

REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 28.6.24

Starlings and Robins visit to Westonbirt

Last Friday, Starlings and Robins classes visited Westonbirt Arboretum. The children spent the morning exploring the woods as leaf detectives, and learned all about what the trees and plants at Westonbirt need to survive. Later on, the children took part in a minibeast hunt, created natural art and learned about food chains. Here are some comments from the children: "My favourite part was all of it! I really enjoyed the trip!" **Jaxon C**

"The best bit was how the trees shaded us from the sun, when we were doing the bug hunt." **Dexter T** "I enjoyed finding the insects on our bug hunt. I found a centipede." **Jessi G**

"I liked when we ran around and explored the trees. We found out when we put our hands around an oak tree that is was 300 years old." **Willow D** "I loved playing in the woods and climbing through the giant tyres!" **Katie B** "My favourite part was acting and being the

'heartwood' of the tree." Micah W

Woodwind Lessons

Mrs Holden is delighted to be able to offer pupils the opportunity to learn a woodwind instrument and join her timetable in September 2024. This includes lessons on recorder, fife, flute, clarinet, saxophone, and oboe. If you would like more details, please get in touch with Sophie Holden, our woodwind teacher as soon as possible <u>sophieholden3@gmail.com</u> Learning to play a musical instrument is a wonderful experience. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, strengthen mental health, and develop new skills which support and compliment academic study. Pupils can learn individually or in a group, with lesson prices starting at £5.67. Pupils can hire instruments and, where available, can apply for subsidy if they are in receipt of free school meals.

A message from the Headteacher

Our second Stay and Play session for new starters went really well, and we all enjoyed welcoming the children and their parents into school.

Wednesday's Sports Day was a real highlight! It was great to see the children involved in a variety of different races, and there was a real sense of determination, positivity and encouragement from everyone throughout the morning.

Kingfishers and Falcons have been busy rehearsing for their forthcoming production of Mary Poppins. The rest of the school will be watching the performance during the school day next week, and there will also be two evening performances for parents and carers. We are all very excited to see the show!

> Have a good weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Joy

Sports Day

On Wednesday, everyone had a great time at this year's Sports Day. The sun was shining and there was lots of support and encouragement on show throughout. Thank you to Miss Moore for organising such a wonderful morning, and to everyone who helped out. There was some good competitive spirit on show – particularly in the parent and teacher races! Thank you to the FORS for organising refreshments and thank you to the Year 6 children who helped to support the morning. We have had some lovely comments from parents and carers about the day. Here are some comments from the children:

"I loved the obstacle course, and I liked having a picnic afterwards with the other classes" **Mia P**, **Kingfishers**

"Even though I didn't win my race, I still had lots of fun. I really liked the sack race." **Ahyan S**, **Buzzards**

"It was really fun. I especially enjoyed the running race!" **Freddy W, Falcons**

"I liked the obstacle course the best. Also, I really liked helping out during the morning." **Lacey W**, **Kingfishers**



FORS News

The FORS have been busy this week welcoming our September starters and parents to the school for the second Stay and Play session. We enjoyed meeting parents and sharing a cuppa! We have also been collecting the last of the invoices and profits for the fayre, and will be sharing the profits with you soon!

What is coming up?

5th,12th and 19th July will be ice pop Fridays (30-50p available on the school playground)

Tuesday 16th July - School Uniform Sale. Please come along to shop for preloved items and/or to drop off donations from 2.40pm in the school hall.

If you are able to help with any of the above sales events, please email <u>forsevents@outlook.com</u>

Future Dates

July

Mon 1st - Kingfishers and Falcons performance of Mary Poppins at 6pm Tues 2nd - Kingfishers and Falcons performance of Mary Poppins at 6pm Fri 12th – Turnaround morning and transition session for new FS2 children Fri 12th – Sheldon and Hardenhuish transition day Mon 15th – Sheldon transition day Tues 16th – Uniform sale in the hall 2.40pm Thurs 18th – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 2pm Tues 23rd – Last day of term

Weds 24th – **TD Day** – school closed to pupils



September Mon 2nd – TD Day – school closed to pupils Tues 3rd – Term starts

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