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Term 2

News from

Redfield Edge

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Redfield Readers

There has been a real push on reading since we returned after the summer break. **Book at Bedtime** was very well supported as usual and raised the profile of reading. The **Book Fayre**, where every book bought gives the school commission, meant we were able to have over **£300 worth of books for free**. The **parents' reading workshop** was a great success with over 50 people attending to get help and advice on supporting children read. The booklet that was produced to support this initiative is still available from reception. The school has introduced a new way

of assessing readers called **APP (Assessing Pupil Progress)** which provides gaps analysis and next steps even for the highest ability pupils. We are in the process of purchasing **£5000 worth of new books** including an **Oxford Reading Scheme**. The scheme comes with online materials and parental support and advice which can be viewed at www.oxfordowl.co.uk

We are also delighted to announce that we have employed a **reading assistant** who will target pupils in Year 1 and Year 4 to give individual support.

Children in Need

Over **£500** was raised by pupils' efforts. **£263** was donated to the national charity and a further **£263 was donated to Redfield Edge Pre- School** to replace toys and resources destroyed in the fire.

Aid Ukraine was well supported again this year with 40 shoe boxes full of desirables donated and £56 in donations.

Dr Bike and his medics attended school in T2 to ensure pupils' bikes were roadworthy. This is a free service provided by the Bike it! charity, **Sustrans**.

Edgelets, the Pre-School drop in, was very well attended this term. The next one is **Friday 20th January at 9:30**.

Family Link

Debbie Williams is our family link worker. She now has a coffee afternoon where anyone can come along, have a chat, eat a biscuit and put forward ideas that can move the school forward. Other members of the school are invited to join in, as well as professionals from outside school. The next coffee afternoon is **February 2nd at 2:00 pm**

Mobile phone numbers.

Please update the office if you have a new number or miss out on txt alerts.

School Nurse

Pat Carr, our school nurse is proactive and very supportive for any health worries parents have regarding their children. You can access her services either through Deb Williams, Parent Link or our new SENCO Lisa Goodland.

A nice day out in T2

Yr3 WW2 evacuation and blitz experience at Swindon Steam Museum.

Yr R Bitton railway trip.

Yr5 and Yr6 Clifton Cathedral Christmas carol concert (To be broadcast by BBC Radio Bristol on Christmas day.)

Poppy appeal raised £68.28

The Friends, our PTA, have been busy again. The Christmas Fayre raised over **£1300**. Money raised from this event and by cake sales and the many other events has purchased the data projector in the hall which featured prominently in the Christmas production. (There are still some **Tea towels for sale**- the perfect Christmas gift!)

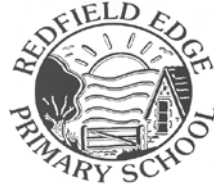
Attendance up! It is now **over 96%** which is great. Please no holidays in term 5. New SATs timetables are spread over May and other important school assessments take place in this term too. Thank you.

T3 newsletter out in February 2012.

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*****Happy Christmas*****



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'Achieving now in preparation for the future'

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been drawn to the attention of governors and school staff that we do not always celebrate the school's successes as well as we could. Like any school year, 2010 -2011 was a very busy one. Listed below are some of the highlights.

The remodelled curriculum was introduced throughout the school. The new curriculum enables pupils to learn through undertaking real activities with real outcomes. A themed approach allows learning to be scaffolded and engages pupils and staff enthusiasm. One example of this is the Year 5 topic in term 4, Brunel in Victorian Bristol. Pupils visited the SS Great Britain and the Clifton Suspension Bridge, designed, made and tested their own bridge structures, researched Bristol history through primary and secondary sources and then presented their findings in a class assembly.

Outstanding KS2 exit scores in 2010/11. Once again our pupils have done themselves, their parents and the school proud. Well done to them and we all wish them well at secondary school.

The Family Link worker has been developed successfully. The position is already having a measurable impact upon our pupils and helping to support the families in our community. We have been selected as one of very few schools to go through the excellent mark in 2012.

The introduction of assessing pupil progress (APP) for writing helped further improve pupils' writing. Many people have commented on the quality of the joined up writing coming out of Holly and Hazel classes.

The bike shed has been built and the overflow fence erected enabling bikes and scooters to be stored safely while children are at play.

There has been a significant improvement in the Early Years provision, including the outside environment and resources. EYFS exit scores were the best we have had in a long time. The EYFS classroom was decorated and had new carpets fitted, and the cloakroom and toilets were refurbished. New mixer taps were fitted enabling even the youngest of pupils to operate them easily and safely.

The school successfully managed a significant turnover of staff. Unfortunately two staff were off with long term illness, we had two outstanding NQTs join the school, we appointed a new Deputy following the retirement of Pete Symonds and a new SENCo following Jean Osprey's retirement.

There has been a considerable investment in the school site. All the pupil toilet areas were refurbished, the corridor was decorated and a new carpet laid, the hall was painted, a new boiler was fitted and radiators installed to replace the storage heaters, and the Dell was decorated.

We also updated key areas of our ICT provision. All the computers in the suite were updated, net books were purchased for KS2 and wireless access installed, fixed PCs were networked in KS1, a new and faster server installed, a data projector was donated by the friends and installed in the hall, a new photocopier leased and networked and a new laptop purchased.

Lastly and most importantly the school helped the community negotiate an outbreak of E-Coli 0157. It was a very difficult time for many families. The school worked hard to react quickly and provide up to date information. It liaised successfully with the local authority environmental health team and the Health Protection Agency. We were all delighted that by the time school finished for the summer holiday all the pupils had returned safely.

Pat Brown
Chair of Governors

Andrew Foss
Head Teacher

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