



Newsletter



Redfield Edge Primary School

'Striving to be the best version of ourselves'



Photo of the Week - Her Majesty the Queen 1926-2022

Our School Values

*compassion thankfulness
mindfulness curiosity
resilience ambition honesty
respect*

Welcome back! 😊

I am delighted to welcome everyone back to school and to welcome our new families to Redfield Edge.

I have had a wonderful week observing the children around school settling into new routines, getting used to different classrooms and areas of the school and laughing and having fun with their friends.

The atmosphere in school has been calm, positive and purposeful with a distinct learning buzz which has been fantastic to witness. The children have shown great enthusiasm towards their learning and the behaviour has been exemplary. I am feeling very proud!

Term 1's Topic Questions

HAZEL	What makes us super?
PINE	What was life like in a castle?
WILLOW	What was life like in the Stone Age?
BEECH	How can we classify minibeasts?
MAPLE	How can extreme natural disasters and weather affect the world?
OAK	Why was WWII a 'world war'?

Holly Class learning throughout the first term is very much based around social skills, routine, behaviour and independence. The theme for the term is 'All about me' however the direction of learning is very much led by the children and their particular interests.

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@PineClass_RE @WillowClass_RE2

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Learning in Maple Class

This afternoon, Year 5 took part in the practical session of their pedestrian training. Following a virtual session earlier in the week, the children had the chance to put their learning into practise.



The children who took part in both sessions passed the course and received a certificate. Well done! 😊

Learning in Hazel Class

Hazel Class have had a super first week learning all about routines and getting settled into their new year 1 classroom!



The have been reading the story "The Colour Monster" which discusses a range of emotions and how we can self-regulate. This has been a great way to kick off our "Super Me" topic! As well as colouring, we have written some amazing sentences, painted using Pointillism and enjoyed using our 'Calm Me' area in the classroom. Miss Kelly has been very proud of how the children have adapted for their first week in Year One :-)

Learning in Holly Class

The children in Holly class have now completed their first two days in school. For the next couple of weeks the children will be in school part time before starting full time on the 26th September.



This week, the children have been starting to get used to their new surroundings, exploring the learning environment and starting to build new friendships.

We have all been very impressed with all of the children and their enthusiasm and energy! 😊

Thought of the Week

'Thank You Ma'am'



School Improvement Areas

Every year the senior leadership team along with school governors highlight key school improvement areas linked to the longer term school development plan and pupil outcomes.

These areas become a focus of the leadership team, the staff and the governors with targets to work towards and a plan to invest in training and resources ensuring development and impact.

This year we have chosen 6 priority areas, four of which have a curriculum focus.

To further develop 'oracy' across the school ensuring consistency in opportunities for children to develop the spoken word in order to improve the quality of written outcomes.

To develop a diverse curriculum ensuring our children understand, appreciate and celebrate differences with a focus on race, religion and LGBTQIA+.

To develop PE throughout the school, through the introduction of Real PE and increase the opportunities of competitive sport.

To develop the arts curriculum by giving all pupils the opportunity to be creative. Through an engaging and diverse art, music and performance focus, we will build a culture where children can express themselves through the arts.

We will keep you updated with developments over the year ahead and there will be plenty of opportunities for parents to offer feedback and get involved in some of the plans we have in place.

Learning in Beech Class



This week, Beech class kicked off their mini-beast topic by making a Wormery. The children followed the steps to ensure the worms would have a suitable environment in which to live.



They added some strawberry tops and banana skin and sprayed the soil with water.



The worms will live in the cupboard where it is nice and dark, and the class will regularly check to observe and care for the



Learning in Pine Class

On Wednesday, the children in Pine Class took part in their first Rugby lesson. The children practised throwing and catching a rugby ball and then applied this new skill within a range of different activities.



Miss Andrews has been so impressed with how the children have settled. As with all classes, there are many changes for the children to get used to but they have made a very good start.

Learning in Willow Class

Mr Monks has thoroughly enjoyed his first week back with the children in Willow Class. He reports the children have shown very impressive attitudes and ideas whilst beginning to settle to new routines in a new area of the school.

There have already been many examples of positive learning across different subject areas.



In Maths the children have been using equipment to help them, providing some excellent answers to questions. In English, the vocabulary has been amazing with children using great adjectives, verbs and adverbs to describe images.



In science and history, the children have been showing their curious side, thinking about things they 'know' and 'wonder'. Some great questions were considered and across the course of this term it is hoped that the answers will become clearer.

From the Office - Reminder

School Dinners – Please ensure all school dinners are booked in advance to ensure your child gets their choice of food and to ensure chef Phil has enough food prepared to feed all children in school. School dinners can be booked and paid for via Parent Mail.

