

Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

No 87 March 30th 2023

Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

Again the term has flown by and we find ourselves at the holidays. School is always a busy place with much going on and no two days are alike.

Last week we had our hugely successful annual Federation Day where both of our schools came together at St Briavels to prepare for this year's Malvern garden. It was wonderful to see all of the children come together and work together to create pieces that will be included in our final design. We must of course thank Mrs Kilty and her team for all of her hard work in putting the event together and ensuring it ran so smoothly.

Yesterday, we enjoyed a wonderful Open the Book Easter Service together again thanks to Mrs Kilty and Mrs Hutchings. The children were a real testimony to their work with us at Redbrook every Friday and we are so grateful for all they do in supporting us with our worship. We were also blessed with the support of our PTA who organised drinks and cakes as well as an Easter Egg Hunt and toy swap afterwards. Everyone had a super time looking for the letters around our playground and swapping toys. Thank you to all who supported them, I'm sure they'll let you know how much they raised very soon

Finally, our local community has come together to support us in funding the rebuild of the Robin Class outdoor area which will hopefully be done soon after Easter. This offer was not only a wonderful surprise but extremely generous as they are not only paying for the materials but offering free labour too. We can't wait to work with them to complete this project together.

The community we work and live in is such a precious part of who we are and their support comes in so many different forms. We couldn't be more grateful for you, our parents and carers, who make us who we are everyday and the wider community who come together for those special occasions to support and cheer us on. This reminds me of a biblical verse taken from Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up on meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day approaching."

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter.

With kindest regards

Natalie Frey



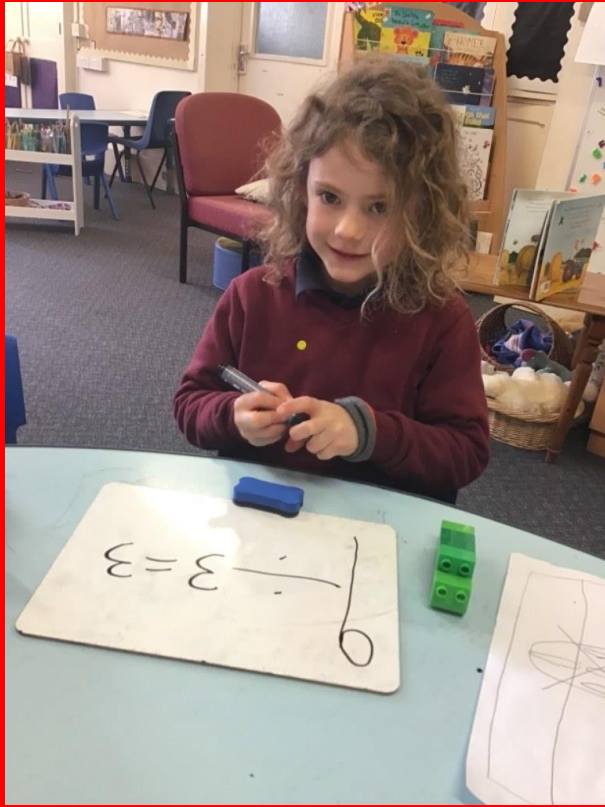
Robin Class



This half term, Robins have enjoyed exploring our key texts. Year 1 have been reading *The Fire Children* & *Why Elephant has a Trunk*. They have compared the similarities and differences of the texts, painted pictures linked to their favourite parts & have even created their own story with a twist! Reception have been looking at *The Tiny Seed* (fiction) and *It All Starts with a Seed* (non-fiction). They have enjoyed finding out about the journey that seeds go on, from being planted in the ground all the way through to becoming a big, beautiful flower. All of the children have enjoyed planting seeds of their own, caring for them & watching them grow.



In maths recently, Reception have been exploring 3D shapes. We did an experiment to see which shapes would roll or slide down a ramp! We have also been building towers with shapes and making patterns. The children have enjoyed exploring number bonds to 5 and 10, finding many ways of showing this. Year 1 have been using bears & bugs to help them form multiplication and division number sentences. They have talked about the total amount and how we can make equal groups of objects to help us find the answer.







