



Newsletter

Redfield Edge Primary School

'Striving to be the best version of ourselves'



Photos of the Week – Forest School

Our School Values

compassion thankfulness
mindfulness curiosity
resilience ambition honesty
respect

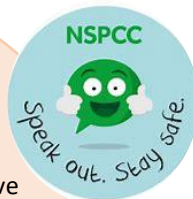
Parent Consultation Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening this week. We hope you found the opportunity to meet with your class teacher to discuss your child's progress and attainment useful and informative.

Year three's postponed parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 15th November** with the original times.

SEND parents evening is taking place on **Thursday 17th November** at the times you have been assigned.

NSPCC Online Safety



We have arranged for a representative from the NSPCC to lead x2 parent workshops all about **Online Safety**. The sessions will provide you with insights about how young children may be using the internet, the associated risks, with each session covering different aspects of online safety from gaming, grooming and social media, to mental health, online bullying and parental controls.

Whether your child is in reception or Year 6 – you will want to attend!

Session 1 – 29th November
6pm

Session 2 - 6th December 6pm
(Both sessions are on Zoom)

Follow us on Twitter



@HollyClass_RE @HazelClass_RE
@PineClass_RE @WillowClass_RE2
@BeechClass_RE
@Maple2Class_RE @OakClass_RE



Learning in Holly Class

Last week the children have been exploring our school's Golden Thread *Life Skills*. Holly Class read the book Pumpkin Soup and looked at the recipe, then practised their cutting and scooping skills to prepare the vegetables to go into the soup which they then ate on Friday!



Other children in the class really enjoyed digging in their raised beds to find creatures such as worms and slugs. They also found some mushrooms growing, which prompted a discussion about safety, washing our hands and how some mushrooms can be poisonous.

Learning in Hazel Class

Across the week the children in Year 1 discussed the importance of 11/11 and why we wear poppies each year. We recognised the difference between purple and red poppies.



Then we created a soldier of Poppies and wrote why we are thankful to the soldiers who fought for our country. We linked this to Captain Tom Moore and his charitable work in 2020.



Save the dates:

ASSEMBLIES

- Hazel Class assembly – Thurs 2nd February 23
 - Oak Class assembly – Wed 8th February 23
 - Beech Class assembly – Thurs 9th February 23
 - Pine Class assembly – Wed 15th March 23
 - Maple Class mini production – Thurs 23rd March 23
 - Willow Class assembly – Wed 29th March 23
 - Beech Class mini production – Wed 26th April 23
 - Hazel Class mini production – Thurs 18 May 23
 - Willow Class mini production – Thurs 15th June 23
 - Pine Class – Wed 21st June 23
 - Holly Class assembly – Thurs 29th June 23
 - Oak Class production – Wednesday 12th July 23
- Class assemblies will take place at 3pm**

Oracy Opportunity

What does happiness look like to you?

Discuss!

Learning in Pine Class

The children in Year 2 are learning all about healthy eating this term in their science lessons. On Thursday, the children interviewed Chef Phil (with a range of questions they had prepared) asking him about his role in school, how he ensures healthy/balanced meals for the children and what types of ingredients he uses.

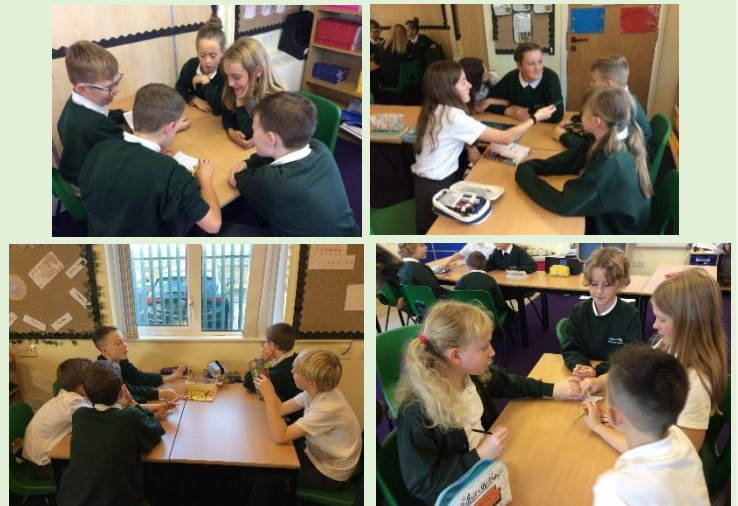


Chef Phil spoke passionately to the children about where he sources our food and what he does to make sure all of the food on offer is good for us.