Remembering Our Queen

This morning children from Year 2 and above gathered in the hall for a special assembly to remember Queen Elizabeth II. We spoke about the role of the Queen, her life and how things will be different moving forward. We spent some time quietly reflecting and giving thanks.

The youngest children in the school were able to reflect in their classes as appropriate.

House Points

Last two week's house point results combined...

Savanake Wood = 110

100 Acre Wood = 83

Sherwood Forest = 98

Forest of Dean = 113

Well Done Forest of Dean! 😊

Learning in Oak Class

This week, the children explored the work of those at Bletchley Park in WWII. They looked at how they cracked codes and solved the Enigma. They then tried a few code cracking problems themselves. Oak Class also elected some new school council, eco team and house captain members. Exciting news!



Friends AGM

(07.09.22)

On Wednesday evening, the Friends hosted their Annual General Meeting to conclude the year just past and set up for the year ahead.

Those able to come along listened to a report written by Dan, Chair of the Friends from last year, outlining the incredible events organised and run by the Friends along with the resources and opportunities the Friends funded.

We heard a report for the Treasurer regarding the current financial situation and discussions were held regarding future fundraising projects and how the Friends wish to support the school moving forward.

New trustees were elected onto the committee with new post holders in place.

Chair – Pippa Bastable

Vice Chair – Lucy Sibley

Treasurer – Keiran Neilson

Secretary – Liz Smith

Those present celebrated the work of the Friends and I thanked all involved over the past 12 months for their commitment to Redfield Edge, their time and energy behind the scenes and their unwavering support for the school. During the meeting I commented on how lucky the children were to have such an active and committed PTA and expressed my gratitude that it would continue for the next academic year.

I would like to thank Dan on behalf of all the school, for his incredible work as Chair last year. Dan has decided to step down in order to pursue other avenues and we want to wish him all the best in the future.

I will be meeting with Pippa and Lucy over the next week to finalise plans for events this year so watch this space for important updates and to find out how you can get involved. 😊

School Council

Our new School Council have now been elected by their peers and I look forward to working closely with them over the year.



The School council will have a project to work on together, they will help make decisions about events and resources in school and they will have opportunities to meet with and present to the governing board.

Our first meeting together will take place over the next week or so and I am excited to hear the children's ideas as they represent their peers and support staff in making positive change to further improve our school and what we provide.

Eco Warriors

Our new Eco Warriors have been elected by their peers. This role is an important role to ensure, as a school, we are doing all we can to conserve energy, recycle waste and learn about sustainability.



Eco warriors will work closely with myself and other members of staff to lead assemblies, monitor energy use and take part in a projects across the school.

I am looking forward to working with the team and finding out what ideas they have to help us continue to be an eco-friendly school and possible new initiatives we can introduce together.

House Captains / Vice Captains



Captain + Vice Captain

Forest of Dean



Captain + Vice Captain

Savanake



Captain + Vice Captain

100 Acre Wood



Captain + Vice Captain

Sherwood

Changes in and around school...



New corridor and classroom carpets



The Nest – Family Room



New outdoor classroom – not quite finished!



Mindfulness Pod – Not quite finished!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 14th September	Oak Class Bicycle training	If you have completed a consent form for your child to take part, please ensure their bike is in school on this day.
Thursday 15th September	Beech Class Ukulele lessons	Robin from South Glos Music Hub is in to give the children Ukulele lessons.
Thursday 15th September	Oak Class life skills trip	Oak class will be visiting the create centre to learn life skills. Payment is on parent mail and they will need a packed lunch as leaving school midday.
Monday 19th September	Pine Class trip to Wild Place	Pine Class are going to Wild Place – this is rescheduled from Year 1
Monday 19th September	Maple Class Camp Meeting	Meeting 3.30 – 4.30 pm to discuss the upcoming Year 5 camp.
Tuesday 20th September	Oak Class Bicycle training	Cycle training continues this week, please ensure their bike is in school on this day.
Thursday 22nd September	Beech Class Ukulele lessons	Ukulele lessons continue this week.
Thursday 22nd September	Class welcome meetings	All classes will be having a welcome to the class meeting on this date. There are two sessions on this date 3.30pm – 4pm and 4pm – 4.30 pm, this will help parents with more than one child at the school.
Monday 26th September	Governor Curriculum Meeting	Member of the curriculum committee will meet to discuss the school curriculum.
Tuesday 27th September	Oak Class Bicycle training	Cycle training continues this week, please ensure their bike is in school on this day.
Thursday 29th September	Beech Class Ukulele lessons	Ukulele lessons continue this week.
Thursday 29th September	Hazel Class cake sale	Parents of children in Hazel class to provide cakes to sell after school. All money raised will go to their class.