We have had lots of fun outside this half term. With the warmer weather in sight, we have been making great use of our outdoor area & our local surroundings. We went for a walk down to the Green, to look for signs of Spring. We all enjoyed a day to St Briavels School, linked with our Malvern Garden Project. The children worked so well with the children from St Briavels and created some fantastic pieces, some of which will appear in the Garden itself! As part of our outdoor learning, Robins have been busy weaving willow branches to create fences, which will also go into the Malvern Garden.

We enjoyed a visit to Forest Holidays in Christchurch this week. The children enjoyed den building, collecting items from the woodland to create a picture & marshmallow toasting, to name a few! Thank you so much to Katalin (Aryan's Mum) for organising this trip. We all had a super time!







We are really enjoying having our pre-school children joining us every Friday morning between 9.30 and 11am, for stories, songs & play. If you know of anyone who may be interested in their child starting at Redbrook in September of this year, please do let them know of our sessions - you can be sure of a very warm welcome!

I hope you all have a lovely Easter.

Best wishes,

Miss Marfell

Kingfisher Class



This half term, Kingfishers have been working really hard in their English lessons to produce a class book of non-chronological reports about deep sea creatures - created by themselves! The children were inspired by the book 'Blue Planet II' and even wrote to the author and illustrator at the BBC, giving their opinions on the book and asking them questions. Their deep sea creatures were so creative and have been published as a class book within the classroom for everyone to read.

The children have also been learning about map skills in geography, learning to locate oceans and continents, read grid references and map symbols and name and follow directions of the 8 points on a compass.

In music, the children have been learning to play the cornet/ trumpet through lessons from Gloucestershire Music Service. Although this was challenging for many children, they showed great resilience and performed a fantastic mini concert, open to all of their parents and carers.

This week, the children have been lucky enough to spend the morning with some forest rangers, building some impressive shelters in the woods and toasting some marshmallows over a firepit!

Finally, a huge congratulations to both the year 6 girls football team, who won their match earlier this half term, and to our year 5 Nature Quiz team who did an amazing job learning and revising nature facts with Mrs Evans at such short notice. They did exceptionally well in the quiz and we are awaiting the results to see if we are into the next round.

We hope you have a wonderful and much-deserved Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term! Mrs Woods

Malvern Garden Competition Update



On Friday 10th March we held a very successful Malvern Fundraiser. The Pig Race was attended by about 80 people and we raised just under £600! Thank you so much to all the people who worked so hard to make it a great success and congratulations if your pig won its race!

On Friday 24th March we held a Federation Malvern Day. We spent the day looking at our garden plan and participating in a selection of activities related to our Grimm's fairy tale garden.

We painted name stones to lay in the path of the Rumpelstiltskin garden; we painted wooden sweets for the gingerbread house in Hansel and Gretel's garden; we planted beans for the Beanstalk in Jack and the Beanstalk; we made mosaics of our footprints to match the Giant footprint for the garden; we made dragonflies to hover around the pond in the frog prince garden; we made bird feeders to hang in the garden; we created a wolf's head for Red Riding Hood's garden and designed a patchwork quilt for the wolf's bed; we sketched portraits of Red Riding Hood and Granny for her bedroom shelves; we chose images and words from each story to go onto the large book pages separating our gardens; and we researched wormeries as the base of Rapunzel's tower will contain a working wormery!

As you can imagine by the end of the day we were exhausted but, hopefully, now we all know a lot more about our school's entry to the Malvern Garden Show- "How Grimm is our garden?"

A huge thank you to all of the teachers, TAs, parents, grandparents and helpers who came into school to make the day a possibility.

We have another workshop / planting day during the Easter Holidays:

Tuesday 4th April at St Briavels school from 10-2pm

Bring your lunch and help out with the last few jobs before the actual Malvern event (parents please stay with your children for this - it is not a drop-off event). Anybody who would like to come along and help would be more than welcome.

Making Frogs for Malvern

Several Redbrook children and parents had a great time making frogs for the Malvern Garden. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped run this session!









Sporting Success!

A group of Year 5/6 girls from St Briavels and Redbrook took part in a Prostars Football tournament and won. They played 3 teams in a group stage and then went through to the semi-final where they won, after a nail-biting penalty shootout. They went on to win the final and came away with a cup. Well done!

