

# Newsletter

## Redfield Edge Primary School

'Striving to be the best version of ourselves'



Photo of the week - new outdoor classroom in use! 😊

### Our School Values

compassion thankfulness  
mindfulness curiosity  
resilience ambition honesty  
respect

### Learning in Hazel Class

This term Hazel Class have started their topic all about Old Toys!

We have been on a material hunt taking a range of photos using the iPads, learning to use charcoal to sketch bears and researching about Old Lego and how this compares with the Lego we play with now.



We have also launched the "everywhere bears" and everyone in Hazel Class will be taking Rosie or Tommy bear home this term which we have been so excited about.

### Follow us on Twitter



@HollyClass\_RE @HazelClass\_RE  
@PineClass\_RE @WillowClass\_RE2  
@BeechClass\_RE  
@Maple2Class\_RE @OakClass\_RE



### Folk Music Performance

Last week we had some very special visitors from the South Glos Music Hub to perform for the children.



We want children to experience live music of all different cultures as part of their experience in school. This performance focussed on folk music from all over the world.

As well as listening to a range of songs, the children were encouraged to join in by keeping rhythm using body percussion. It was a great morning and the children really seemed to enjoy it.



### Congratulations Holly Class!

On the 18<sup>th</sup> December, Argentina played France in a thrilling World Cup final which ended 3-3 after 120 minutes of football.

After a penalty shoot-out, **Argentina** were declared the winners! In school, each class (and the staffroom) were represented by four countries. The class with the winning country, and therefore, the winners of the special Qatar'22 football were Holly Class.



### REDFIELD EDGE PRIMARY WORLD CUP DRAW

## Holly Class WIN!

- Holly - Qatar, Iran, Argentina and USA
- Hazel - Australia, Denmark, Spain and Canada
- Pine - Brazil, Poland, Senegal and Switzerland
- Willow - England, Ghana, Netherlands and Mexico
- Beech - France, Japan, Ecuador and Korea
- Maple - Wales, Portugal, Uruguay and Belgium
- Oak - Costa Rica, Serbia, Cameroon and Morocco
- Staff - Saudi Arabia, Croatia, Tunisia and Germany

## Learning in Holly Class

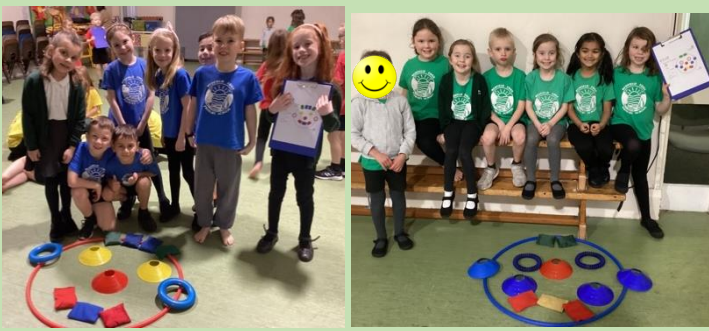
This week Holly class have been reading 'Whatever Next'. The children came into class to discover baby bear in is rocket ready to go to the moon. Holly class discussed what they would need to go on a trip to space and made their own props using junk modelling, developing their joining skills.



Holly class enjoyed looking at how astronauts drink water and sleep in space and realised that if baby bear actually had gone to the moon, his picnic would have floated away.

## Learning in Pine Class

In PE, Pine Class have been focussing on Orienteering. The children learnt different directional language and then worked in teams to imbed this. Each team member created a diagram of a face using different equipment and then the rest of the team had to listen to specific instructions to recreate this. The children really enjoyed this activity and are excited to build on their learning next week.



## Save the dates:

### ASSEMBLIES

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



On Tuesday and Wednesday Helen from the Dogs Trust visited Redfield Edge to teach the children about how to stay safe around dogs and how to best care for our Canine friends. A whole school assembly launched the sessions and then each class had their own age appropriate workshop.



The children were dog detectives, shared their own experiences and learnt a song about dogs and their emotions.



# OUR 2022 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Thank you 😊



## House Points



This term's house point results



Savernake Wood = 109

100 Acre Wood = 98

Sherwood Forest = 90

Forest of Dean = 118



Well Done 😊



## Learning in Willow Class

The children have been working hard to impress when using multiplication skills this week. There has been a focus on written methods and the children have tried too hard to develop their understanding.



