



# Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

*Striving Together To Be The Best We Can Be*



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Dear Families,

What a term we have had! On one hand we have had the worst Covid-19 outbreak that we have experienced since the start of the pandemic and on the other we have had so many wonderful events to celebrate with the children.

One of the highlights for me was World Book Day right at the start of the term. If ever there was a day that exemplified everything that was wonderful about reading in our school, then that was it. We dressed up in fabulous costumes; shared our love of books and authors with each other; had visiting readers; made reading dens and enjoyed reading our own books in them. In the words of J K Rowling, "I do believe something magical can happen when you read a good book." There was definitely something very magical about that day for all of us!

As ever, the staff team have worked tirelessly to ensure that despite the challenges of illness, our children get the best learning experience they can in school and beyond. I hope you got much from meeting with them at Parent's Evening and that you were able to see the progress your child has made since the start of the year.

As we head towards the new term, our thoughts in school turn towards SATs, the tests that our Y6 and Y2 children have to undertake. If your child is in one of these year groups, we will be in touch with you at the start of next term to explain our arrangements for these. I know SATs test can be controversial but they are just a small part of our school life and we don't define our children by a test paper. Our curriculum is broad and there is so much more to celebrate as we see children flourish in all areas of learning.

Finally, I would like to thank our children for everything they bring to school on a daily basis. They make us so proud in their behaviour, attitudes and efforts. We are blessed at the federation to have the most wonderful families who support us and our Ukraine day raised just over £300 for families who are currently experiencing the challenges of war – Thank you all so so much!

As we head towards the Easter holidays, I wish you all a restful break (if that's at all possible) and much chocolate.

Kindest regards

**Natalie Frey**  
Executive Head Teacher





## Robin Class



We have had an exciting and busy half term in Robins. I can't believe it is nearly Easter already!



In **English**, year 2 have been reading the story Meerkat Mail. They have written their own postcards and learnt about statements and commands. They have also focused on writing their own diary entry, including the T's that they have covered so far.



Year 1 and Reception have read the key texts Handa's Surprise and The Tiny Seed. They have enjoyed sequencing the stories, thinking about what comes first, next, then and finally. They also observed and wrote about how the seed changed throughout the seasons. Reception are progressing so well with their phonics – they have now started learning set 2 sounds! I am so proud of the children's progress and their love for learning – they are always so enthusiastic and are applying their sounds learnt in phonics into their writing.



In **Maths**, we have been looking at shapes, including 3D shapes! Year 2 explored how many vertices, faces and sides each shape had, year 1 looked at patterns in shapes and Reception identified which shape was which.



In **Computing**, the children have had fun exploring how to use a mouse and a trackpad on the laptop. In Geography they found out all about Cardiff and even drew their own maps! In Science, year 2 explored the question 'What do animals need to live through winter in the forest?' They enjoyed finding different microhabitats in our outside area! Year 1 and Reception looked at Seasons and what types of weather are associated with each.



In **PE** the children have been doing gymnastics with Mr T on Fridays and fundamental movement skills on Wednesdays. They have been working hard on their balances and negotiating space. In RE they have been looking at the Easter story and have been thinking about Justice in our worship sessions.



The children had great fun taking part in our wellbeing week and World Book Day – please see pictures overleaf!



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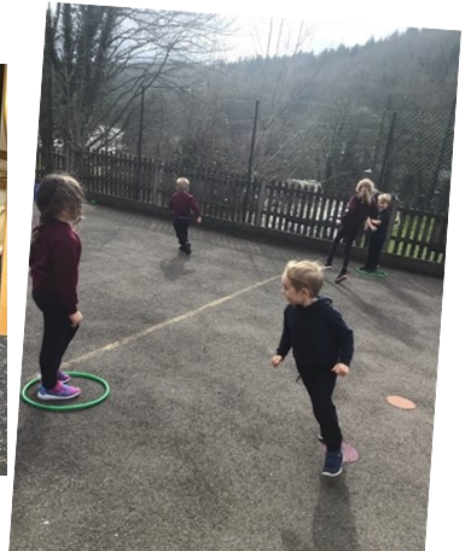
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## Music

We have had a great few months for music! The children have been working hard learning to play the ukelele. Thank you to all who attended our final concert, much appreciated, we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you also to our great teacher Robin Davies who made the lessons so enjoyable.





## Music contd....

We also had a visit from the amazing **Carducci quartet**, who played for us all in the church. The session was very interactive, they played beautifully and made us laugh too. What a treat!



## Kingfisher

Several of our year 5 and 6 children finally went on the residential arranged back when they were in years 3 and 4. They went with children from St Briavels school. They all had a very active couple of days (not to mention the teachers!) and really enjoyed themselves.



## Fundraising for Ukraine—Please Support!

One of our Kingfisher children, Hartley Cunard, has just become a Justgiving top fundraiser for the Disasters Emergency Committee next weekend. He is raising money for the children of Ukraine on **Sunday 10th April** by kicking his football 12 miles from Redbrook to Chepstow.

After seeing a young boy busking to raise money for the children of Ukraine, he was really inspired to do something to help too. So he is turning his passion into purpose on Sunday 10th April (a day before his birthday - he is asking for donations over gifts). He absolutely loves football, and has set himself the challenge of kicking a football from Redbrook, all the way to Chepstow. For 12 miles, Hartley will be weaving his football through forests, and over rivers with his favourite tricks including The Rabona, The Elastico, The Seal Dribble, Reverse Step-Overs and Rainbow Flicks, along with some more traditional dribbling. To help, click on:

[Hartley's Football Fundraiser Redbrook - Chepstow](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hc-football-challenge-ukriane-children)

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# Dates For Your Diary April 2022—July 2022



**Dates subject to change—please read letters home and website for updates**

Date	Event
Friday April 8th	Last day of term
Monday April 25th	First day of term
Tuesday April 26th	Kingfisher—Wye Valley River festival workshop afternoon
Monday May 2nd	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 27th May	Last day of term
Monday June 6th	INSET
Tuesday June 7th	First day of term
Thursday 16th June	Yr 6 leavers ceremony Gloucester Cathedral
Week beginning 4th July onwards	Yr 6 Bikeability
Monday 18th July—19th July	Yr 4 Residential
Thursday July 21st	Last day of term

## Thank you from Llamau Charity

We collected Easter Eggs to support Llamau Charity, a charity which supports young homeless people. The lady who came to collect them had been at Redbrook school herself as a child, 75 years ago. She said there were about 100 pupils then! Llamau sent us this message:

***‘Could you please thank the children very much for their contribution of Easter Eggs, the children that will receive them will be so pleased that someone they don't know is thinking of them.’***



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