

Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

It's been an exciting time in our federation, and I'm delighted to share some of the wonderful achievements and updates with you.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the whole federation and the many people who supported us for our success at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival. The innovative use of recycled materials was recognised, and we were awarded best use of recycled materials for our Circle of Life garden. Everyone who saw it was hugely impressed by what we had achieved, especially Gardeners World who featured us on their show! A huge thank you to all who were involved, especially Bernie Kilty and Claire Viner, for their tireless support and dedication to this project.

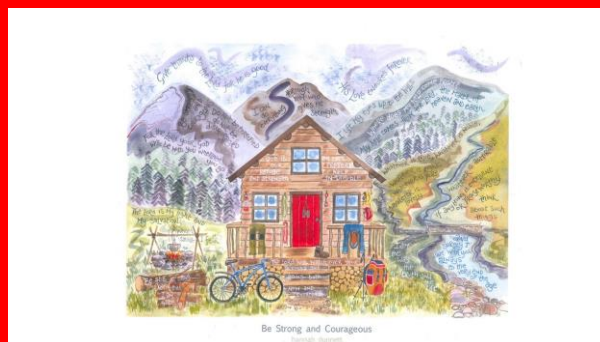
Furthermore, I'm thrilled to celebrate the success of our Dance Extravaganza. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by our talented children was truly remarkable, and all who came said it was a joy to witness their hard work and dedication come to life on stage. I am only sorry I couldn't be there but I have seen the videos taken by the staff and am so proud of all of the children who truly lived out our vision in their performances.

As a staff team, we have been focusing on the development of our curriculum this term in preparation for September. We have secured lots of new learning resources which we will be starting to use after the half term holiday and know will bring high quality learning to all our classrooms. Whilst children's learning is always at the centre of our work, staff learning is equally important. I have started my National Professional Qualification in Executive Leadership recently and Mr Ford is part way through his National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership. We know that these courses are already bringing to the federation the most recent research led practice and thinking in education and this can only strengthen us for the future.

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful half term break and thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 4th June.

With love

Natalie Frey



Robin Class



Robins have had a busy half term, with lots of exciting learning opportunities!

The children shone as they performed Itty Bitty Pretty one to you all at The Savoy in Monmouth. They loved practicing with Ros from Drama Queens each week and were so excited to share their dance with you all. I'm sure you will agree that it was an experience to remember!

The children have enjoyed their PE sessions with Charlie from ProStars on a Monday, focusing on striking and fielding. I think we have a few future cricket stars among us! In class, Reception have enjoyed our focus of 'What's under our feet?' We have been exploring the texts 'Spinderella', 'Super Worm 'and 'The Big Book of Bugs', which inspired us to make our own minibeast hotel!

Years 1 and 2 have liked reading 'Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters'. They made predictions, wrote character descriptions and are preparing to write their very own diary entries! In maths, Year 1 have enjoyed exploring money recently. They learnt the value of each coin and note, and what they might buy with different amounts. Year 2 have been exploring fractions and how they can show halves, thirds and quarters.

The children have been learning some Makaton sign language recently, learning the signs for stop, happy and sad. They can also now sign the Lord's prayer, with the support of the year 6s, in our daily worship sessions!

This week, the children had fun learning about World Bee Day and why bees are so important. We found out that honey bees make their own special kind of bread out of pollen!

I hope you all have a lovely half term break, we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday, 4th June.

Best wishes,

Miss Marfell























Kingfisher Class



May 2024

Kingfishers have continued to excel themselves this half term; trying new things, demonstrating our core school values of courage, resilience, respect and compassion.

The 'Dance Extravaganza' at the Savoy Theatre was an incredible achievement for all of our students. It was a wonderful opportunity to shine on stage, showing off their fabulous dance moves. I was really impressed with the children's patience, support of others and ability to conquer their own worries, especially if dancing perhaps isn't their passion.

This half term has seen the introduction of our Friday 'Outdoor and Adventure' sessions. The children love being out in the local area taking part in different weekly activities. Rounders was a particular success!

A huge well done to our Year 6's who took the KS2 SATs papers the other week. The countdown is on to the end of your primary school journey. Enjoy the last half term!

Another round of applause for the Kingfishers' outstanding Art Exhibition this week. It is evident in their creations, how hard they worked. They learnt so much about the different materials they used, how they could manipulate them to create what they needed and thinking critically to overcome and adapt to any challenges they were faced with. A huge thank you to Mari for her time, support and expertise in helping make our exhibition such a success.

