

Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

The summer term is always one of the busiest of the year and the first half of this one has been full of opportunities, experiences and learning for the children. From crown parades to SATs to our incredible Malvern garden, there has been so much going on.

It has also been lovely to see the weather improving and the children spending more time outside not only playing but learning too. We are extremely fortunate to be based in an area of outstanding natural beauty and I know that during the summer months we try to make the most of the opportunities that this lends us.

None of this is of course possible without our fabulous staff team and many volunteers who give their time, energy and enthusiasm to keep the children at the centre of everything we do. I can't thank them all enough for their dedication to our school and federation. We are extremely fortunate to have such a great team and they work extremely hard. I know they will be taking a very well deserved break next week.

As we break for the holidays, I would also like to say thank you to you, our parents and carers. We greatly appreciate the support you offer us, be it day to day with your children simply getting them into school, joining us for events or through supporting our PTA. You always cheer us on and we feel very blessed by this, however if there is ever anything you wish to raise, please do feel you can catch us on the gate or come in. We're here to listen and support and want to work with you for the benefit of your children.

Wishing you all a lovely and hopefully sunny half term holiday.

With kindest regards

Natalie Frey

Robin Class



Robins have had a fun & busy half term! Year one loved exploring our key text 'The Kids Book of Awesome Riddles' by Amanda Learmonth, as part of our poetry unit. The children were in fits of laughter, trying to work out what the riddles were and retelling them to Kingfisher class! The children planned & wrote 2 riddles of their own, complete with illustrations. We then collated these into a class book, which we shared with everyone during celebration worship.

Reception have been excited to explore our key text Spinderella by Julia Donaldson and Sebastien Braun. They have counted to twenty with Spinderella & were excited to find out how all of the Spiders needed to learn their numbers in order to play football correctly! The children's writing is coming along beautifully, and they are using their phonics knowledge to help them form a sentence about a picture that they draw.

In maths recently, the year one children have been exploring time. They have quickly picked up telling time to the hour and half past, recognising that the hour hand needs to be half way between each number. Reception have been looking at first, then and now & exploring subtraction sentences within 5 and then beyond. Robins have taken a love for times tables, and can often be heard singing along to the Numberblocks 'heroes with zeroes' (10x table), along with the songs for 2x, 5x and even the 4x tables!

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Malvern & were so proud to win 'Best School Garden', along with St Briavels. The children had a lovely time exploring the school gardens, the Leaf Creative's Jungle themed dome and the STEM area. We finished off our trip with a well deserved ice-cream.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Claire Marfell

Robins & Year 3 Visit Malvern!









King Charles III Coronation Celebrations







Kingfisher Class



What a busy half term we have all had! With two bank holidays, year 6 SATs and many other events in between, the children have worked so hard and should be proud of what they have all achieved in this first half of the summer term.

First of all, some congratulations. We have so many achievements outside of the classroom to celebrate. Our nature quiz team (Zara, Hartley, Archie and Esther) went all the way to the finals and performed admirably. This was our first year of taking part in the quiz for Redbrook and we are immensely proud of the children's commitment and thoroughly impressed by their knowledge! An extra thanks to those parents who helped with transport and to Mrs Evans who coached the team through learning and revision for the competition. As a federation, we also won 'Best School Garden' at Malvern Show, which is absolutely outstanding and wouldn't have happened without the hard work and creativity from the children and volunteers involved. Archie and Zara represented our school many days in the final week and judging day, speaking to the judges and public so eloquently about our garden. Well done to all. Last but certainly not least, Hartley's sponsorship money funded some amazing new play equipment for our school, which arrived last week, and the children have been thrilled and very appreciative. We are so grateful to Hartley for his kind and generous gesture and his mammoth task he conquered in the process to raise the money! Overall, year 5 particularly have been exceptionally busy this half term - a huge well done to all involved!

