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Term 4

News from

# Redfield Edge

## Special Interest Articles:

- Natural History Museum London P1
- INSET 2014-2015 P2
- Alliance Schools P2

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## Dinosaurs in London

**Hazel Class (Yr1)** had a wonderful start to the term when they visited the Natural History Museum in London for their topic on dinosaurs. (See school website) Many thanks to all the parent helpers who made the trip possible. The museum brought the topic books to life so the pupils saw the actual artifacts they had been studying. They even saw a live tyrannosaurus. All survived the encounter. They then had a guided tour of the sights of London including Tower Bridge, The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The London Eye and The Great Fire of London Monument. It was a great day out.

## Sports Clubs T5 and T6.

Following consultation with the pupils it has been decided to offer the sports clubs listed below.

Monday	Multi sports or Athletics
Tuesday	Tag Rugby
Wednesday	Tennis
Thursday	Hockey or Netball
Friday	Cricket

Football will continue on Wednesdays. Notification of other clubs will follow shortly.

## Class Assembly

Parents enjoyed a variety of class assemblies this term. Topics included:

**Hazel**- Dinosaurs

**Pine**- Florence Nightingale

**Beech**-The Romans

**Maple**-Brunel/French

**Oak**- The Winter Olympics

## Rolls Royce at Redfield Edge

A team from Rolls Royce visited **Willow Class (Yr3)** to deliver their 'high flyers' workshop. Pupils designed a seat, a plane and an umbrella. They also found out how a jet engine worked.

## Oak Class (Yr6)

Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped run the SATs breakfast. The effort helped Oak Class do very well in their mock SATs.

## Redfield Edge Choirs

Both the infant and junior choirs have been practicing hard recently. A group from the choir have also practiced with the other five schools for their upcoming appearance at the Colston Hall where they will be performing songs such as 'let it be' by the Beatles and 'If I had a brain' from The Wizard of Oz. The show takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

## 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.

## A nice day out in T4

**Hazel** London Natural History Museum

**Maple** Waterworks trip

**Beech** Bristol MShed

**Hazel** Oldland Common United Reform Church

## Sport Relief

Pupils, teachers and TAs dressed in sports gear donated a pound and ran a mile in aid of sport relief. The event raised **£161**.

## Easter Egg competition

The 'Friends' Egg competition saw over 100 entries. There were helicopter eggs, The Gurkin egg, jewel eggs and many more fabulously decorated eggs. Two winners were picked from each class and all entries received a chocolate egg.

## Jan Hawkins Easter Assembly

The church team visited just before the break 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.

## Bike it! Breakfast

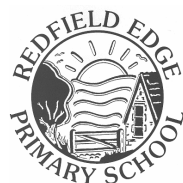
Pupils completed 1084 journeys as part of the big pedal. We were one of 1,323 schools taking part and did well for our region. To end the event pupils who cycled or scooted to school were provided with a free breakfast.

## 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**.

**T5 newsletter out in May 2014**

\*\*\*\*\*Pupils return on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April \*\*\*\*\*



**‘Achieving now in preparation for the future’**

**INSET Days 2014-2015**

The governing body agreed the following dates at the last full governing body meeting.

Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	October	2014
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	October	2014
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	November	2014
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	February	2015
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	July	2015

**Attendance**

Attendance for terms 1 to 3 2013/14 = 96.8%  
This is a 0.4% increase on the previous year.

There is a lot of evidence to suggest that pupils who have poor attendance at primary school underachieve at secondary school and have poorer life chances as adults.

If your child is feeling a bit poorly in the morning just let the school know and we will let you know how they are getting on later in the day. If they are not well enough to be in school we will contact you.

New instructions from the Educational Welfare Service say that if your child is sick or has had an upset stomach they can return to school **24 hours** after any symptoms have disappeared.

**The Alliance of Local Schools**

(Redfield Edge, Cherry Gardens, Longwell Green, The Meadows, Barr's Court, Courtney Primary)

The six schools listed above have begun to work together to improve the outcomes for pupils in the local area. Listed below are some of the initiatives this term and some upcoming events.

Staff	Action	Impact
Dance and singing teachers/ Choir Leaders	There is to be an <b>Alliance Festival of Dance and Singing</b> to be held at Kings Oak Academy in the Hexagon Theatre on <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> .	The event showcases outstanding achievement and raises aspiration.
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Leaders	The SENCOs have met once and set up a series of meetings to develop a new local offer for pupils who have an additional need.	The agreement will ensure a common offer for SEND pupils in the locality.
Head Teachers and Early Years Leaders	The Heads and EYFS Leaders met to establish principles for assessment in Early Years. The aim is to develop a new on entry baseline assessment as well as develop closer working practices with our preschool colleagues, especially around school readiness and assessment.	The common assessment procedures will ensure any judgments of pupil attainment and progress are more robust.
Information and communication technology leaders and Head Teachers	The Heads and ICT Leaders met to share good practice and agree how the local authority can support the development of new technologies in school.	A shared Alliance drive to store resources, access to you tube education materials and shared good practice.
Teachers	Selected class teachers have visited different school settings to observe outstanding practice. Redfield Edge has sent an NQT to Longwell Green and a more experienced teacher to The Meadow.	This initiative has improved the quality of teaching in each school.
<b>There were many other examples which had a direct impact upon pupil achievement.</b>		