Hartley Play & Sports Equipment Fundraiser

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hartley-fundraiser>

Hartley's birthday fundraiser is here again! This year, on the eve of his 10th birthday, he has decided to raise money for his school by climbing 3 peaks (over 4,000ft!) in one day. And to practise his football skills at the peak of each one. His classmates have written a list of all the play and sports equipment they would like, so he will be raising money for new netball goals, basket balls, cricket bats, scooter boards, board games, space hoppers and football goals. Let's help him get there. Please support where you can. Either by donating, spreading the word, or walking one of the peaks with him on the day. ☺



Office Update

Office Hours

The Redbrook Office is staffed 8am - 1.30pm Monday - Thursday, and 8.30am-12.30 on Fridays. There are often people in the office outside these hours, however we cannot guarantee to check e-mails to admin@ or check phone messages outside these hours. If you urgently need to contact the school, please phone and speak to someone (the phone is in the classroom so please don't do this unless absolutely necessary) or phone St Briavels School on 01594 530428 and they will get a message through.

Running Late?

If you are running late to pick up children, do please either try to phone and speak to someone, or e-mail your teacher, or let another parent know so they can tell us.

Milk?

Children below the age of five receive free milk in school, but did you know you can order milk for your children once they are over 5? It will not be free but it is subsidised. There are more details below:

If your child is five or older:

- Register and pay online at www.coolmilk.com
- You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local PayPoint in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.
- Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week
- If you have any questions regarding school milk please visit www.coolmilk.com or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248.

Dates for your diaries

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

- Thursday March 30th Easter Service Redbrook Church 2.45pm

- Friday March 31st - last day of term
- Tuesday 4th April - Malvern planting event at St Briavels
- Monday April 17th - first day of term
- Monday May 1st - bank holiday
- Tuesday May 2nd School Photos
- Monday May 8th - bank holiday (coronation)
- KS2 SATS week Tuesday May 9th - Friday May 12th
- Malvern Show Thursday May 11th - Sunday May 14th
- KS1 SATS week Monday May 15th - Friday May 19th
- Friday May 26th - last day of term
- Monday June 5th - INSET
- Tuesday June 6th - first day of term
- Thursday 15th June Yr6 Leavers Service Gloucester Cathedral
- Thursday June 15th to Friday June 16th - year 3 / 4 YHA residential
- Thursday July 6th Redbrook sports day times tbc
- Friday July 14th Year 6 Safari Park trip
- 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.

| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|-----|---------|---|----|----|----|-----|----------|------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Mon | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Mon | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Mon | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Tues | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Tues | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Tues | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | |
| Wed | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Wed | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Wed | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | |
| Thur | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Thur | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Thur | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | | |
| Fri | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Fri | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Fri | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | | |
| Sat | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | Sat | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Sat | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | | |
| Sun | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Sun | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Sun | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | | | |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | JANUARY | | | | | | FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
| Mon | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Mon | | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Mon | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Tues | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Tues | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Tues | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Wed | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Wed | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Wed | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | | |
| Thur | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Thur | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Thur | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | | |
| Fri | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Fri | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Fri | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | | |
| Sat | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Sat | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Sat | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | | |
| Sun | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Sun | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Sun | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | | |
| MARCH | | | | | | APRIL | | | | | | MAY | | | | | | |
| Mon | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Mon | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | Mon | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | |
| Tues | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Tues | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Tues | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | |
| Wed | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Wed | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Wed | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | |
| Thur | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Thur | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Thur | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | | |
| Fri | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Fri | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Fri | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | |
| Sat | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Sat | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Sat | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | | | |
| Sun | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Sun | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Sun | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | | | |
| JUNE | | | | | | JULY | | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | |
| Mon | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Mon | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Mon | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Tues | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Tues | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Tues | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | |
| Wed | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Wed | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Wed | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | |
| Thur | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Thur | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Thur | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | |
| Fri | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Fri | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Fri | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | | |
| Sat | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | Sat | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Sat | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | | |
| Sun | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Sun | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Sun | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | | | |

| | | | |
|--------------|--|------------|--|
| Term Time | | Holidays | |
| Bank Holiday | | INSET days | |