In our learning in class, the children have had fantastic responses to our book 'The Day War Came' by Nicola Davies, learning through role-play and drama activities to get into character and writing diary entries from the main character's point of view. It was an emotive book and the children developed their description skills and deepened their vocabulary throughout this unit. In maths, year 6 have been revising keenly for their SATs whilst year 5 have been exploring area and perimeter alongside statistical problem solving and year 3 and 4, with Miss Marfell, have been consolidating their understanding of fractions and decimals with opportunities for outdoor practical tasks (thanks to the weather) and working on telling the time accurately on both 12-hour and 24-hour (digital) clocks. Year 3 have been particularly enthusiastic practising their new time skills at every opportunity at many points in the day - it really is liberating to have the independence to tell the time and regulate and organise oneself through this.

During the afternoons, the children have been exploring Hinduism, thinking about what it is like to be a Hindu in modern Britain, how and where they worship and how their festivals are celebrated differently in the UK to other countries, perhaps where Hinduism is more prevalent. In History, the children have engaged well with our prehistoric topic of the Stone Age to Iron Age. They were particularly interested in the evidence archaeologists have found and also the purpose and scale of Stonehenge. In Art, we have had the luxury of Mari volunteering with us to guide the children through our lino printing unit. They thoroughly enjoyed learning the skills and watching Mari's expertise, although we definitely found cutting the lino quite a tricky skill to master! A huge thanks to Mari for everything she does with our children!

Although this half term has been rather disjointed, the children have done us all proud, yet again, and have progressed so much in their learning and have enjoyed the many extra curricular events we have had on offer to our school. Enjoy your half term break and I look forward to welcoming the children back for the final summer half term!

Mrs Woods



1 - Making bug hotels to inspire our writing about 'Beetle Boy' (our second book in English this half term) last week.



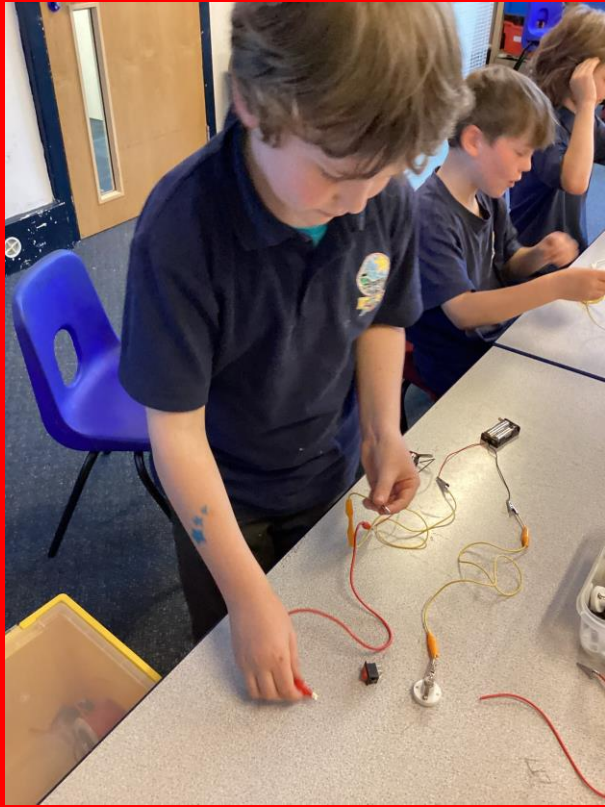


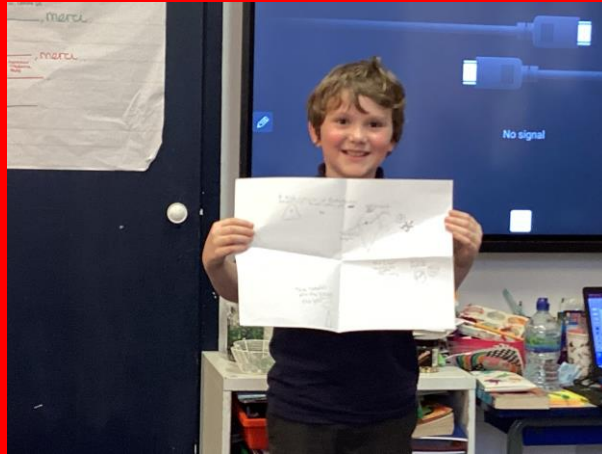


2 - Mari teaching us how to cut lino tiles.

