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Newsletter

Redfield Edge Primary School

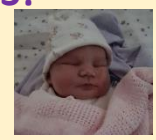
'Striving to be the best version of ourselves'

Photo of the week – Year 1 working well together!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate **Mrs Griffiths** and her husband on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, ***Zara Elizabeth Cloude Griffiths.***

Zara was born in the early hours of Monday morning. Mummy and daughter are doing very well. ☺ We cannot wait for cuddles!



Christmas at Redfield Edge

After a very unusual year which has brought many restrictions, many worries and many changes to our lives, in school we are very keen to make Christmas just as special as it always is.

Our fantastic Friends PTA have many great ideas up their sleeve to give the children special experiences and memories although all looking a little different.

Here is what to expect…

- **Pantomime** – Instead of the Bristol Hippodrome this year, the panto is coming to us! Each class will have the opportunity to access a virtual pantomime with their classmate's curtesy of the 'Friends' at Redfield Edge.
- **Christmas movie afternoon** - Instead of a Christmas party, this year the children will enjoy a Christmas movie afternoon with a snack bag full of goodies (provided by the Friends) and a few party games led by their class teacher. On this day, the children can wear something festive for a donation of £1.50
- **Redfield Edge Christmas Shop** – An opportunity for the children to purchase a present for members of their family (in secret) and have it wrapped ready to go under the tree at home. Shhh! £2.50 per present
- **Christmas dinner** – This will happen in Pods this year – we will all have the chance to enjoy Chef Phil's delicious roast potatoes and Pigs in blankets! **Book on Parent mail**
- **Whole School Nativity** – I am expecting a feature length film! The acting will be carried out by KS1 with beautiful chorus voices from KS2. The scenes will be shot on location and an opportunity for families to purchase a DVD of the performance, for a small donation will be available.
- **Christmas cards –** orders sent off by Friends

More information about each of these events will follow in the next week or so. For dates, please check out the diary at the bottom of this newsletter.

Thank you to the Friends for their ongoing support and for always thinking of our children and making them smile!

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@PineClass_RE @WillowClass_RE

@BeechClass_RE

@MapleClass_RE @OakClass_RE

School Fence

As many of you would have read in the **Week In** this week, our school playing field fence was vandalised on the weekend of 7/8th November. One of the panels had been detached from the post and pulled back allowing access to the public.

Remnants of fireworks were found on the school field and a number of dog walkers were seen using the space – one of which was witnessed by myself on the Sunday morning when I attended the scene to assess the damage.

I was saddened to hear that this happened again this weekend with further damage to the boundary fence.

The police have been contacted and Wellsway MAT are currently organising the repairs.

Although extremely disappointed with the ongoing issues and inconsiderate actions of a few, we remain committed to working with local residents to find a way to enable the local community to use the space in a controlled and organised way.

I would like to thank Mrs Andrews and her husband for spending their Sunday morning fixing the fence and ensuring the space was safe for our children to use. ☺

Learning in School – *(Oak Class)*

Oak class have been continuing with their WWII gardens in amongst beginning some assessments this week. They have concentrated really hard on their SPaG and Reading assessments, with maths to follow next week. The gardens are also looking great too! They will have one last session to finish these next week, so do not forget those painting t-shirts!

Learning in School – *(Hazel Class)*

The children in Year 1 have been busy working in teams this week to create a suitable habitat for a range of dinosaurs. They made the features of the habitat based on their knowledge from their science lesson.

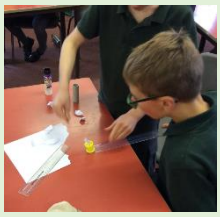
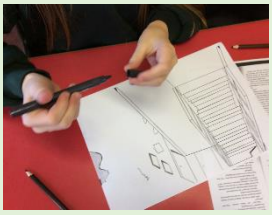
Learning in school - *(Maple Class)*

This week Maple class started reading a new text – 'Wild Boy' – We made predictions about the text and gathered what information we already knew from the blurb.
We then considered how the words used by the author build a picture in our mind and used this to colour an imaginary scene from the prologue.

In Science this week, we have been discussing how levers worked. We discussed some key vocabulary such as **force** and **pivot** and experimented with our own levers. We attempted to get small paper balls to reach the ceiling. It is safe to say we were successful. This led to a whole class experiment in which we balanced 1kg weights and then descended in 100g weight to see how the distance changed each time.

