creative and community activities (Article 31). These experiences help children develop confidence, a sense of belonging and lasting memories of their time at Redfield.

Looking Ahead

As we move through Term 2, our focus will remain on providing children with high-quality learning experiences alongside the wider opportunities that help them grow as confident, compassionate and responsible young people.

With so many exciting events ahead, we know it will be a busy term for everyone, but we are looking forward to sharing these special moments with our families.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are incredibly proud of the way our children have returned to school and look forward to seeing them continue to demonstrate compassion, kindness and respect throughout the term.



FORET NEWSLETTER

Friends of Redfield Educate Together



Panto is coming to RET on 3 December

To make this experience possible, FORET has part-funded the performances. We are now also inviting voluntary parental donations to help cover costs. Every contribution, no matter the amount, will make a meaningful difference.

To donate, click ↓

https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q2BBZGUD

And then…. mark your calendars: **the FORET Winter Fayre will be returning on 4 December 2026.** For many of us, this is a highlight of the school calendar not to be missed.

What a festive week our kids will be having.

If you want to know more about any of these events or think you might be able to volunteer (please!), email us at **foret.pta@gmail.com**.

Also, don't forget to check out our notice board in the playground – on the school wall on the right as you enter through the green gates – which we keep updated with what's coming up.