Thank you Chef Phil for your time – the children really enjoyed talking with you. 😊

Learning in Oak Class

Oak Class have now began their Christmas Fayre project – working in groups to design and create their Christmas stalls. Watch this space! 😊



Can you HELP?

We are looking for a local business to sponsor our outdoor all weather gear. We would love to supply wet weather coats and trousers for those children taking part in Forest School activities. Could your business donate £1000 to Redfield Edge?

If you can please contact the school office. Thank you 😊



House Points

This week's house point results

Savernake Wood = 117

100 Acre Wood = 168

Sherwood Forest = 132

Forest of Dean = 111

Well Done 😊



Forest School

(Term 2 – Orienteering)



Forest School was a huge success on Monday. Mrs Stone was incredibly impressed with the children’s enthusiasm. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and their feedback from the session was very positive.

The only negative was that they felt (as did Mrs Stone) that the sessions were too short. Therefore, we are going to spread Forest School out over two afternoons – giving each group of 15 pupils a whole afternoon taking part in outdoor learning activities.

As a school we really value the opportunity for children to learn and develop new skills using our outside environment and therefore believe it is something that needs the appropriate time dedicated to it.



Below are the details of who will be taking part and when. When it is your child’s turn, you will need to ensure they have a **water proof coat, water proof trousers (if you have them), a hat, gloves and wellies**. It is very likely the children will get wet and possibly muddy.

Monday 14 th November 2022	Year 6	A
Tuesday 15 th November 2022		B
Tuesday 22 nd November 2022	Year 5	A
Thursday 24 th November 2022		B
Monday 28 th November 2022	Year 3	A
Tuesday 29 th November 2022		B
Monday 5 th December 2022	Year 2	A
Tuesday 6 th November 2022		B
Monday 12 th December 2022	Year 1	A
Tuesday 13 th December 2022		B

The children will be split into two groups of approx. 15 – Group A and Group B. You will be informed of which day your child is taking part via Parentmail.



On your child’s forest school week, please hang their wet weather clothes on the pegs in the outside classroom (there will be name labels). This will enable children to use the outside class as their base without bringing wet and muddy clothes/wellies into school.



SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

Monday 14th November from **9am**
Redfield Edge Primary School



Be Bright Be seen

South Glos Road Safety Team

(Lifeskills – Golden Thread)

On Friday, we welcomed Christina and Tracy from the South Glos Road Safety team to lead a ‘Pick & Mix’ of workshops for the children from Holly Class to Oak Class all about keep ourselves safe on and around roads.



The sessions varied from Scooter training to understanding the Green Cross Code.



The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and learnt a lot of very, very important information about the rules of the road and keeping themselves safe.

To finish the morning, a special assembly was held to reflect on the learning of the day and award certificates for excellent participation.



Learning in Beech Class

Children in Beech class had the opportunity to play on a Bass Guitar this week. They all enjoyed accompanying Mr Davies to play the A song.



6th & 7th
December 2022

ELF ROOM

Children choose gifts for their loved ones
Our Elves lovingly wrap them
Exciting surprises bring joy at Christmas

£3 per Gift

Payment on Parentmail until
25th November 2022



Help raise some *Dough* for the
Friends of Redfield Edge!

Order your box of delicious
glazed doughnuts through
ParentMail by Friday
18th November!

ONLY £10 FOR 12
RRP £14.50

Did you know you can freeze
ring doughnuts!



Doughnuts will come home with your child
on Wednesday 30th November



Student Teacher in Pine Class and Hazel Class

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Dixon and Mr Thair who are joining our staff as student teachers. Both students are currently undertaking their teacher training at UWE and will be with us until mid way through the spring term. Over their time with us they will work closely with the children and begin to take on whole class teaching opportunities under the guidance of Miss Andrews and Miss Kelly.



Miss Dixon – Pine Class



Mr Thair – Hazel Class

Remembrance

On Wednesday, Captain George Harrill visited the children in Maple and Oak Class to lead a session all about World War I. Following his presentation, the children were able to ask questions and further their understanding not only about WWI but also WWII and the current war in Ukraine.



