



December 2013

Term 2

News from

# Redfield Edge

## Special Interest Articles:

- S.A.R.I. P1
- The Eco Team P1
- Redfield Edge Alliance P2

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### Parents Stay and Play

**Holly Class** parents stayed and played alongside the children. They had a chance to look at their learning journey files to see the progress in only eleven weeks at school. Deb Williams (Family Link) also ran a literacy workshop which was very well attended.

**A sad farewell to Mrs Canning** in the office. After 9 years at Redfield Edge she has taken up an offer to work in Bristol. We would like to say thank you for all her hard work and wish her all the best in her new venture.

### Reading Volunteers

We had a good response to the request for volunteers and now have five regular helpers. **Our aim** is for **all pupils to be reading fluently by the age of six**. If you could spare two hours or more on a regular basis please contact the school. Your help is needed.

### Poppy Appeal

£68.28 was raised in support of the Royal British Legion.

### Friends Christmas Fayre

For weeks in advance the 'Friends' team worked tirelessly to put on another great event. This year it was particularly well attended and raised £1300. Many, many, many thanks. A special thanks to Mrs Wright the organiser. Also the **Oak Class fundraiser** at the Fayre made £135 profit. A magnificent effort! Also well done to our excellent **choir** who excelled despite the choir master being off sick for the week before the Fayre.

### Terrible Noise ☹

**Beech Class** have been learning to play the violins from Term 1. But after two terms practice, led by the music hub, we now have sweet music. ☺ They have really made excellent progress and are putting on a show soon. Well done.

### The Eco School *Dream Team*

are now recycling plastic and cardboard as well as making sure lights are off when rooms are not in use.

### Surveys 2013

A big thank you to all those parents who completed the recent surveys. The **EYFS transition survey** saw 13 returns and the **OFSTED type survey** saw 75 returns. The results of both surveys were overwhelmingly positive with more people indicating 'strongly agree' than in the 2012 survey. The comments were especially helpful, enabling the school to identify areas for improvement.

### PINE CLASS S.A.R.I. VISIT

This Bristol based organisation promotes race equality, diversity and inclusion. SARI delivered an age appropriate workshop to Pine Class to help pupils talk about issues to do with race or prejudice they might have come across on television or in magazines. The workshops are aimed at primary pupils of all ages and are one step to preparing them for the diversity they will meet within Bristol and Britain more generally. For more information there is a link on the school's website in the parents section.

### A nice day out in T2

**Willow** WW2 evacuation and blitz experience at Swindon Steam Museum.

**Maple** Rolls Royce science trip

**Maple** Clifton Cathedral Christmas Carol Concert.

**Holly, Hazel and Pine** Antarctica at Bristol Old Vic.

### The Infant Nativity

It was really wonderful to see all three shows so well attended. The singing was fantastic; there were some star performances as well as performers who were stars.

### Dates for the diary:

1. **Edgelets Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**
2. **Class open to see children's work 3.30pm, 12<sup>th</sup> February**
3. **INSET day 14<sup>th</sup> February**

### BOOK @ BEDTIME

As usual this event was very well supported with over 100 pupils turning up in PJs clutching favourite fluffy toys and in one case the biggest Teddy ever, to hear stories read by the teachers. The **Book Fayre** also raised £319 for the school to buy books.

### New mobile? New number?

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

**T3 newsletter out in February 2014.**

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\*\*\*\*\*Happy Christmas\*\*\*\*\*





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### The Alliance

In 2011- 2012 Redfield Edge Primary School formed an alliance with two other local primary schools; Longwell Green and The Meadows. The principle aim of the Alliance was to share limited resources to boost pupil attainment while maintaining the distinctive qualities of each setting. Over the last two years the schools have collaborated at many different levels. Listed below are some examples:

Staff	Action	Impact
Head Teachers	Identify common areas for improvement and develop an Alliance improvement plan.	Increased capacity to drive up standards in all three schools.
School Bursars	Bursars meet once a term to identify bulk buy items and possible areas for joint purchasing.	Alliance schools saved money because of competitive pricing.
Head Teachers and Deputy Head Teachers	This senior management team met to unpick the new OFSTED standards and develop a common understanding of what 'outstanding' practice looks like.	The management in the Alliance schools have a clear understanding of what constitutes outstanding practice and can then develop improvement plans to move each school forward.
Deputy Head Teachers	The Deputies from the Alliance schools met with a school improvement advisor to compare data and improve systems used to analyse school level data.	A common approach to assessments. This was particularly useful for the new Early Years assessment.
Class Teachers	All the teaching staff across the Alliance Schools met together to develop marking. There was input from a school advisor. This strand was developed further by each school.	Marking has had a greater impact on pupil performance. Strategies have been developed to give immediate feedback and to involve pupils in assessing their own work.
All teaching staff/TAs/HLTAs	The 'journey to outstanding' Conference was attended by all staff. A very competitive price was negotiated at approximately £45 per person including a meal for Alliance schools. This compares with similar events run by commercial companies costing £250 per person.	All staff developed a shared understanding of outstanding practice and how to benchmark judgements.
<b>There were many other examples which had a direct impact upon pupil achievement.</b>		

The Alliance is now expanding to six local schools. The governors at Cherry Gardens Primary and Barr's Court Primary have agreed to join the Alliance and we are awaiting confirmation from Courtney Primary. Together we are stronger and are in a better position to further develop the opportunities for a high quality primary education for children in the local area.

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