In History and Geography lessons, the children have shown a fantastic interest in the new topic all about the RMS Titanic. They have already shared interesting facts and curious questions to explore further. Finally, in Jigsaw, the children have been discussing the word 'bystander' and how people react in different ways to different situations.



## Forest School

(Term 3 – Creative in Nature)



Holly Class were busy building habitats this week using all natural materials! 😊

## South Glos Parents and Carers opportunities for Parents

Question and Answer session with CAMHS

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/question-and-answer-session-with-camhs-tickets-486796269747?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

An Introduction to Makaton Workshop

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-makaton-workshop-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-486832608437?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

ADHD

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adhd-online-workshop-for-parent-carers-tickets-488677737267?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

Sign up by clicking on the link



## FOREST SCHOOL TERM 3

Holly Class - Monday 9th Jan & Thursday 12th Jan

Oak Class - Monday 16th Jan & Thursday 19th Jan

Maple Class - Monday 23rd Jan & Thursday 26th Jan

Beech Class - Monday 30th Jan & Tuesday 31st January

Willow Class - Monday 6th Feb & Thursday 9th Feb

Bring a change of clothes into class to change into (jogging bottoms, t-shirt, jumper).  
Leave your wet weathers outside on the peg next to your name.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Rock star day in school

Whole morning of Maths activities and battle of the bands against your teammates and other schools!



## Learning in Oak Class

In English lessons this week, year 6 have used their drama skills to demonstrate how to use formal language in preparation for their writing activity.



In maths, the children have been multiplying and dividing fractions.

## Learning in Beech Class

This week, Mrs Williams has been holding Mental Health Ambassador Interviews for children in Y3 and Y4. This is to recruit some of the younger children to take on the role of supporting their peers during the break and lunchtimes.

22 children from Year four applied for the position and attended an interview with Mrs Williams and one of our experienced ambassadors.



Mrs Williams was so impressed with the children; their positive attitudes and enthusiasm shone through. The children all expressed how they wanted to help others, they wanted to make other children smile and not feel sad and they were prepared to give their time to do this.

What a great bunch! 😊

## Learning in Maple Class

Maple class had a two day project to research, design, create and evaluate bridges just like the civil engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, who they studied last term in their Victorian topic. As you can see, their extensive research and designing paid off! They look and work fantastically.



"It was really hard and we had to persevere but it paid off in the end." – Freddie

"Our bridge was very strong because we added wooden piers underneath to support them." – Sophie

"My team didn't fail, we just found lots of ways it didn't work and overcame this. That's what an engineer has to do!" - Izzy

**Well done Year 5! 😊**

## Friends Meeting (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January)

We can't believe its term 3 already! We are holding our termly Open Friends Meeting on Tuesday 17th January.

This meeting will be online.

Hear about how the last few terms have gone and about what's planned. Put forward your ideas. If you can help in anyway let us know how.

We have moved the meeting to a slightly later time (to help around bedtime) and to a Tuesday rather than a Wednesday.

**Date.** Tuesday 17th January

**Time.** 7.45pm

**Meeting Platform.** Zoom

**Meeting ID.** 981 640 5737

**Passcode.** Friends

See you there!

Pippa, Liz, Lucy and Kiran



## Oak Class Cake Sale

The children in Oak Class held their annual cake sale today. Thank you to all of you who bought a delicious treat. The children raised a fantastic £120. The children are now busy deciding what to spend it on – something that will benefit their learning. Watch this space!



## This terms TOPICS

A new term brings new topics for the children in their classes. Below are the topics that will be covered this term. For more detail including curriculum maps, knowledge organisers and more, please visit our school website:

[www.redfieldedgeprimary.co.uk](http://www.redfieldedgeprimary.co.uk)

<b>Holly Class</b>	Teachers plan around themes however the learning will mainly be led by the children. Themes in Term 3: <i>habitats, environment, extinction, Lunar New Year</i>
<b>Hazel Class</b>	What toys did children play with in the past?
<b>Pine Class</b>	Where in the world would you go?
<b>Willow Class</b>	Why is the RMS Titanic famous?
<b>Beech Class</b>	How did the Romans change Britain?
<b>Maple Class</b>	How has equality been promoted across the world?
<b>Oak Class</b>	What would it have been like to be Henry VIII?

