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Term 3

News from Redfield Edge

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Keep up to date with what is happening in each class by logging on to their twitter account. Log on details are posted in each class' window.

Dance Festival.

Redfield Edge dancers took part in the Bristol PE Association dance festival held at Abbeywood Secondary School on Monday evening 9th February. The show was a culmination of months of practice by the dance club. All the teachers and parents were immensely proud of the dancers. The crowd of well over two hundred people were treated to a top quality performance. A special thank you must go to Mrs Robinson who inspired the Redfield Edge dancers and organised the event.

DFE Compare Schools Data

It is possible to compare the academic performance of schools by logging on to....

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/>

Redfield Edge was pleased to note that in 2014 KS2 exit data 'there is no better performing school in this group (Similar Schools) within a 75 mile radius'.

Dinosaurs come to life

at the Natural History museum. Hazel Class Yr1 visited London to see some real dinosaurs to finish off their dinosaur topic. Many thanks to all the parents who made this trip possible.

Dates for the diary:

1. Parent consultation – 3rd March 4pm - 6pm
2. Parent consultation – 5th March 4pm – 7pm
3. Edgelets- Friday 6th March
4. Pine Class Parents SATs meeting - 3:45 Tuesday 10th March
5. Oak Class Parent SATs meeting - 3:45 Wednesday 11th March

Julius Caesar visits Redfield Edge Primary School

The Old Vic Theatre Company put on a spectacular performance of Shakespeare's classic play for KS2. Two reception children almost got caught up in the death scene as they went through the hall to fetch toast, but other than that the performance went off without a hitch.

Caerleon

Beech (Yr4) pupils dressed up as Romans, saw the amphitheatre and old Roman remains and almost managed to stay warm. At least it didn't rain!

The Matilda Project

Oak Class Yr6 held a tabletop sale to raise more money for their trip to London. They raised £175 which is to be added to their Term 2 project income. In term 5 they will also be doing a venture capital project to raise the last few hundred pounds before heading off to Matilda the West End show.

Friends Quiz

The 'Friends' quiz was very popular and raised over £400 for the school. Many thanks to all the 'Friends' who made this event possible..

IPads

The school and the 'Friends' have jointly funded the purchase of 17 ipads to support learning in classrooms. While there has to be a balance between old technologies (pen and pencil☺) and screen time the new ipads do offer some remarkably good educational apps and a new motivating communication tool. They will also support our development of class based Twitter feed.

Holly Class YrR Visitors

What do people do when they are no longer at school? Holly Class investigated.

They had visits from a dietician, a pharmacist, a nurse, a policeman, a fireman, and an optician. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time.

New mobile? New number?

Please let the school know so we can contact you quickly if your child has an issue. Also you can receive TEXT updates.

T4 newsletter out in April 2015



'Achieving now in preparation for the future'

The Big Vote

The Maple Class Yr5 project on democracy has been in full swing. Our local MP Chris Skidmore met the class at the Houses of Parliament to show them around. They were permitted access to the House of Commons which was in session at the time and also the House of Lords. Mr. Skidmore also visited the class for a Q&A session about his role later in the week. Such in depth knowledge of the democratic process helped the class to run a big vote at school on behalf of the School Council. Who had received a number of suggestions in their suggestion box. Maple Class split into six groups (Single Issue Parties) each representing one idea to further develop play within the school. Each Party had a week to visit each class to put their point of view across, design promotional material and drum up support for their chosen issue. The class then ran the big vote where every pupil had a vote.

The results

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| 1. To have mini goal nets on the playground. | 18 votes |
| 2. To have a chalking area on the playground. | 11 votes |
| 3. To have more tyres in the playground. | 19 votes |
| 4. To have more climbing equipment in the playground. | 65 votes |
| 5. Every Class to have its own sponge ball. | 16 votes |
| 6. To expand Holly Class outside learning area and use at dinner time for creative activities and reading. | 22 votes |
| 7. To have adults run more activities during dinner. | 28 votes |

The results were announce in an assembly, coincidentally attended by our local parish councillor and South Gloucestershire councillor. The school governors and staff will now endeavour to ensure at least one of the parties sees its issue fulfilled.

Road Safety Working Party

The first working party, which is made up of governors, staff members and parents, was held in Term 3 and an action plan agreed. One of the key issues was to engage our local political representative Mr. Chris Skidmore and have him attend a parents and community consultation evening. **Date, Time and Venue will be advertised soon.** Two of the key issues identified were traffic calming outside the school and easy access to the Bristol to Bath cycle path. You can put any ideas you have in writing or email the school and address it to the Road Safety Working Party.