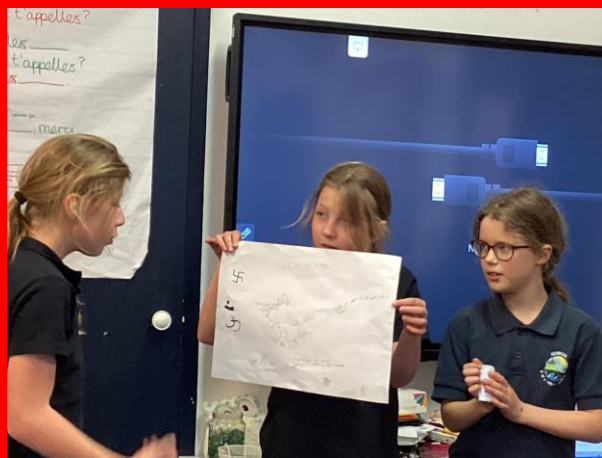


3 - Year 3 and 4 electricity science experiments.





4 - Our presentations on Hindu worship (Puja).



5 - The Coronation Crown Parade!

Malvern Garden Competition Success

We were absolutely thrilled to be awarded Best School Garden for our Garden "How Grimm is our garden!" at the Malvern Show.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us to build, plant and construct the garden, but especially all the school children who came up with the original ideas, made all our artefacts and helped to build and plant the garden at Malvern.

Special mention must be made to Zara, Archie, Seb and Emily who were 4 of our year 5's who spoke so well and confidently to the judges on judging day and made such an impression on both the judges and the visiting public.

We must also thank all the children and families who gave up their time to come to the Show at the weekend in order to be at our School Garden and talk to the members of the public who visited the show. We were visited by two Bishops and two Gardener's World presenters!

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with children across the Federation and look forward to beginning next year's Malvern project with all of you early next year!





Archery Success

Some of our children recently had fun playing archery at the The Christian Adventure Centre on Viney Hill. Redbrook won their round, and came 2nd overall against 8 schools. St Briavels got an award for the best attitude.





Wildlife Quiz Success

Well done to the Redbrook team making it all the way to the Forest Finals. Brilliant effort and we were all impressed by your knowledge! Congratulations to Newnham who won.

New Play Equipment

Thanks to Hartley for his fundraising, we have lots of new play equipment to use at lunchtime breaks. This includes:

- skipping ropes
- spacehoppers
- football goals
- scooters

Thank you Hartley!





Goodbye and Hello!

We are saying goodbye to Mr English, who has been working wonders with the children across both schools in their PE lessons. We are sad to see him go, but will be welcoming Mr Hull in his place. Mr Hull has worked alongside Mr English already and we are sure he will settle in well!

Dates for your diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Dates may change.

- Friday May 26th - last day of term
- Monday June 5th - INSET
- Tuesday June 6th - first day of term
- Tuesday 13th June Reception Trip to the Wild Place
- Thursday 15th June Yr6 Leavers Service Gloucester Cathedral
- Thursday June 15th to Friday June 16th - year 3 / 4 YHA residential
- Monday June 19th Yr 4 trip to In The Net
- Thursday July 6th Redbrook sports day morning and picnic lunch times tbc
- Friday July 14th Year 6 Safari Park trip
- Friday July 21st - leaver's service
- Friday July 21st - last day of term
- Monday Sept 4th INSET
- Tuesday Sept 5th INSET
- Wednesday Sept 6th - first day of term

We update key dates on our website (www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk), please check there and in your emails for notifications.

Term Dates 2022-2023

There is a downloadable version of this on our website at:

https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/363933

We also have the term dates now for 2023-2024 on the same page. If they don't appear immediately please give it a little time to download.

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	