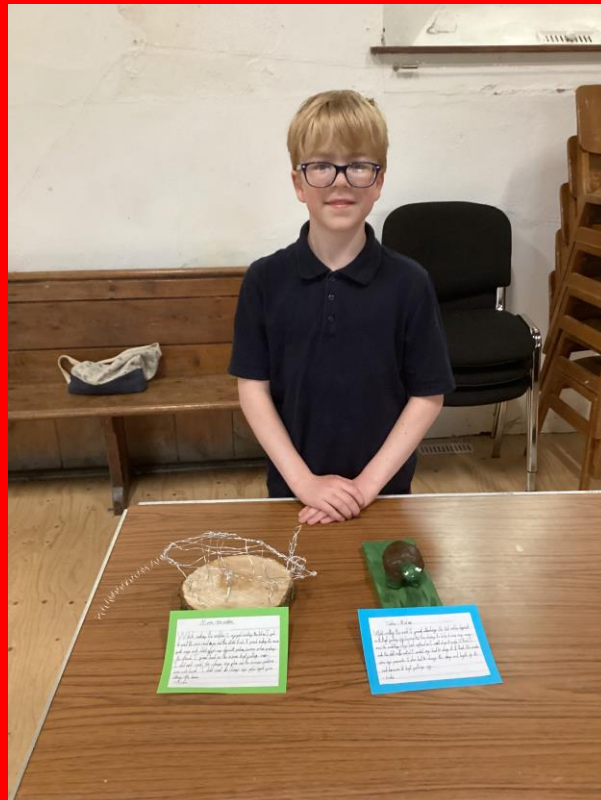
Our sculptures were linked to our English focus – 'Aesop's Fables'. The children learnt about the different fables and the proverbs that are weaved through them. They had the opportunity to

write a familiar fable, amending the animal characters, focusing on including a range of different SPAG elements such as expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and adverbials.

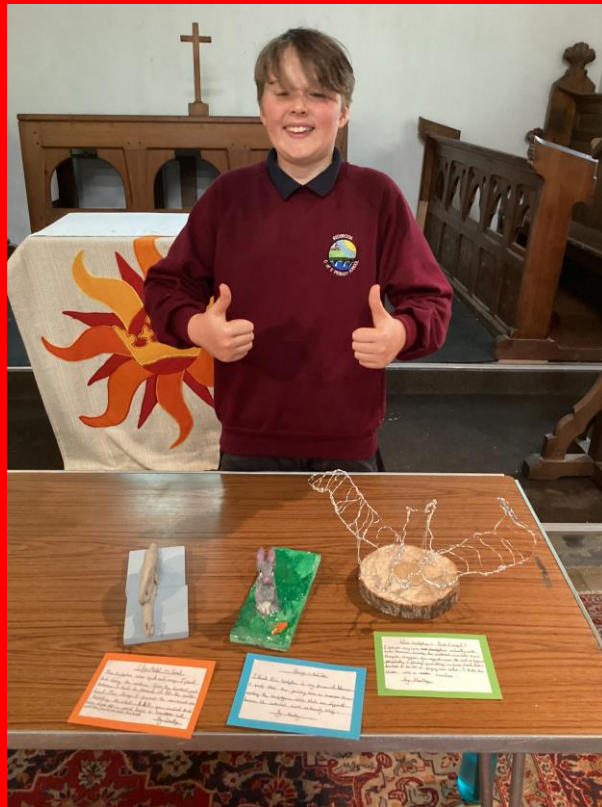
We have also just started reading our summer performance script – 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse'. More information to follow!

Best Wishes

Miss Chambers



















1 - First day of SATs



2 - SATs completed!

Dance Extravaganza April 26th

The children had a fantastic time at the Savoy in Monmouth, performing their dances of Itty Bitty Pretty One (Robins) and Never Gonna Give You Up (Kingfishers). Please see some photos below!





Malvern Garden Competition Success

As a Federation, we entered the Malvern school garden competition again this year.

We had a fabulous two weeks at Malvern, managing to bring all of our Years 4 and 5 from both schools to Malvern for at least one day.

Our Garden, 'The Circle of Life', was awarded "Best Use Of Recycling", one of 4 awards given to the school gardens, and the judges were very complimentary about all aspects of our design, build and planting.

We had 4 children who spoke very knowledgeably to the judges on judging day and a team of other children who spoke to members of the public on the Friday of the show days. Thank you to those children and their families who supported us by coming to Malvern on the Saturday and Sunday as well.

Members of the public constantly told us how polite and knowledgeable our children were and we were very proud of them.

We would like to thank the members of St Briavels Gardening Club and their parents/grandparents for their support and help since September and the parent community at both schools for supporting our pig race fundraisers which enabled us to fund the building of our garden.































Dates for your diaries

LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 24 May

INSET - Monday 3 June

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Tuesday 4 June

Wednesday 5 June - Reception Class trip to Bristol Zoo Project

Wednesday 12 June - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral

Monday 17 June - Redbrook Sports Afternoon

Tuesday June 25 - Whole School Trip to Viney Hill Adventure Centre

Friday June 28 - Yr 4 'In the Net' trip

Friday 19 July - Year 6 Leavers Service (2.30pm) at school

LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 19 July

INSET - Monday 22 July

INSET - Monday 2 September

INSET - Tuesday 3 September

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Wednesday 4 September

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

Term Dates 2023-2024

There is a downloadable version of this, together with our 2024-2025 term dates, on our website at:

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

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	