## Attendance

Data below for T1 and T2

<b>Holly Class</b>	97.6%
<b>Hazel Class</b>	94.8%
<b>Pine Class</b>	96.3%
<b>Willow Class</b>	98.0%
<b>Beech Class</b>	98.0%
<b>Maple Class</b>	95.5%
<b>Oak Class</b>	96.5%

We know through research and experience that pupil's with *low attendance* are **more likely** to make **less progress** in their learning. We know high levels of absence effects a **child's self-esteem** and impacts on their social skills. We know that missing school creates gaps in learning and misconceptions.

For children to learn the **best** they can, they need to be in school every day or ideally with an attendance percentage of **no less than 98%**

Recently, we have noticed a slight dip in attendance coupled with an increase in term time holiday requests – this has caused some concern.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be sending home attendance letters to families where attendance has dropped to between **90% - 95%**. This is for your information with an offer of support if required.

Those whose attendance has dropped **below 90%** will receive a phone call to enable the school to gain a better understanding of the context behind the absence and an offer support.

**Persistent absence** (ongoing concern) will result in the school contacting the Education Welfare Officer requesting them to intervene and work with the family.

## A HUGE thank you to two local Businesses



Just before Christmas, we put out a plea for local businesses to sponsor all weather clothing for our forest school sessions. This will enable **all** children to be fully kitted up for a range of exciting outdoor learning activities come rain or shine!

We have now received sponsorship from both **'Blue Sky'** a local independent estate and letting agent based in Longwell Green and RJ Coley and Son Ltd a family run scrap yard based in Bristol.

**Thank you** to both companies, your kind donations will make such a difference to what we are trying to achieve in school – providing memorable experiences for all pupils.



The Friends of Redfield Edge Present

# A BIG FAT QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 27th January 2023 @ 7pm

Round up Friends and Family

Teams of 8 (max)

£8 per Adult

(Includes Quiz Entry & Delicious Chilli tea)

Complete form to book your teams table. If you do not have a team of 8 we will join you with another group

Bar and snacks available

Cash, Card and Tokens accepted at this event

## A BIG FAT QUIZ NIGHT BOOKING FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE CLEARLY IN DARK INK

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ADULTS IN YOUR TEAM (MAX 8\*): \_\_\_\_\_

TICKET INCLUDES CHILLI AND SIDES (MEAT OR VEGGIE OPTIONS). PLEASE CONFIRM DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

NO. MEAT: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. VEGGIE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT IN FULL FOR ALL ADULTS IN YOUR GROUP. CASH OR CHEQUES ACCEPTED

(PAYABLE TO "THE FRIENDS OF REDFIELD EDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL")

TOTAL PAYMENT (@ £8 PER ADULT): \_\_\_\_\_

CASH

CHEQUE

Return your completed form and payment to the school office ASAP  
Bookings on a first come first served basis



Bar and snacks available on the night  
Cash, Card and Tokens accepted at this event

\* Groups of less than 8 may be teamed up with other groups. Its nice to make new friends!

Have you got your team?



## Willow Class Art Tutorial

The children in Year 3 took part in their art tutorial session this week. They used oil paints to create an image of Stone Henge. The children had to follow step by step instructions, mixing colours and applying the paint to create different effects.



Redfield Edge Friends

EYFS AND KS1 6PM-7PM  
KS2 7.15PM-8.15PM

*Friendship*  
*Disco*

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**£2.50**

Redfield edge primary school  
**THURSDAY 9TH  
FEBRUARY**

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Oak Class Group A -Forest School</b>	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.
	<b>Football Match</b>	The school Football team are away today playing Barley close primary School.
	<b>No Afterschool Club</b>	Unfortunately you are unable to book Afterschool club for today.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Beat Bus in Holly Class</b>	Sue Davey from the South Glos Music Hub will be in Holly class delivering their Beat Bus Music programme.
	<b>Friends Open Meeting</b>	7.45 pm on Zoom (more details above in the newsletter).
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 6 swimming</b>	Swimming lessons continue in Oak class, please remember to send in your child's swim wear.
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School Census Day</b>	The school receives funding based on how many children have school lunch on Census day. We have changed the menu around so Fish fingers and chips is now on Census day, please book your child in for a hot lunch today if you can.
	<b>Hazel Class Toy Tea party</b>	Grandparents and other family members are welcome to come into Hazel Class to share any old toys you have stored in your loft, pictures of you at school or even just a story of your favourite game!
	<b>Oak class Group B -Forest School</b>	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.
	<b>Beech class cake sale</b>	Year 4 cake sale, please come along and support them.