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Term 4

# News from Redfield Edge

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## A Rolls Royce Education at Redfield Edge Primary School

RR maintained their long association with the school this term delivering a motions and forces master class to Willow (Yr3) while Maple Class (Yr5) travelled to the North Bristol RR site to take part in the high flyers workshop.

## The Eclipse

All Redfield Edge pupils went outside and observed this rare and amazing phenomenon. Buckets of water and pin hole cameras were used to observe the eclipse safely. The light faded, the temperature dropped quickly and an eerie quiet descended over Oldland Common. Oak Class (Yr6) spent the rest of the day researching the solar system and eclipses while Hazel Class (Yr1) continued their topic on space.

## Alliance Schools Joint Staff Meeting

Staff from the six schools, Redfield Edge, Cherry Garden, Barr's Court, Courtney, Longwell Green and The Meadows, met to explore marking, target setting and feedback in general. The Sutton Trust, an educational charity, has carried out an analysis of recent research and found that as well as teacher subject knowledge, the teacher's ability to give quality feedback has a huge impact on pupil progress. The Alliance is therefore developing best practice models across the six schools which enable peer and pupil self-assessment as well as high quality teacher feedback.

## Florence Nightingale visits Pine Class (Yr2)

Freshwater Theatre visited the school to bring to life an important person from the past. Florence told the pupils what it was like in the hospital in the Crimea, how she invented the Pie Chart and answered all the questions they had prepared. The visit meant Pine Class wrote some amazing information leaflets.

## Epi Pen Training

All school staff have now had their annual training update on administering an epi pen should a pupil have an anaphylactic shock.

## Easter Assembly

Jan Hawkins church team visited to deliver an assembly all about the most important Christian festival, Easter. It was interactive and used lots of props. We would like to extend our thanks to the team who have supported the school for many years.

## Midyear Report Cards

These are changing! While many parents welcomed the introduction of an 'at a glance' midyear review with comparisons against national averages, some of the wording caused misunderstandings. The 'EFFORT' column will now read 'PROGRESS'. This change will also be made to the end of year reports.

## Sports Development

**Majestics Gym** provided staff training on running gymnastics classes. They also ran lessons for Yr1 to Yr6 classes.

The **Grange School** also took speed stacking classes for Willow (Yr3) and Beech Class (Yr4).

**Mr Monks** has resumed football training now the lighter evenings are here at last.

**Redfield Edge Maple Class** (Yr5) and two of the Alliance schools have arranged an **interschool**

**tournament** for term 6. This will include a football game, a netball game, races and multi sports.

**Sports Houses make a return.** In an effort to encourage more competition the school is introducing a houses system. As each Class is a tree we thought names for the houses would be forests and woods. We are now consulting the school council to see which forests/woods to choose. Front runners include; One Hundred Acre Wood from Winnie the Poo, Sherwood Forest of Robbin Hood fame and our local forest, the Forest of Dean. Watch this space! Houses will be in place ready for Sports day in Term 6.

## MOCK SATS

Thank you to all the parents who helped with the SATs breakfasts. Pupils were really focused after a good early meal and did well in the practise papers.

## **New mobile? New number?**

It is important to let the school know so we can contact you quickly if your child has an issue.

Also you can **receive TEXT updates. T5 newsletter out in May 2015**

\*\*\*\*\*Happy Easter\*\*\*\*\*  
Pupils return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April



**'Achieving now in preparation for the future'**

## Twitter



Redfield Edge classes have now been tweeting for a few weeks, keeping parents up to date with news from their children's class/es and school.

### **Twitter Addresses**

@HollyClass\_RE  
@HazelClass\_RE  
@PineClass\_RE  
@WillowClass\_RE  
@BeechClass\_RE  
@MapleClass\_RE  
@OakClass\_RE  
@RedfieldEdge

### **Twitter Policy**

The school Twitter Policy states that school accounts are not to follow other accounts or reply to messages. All formal communication from the school will remain via the office.

### **Safety First**

Twitter is a social media site and has the associated risks of such a site. All pupils have received internet safety training on the use of social media.

### **The key messages:**

1. Always keep you name, address, phone number and passwords private.
2. Remember someone online may not be who they say they are.
3. Meeting up with someone you have only met online can be very dangerous.
4. Accepting emails and opening attachments from people you don't know can get you in trouble- they might contain viruses
5. Tell your parent or carer if something online makes you feel uncomfortable.
6. Don't delete! Save! If you receive upsetting or offensive materials online these can be used as evidence by the police.

For a parental guide to E-Safety you can access CEOPs Think You Know E-Safety materials via the school website. [http://www.redfieldedgeprimary.co.uk/parents\\_links.html](http://www.redfieldedgeprimary.co.uk/parents_links.html)