In Jigsaw, the children continued to explore the themes around bullying and racism. Discussions took place around how situations could be dealt with positively or what might make a situation worse. This then led to a game of snakes and ladders (a good reward for finding green or a ladder **BUT** a bigger consequence for landing on a snake or pink).

The children also impressed in PE this week. They rotated around football, hockey and basketball showing some great passing, attacking and defending skill.

Learning in School – *(Holly Class)*

This week Holly Class have been learning about the Hindu festival of light "Diwali". They have been making Rangoli patterns, Mehndi designs, diva lamps and exploring different sources of light.

Thought of the week

'Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.'

– Winston Churchill

Mind You Website

Mind You is South Gloucestershire's mental health and emotional wellbeing hub for children and young people.
https://sites.southglos.gov.uk/mind-you/

Learning in School - *(Willow Class)*

Our new chocolate topic got off to a good start with a tasting session! We used this to generate vocabulary for our poems.

On Monday, we learned how to keep safe as pedestrians and passengers in cars as part of our road safety afternoon.

Word of the Week

Hazel Class	**fossil**
Pine Class	**climate**
Willow Class	**cacao**
Beech Class	**insulator**
Maple Class	**patriot**
Oak Class	**velvety**

Learning in school – *(Beech Class)*

In Beech class, we have been testing complete and incomplete circuits as part of our Electricity topic. We also had fun experimenting with circuits by adding extra batteries and bulbs.

Assessments

This week the children have taken part in assessments, which would have normally taken place at the end of term 1. Staff have spread the tasks amongst other learning in an aim to reduce any possible anxiety and due to this; a number of assessment tasks will take place next week.

☺☺☺ *Mrs Robinson.* ☺☺☺

Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd November	**Flu vaccinations In school**	Flu vaccinations will be given to all children in school if the parent has returned the consent form.
	Governor Meeting (Finance)	1 of a possible 4 meetings that take place over the year to monitor the finances of the school and discuss Health and safety and school premises development.
Wednesday 25th November	**Hazel Class Forest School**	**Group B** will spend the afternoon taking part in a range of activities from working on our Mini-beast mansion to creating art, using nature.
Thursday 26th November	**Taekwondo**	**CANCELLED – due to national restrictions**
Wednesday 2nd December	**Holly Class Forest School**	**Group A** will spend the afternoon taking part in a range of activities from working on our Mini-beast mansion to creating art, using nature.
Thursday 3rd December	**Taekwondo**	**CANCELLED – due to national restrictions**
Friday 4th December	**Governor Meeting (Curriculum committee)**	A meeting for Governors in order to monitor the curriculum provision for all children. This will involve presentations for subject leaders and virtual governor pupil feedback.
Monday 7th December	**Redfield Edge Christmas Shop OPEN**	**POD B** pupils will be able to visit the Christmas shop between 1.30pm – 3.00pm to purchase a pre-paid gift for a family member.
Tuesday 8th December	**KS1 Christmas Dinner**	**POD A and POD B** will enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings!
	Redfield Edge Christmas Shop OPEN	**POD A** pupils will be able to visit the Christmas shop between 1.30pm – 3.00pm to purchase a g pre-paid gift for a family member.
Wednesday 9th December	**Redfield Edge Christmas Shop OPEN**	**POD C** pupils will be able to visit the Christmas shop between 1.30pm – 3.00pm to purchase a pre-paid gift for a family member.
	Christmas PANTO	**POD B and D -** The children will have the opportunity to watch 'Cinderella' streamed live into their classrooms curtesy of the Friends.
Thursday 10th December	**KS2 Christmas Dinner**	**POD C and POD D** will enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings!
	Holly Class Forest School	**Group B** will spend the afternoon taking part in a range of activities from working on our Mini-beast mansion to creating art, using nature.
	Taekwondo	**CANCELLED – due to national restrictions**
Friday 11th December	**Redfield Edge Christmas Shop OPEN**	**POD D** pupils will be able to visit the Christmas shop between 1.30pm – 3.00pm to purchase a pre-paid gift for a family member.
	Christmas PANTO	**POD A and C -** The children will have the opportunity to watch 'Cinderella' streamed live into their classrooms curtesy of the Friends.
Friday 18th December	**Christmas Movie Afternoon**	Children are able to come to school dressed all festive for the last day of the term. In the afternoon they can enjoy a Christmas Movie, party games and a goodie bag from the Friends. **Mufti Day donation £1.50**