Captain George brought with him many artifacts and replicas of weapon used at that time. The children engaged very well and were very well behaved.

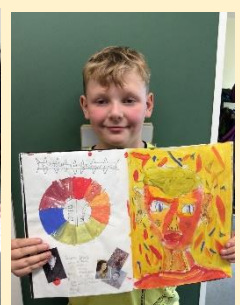
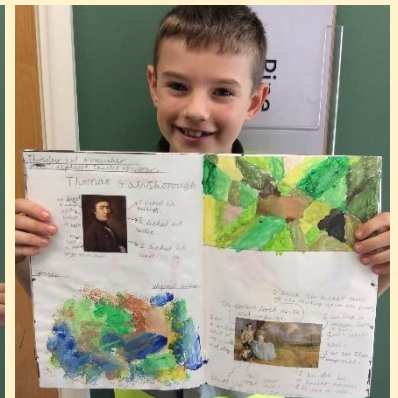
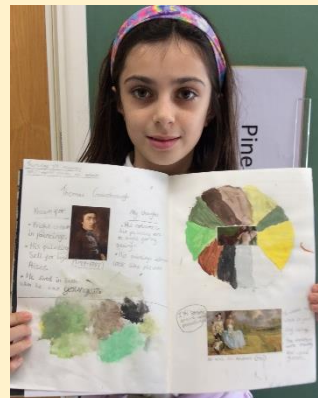


On Friday, the children took part in a 2 minute silence to mark Armistice day. The children demonstrated a good understanding of Remembrance and the importance of showing our respect, giving thanks and never forgetting the sacrifices made by our armed forces both past and present.



Learning in Maple Class

The children in Maple class have enjoyed learning all about Lucian Freud. They have been inspired by him and have been using their sketch books to explore colour and texture in order to create a piece of their own.



I cannot wait to see how their work progresses! 😊

Learning in Willow Class

Year 3 kicked off their new topic this term with a tasting session. The tasting was of different kinds of chocolate and it was very much enjoyed.

The children were not informed of the type and instead had to predict based on appearance and smell. They then tasted the chocolate to confirm their judgement or find otherwise. Some children thought some of the chocolate was lovely, others were not so nice.



Occasionally, an appearance caught them out, such as when the button was mint! This one didn't go down so well. The children also thought of some excellent questions about the new topic to get our 'teeth' into over the next few weeks.

In English, we have started using a new text the Great Chocoplot (Chris Callaghan) for our writing.

Mr Monks has been extremely impressed by the creative and interesting vocabulary the children have shared so far. Keep it up!

Polite Reminders...

Parking – please ensure cars are not blocking our neighbours driveways or access. There have been a few occasions recently when the property opposite our school field has been blocked which can cause some frustration.

Reading – school's expectation is for children to read at home at least x4 per week. Research proves that reading daily for just 10 minutes can add a **whole year's progress**. This in turn will help boost your child's self esteem and enable them to work with more independence in school. Please record any reading carried out at home in your child's reading log for teachers to track. 😊

School Dinners – Please book your child's school dinners in advance – this helps to reduce food wastage and ensure your child receives the meal they would like.

Congratulations!



Mrs Griffiths has shared the happy news that her and her husband are expecting a baby around Easter time.

We are thrilled for them both and know that little Zara will be very excited to have a baby brother or sister.

I am sure you all join me in wishing them well!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 14th November	Outreach 360 parent coffee morning	Parents/Carers welcome – 9am – 10.30 am
	Forest School for Oak Class	On your child's Forest school day, please hang their wet weather clothes on the pegs in the outside classroom (there will be name labels). This will enable children to use the outside class as their base without bringing wet and muddy clothes/wellies into school.
Tuesday 15th November	Governor Finance Meeting	Governor's meet to discuss the school finances.
Wednesday 16th November	Victorian Day in Maple Class	Maple class will dress up and experience what school was like in Victorian times.
	Willow Class Swimming	Willow class continue their swimming lessons this week, please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school.
Thursday 17th November	Beech Class Ukulele	Ukulele lessons continue this week.
	SEND parents evening	SEND Parents evening 4pm – 6.30 pm bookable on Parentmail.
Friday 18th November	School Football Match	Football match at home v The Park @3.30 pm