



## REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 31.1.25

### Learning Focus: Hawks Class

In English, we have been looking at poetry. We love the poems and stories by Michael Rosen! The children have written kennings poems, haiku poems, and we practised and performed The Plastic Bag Tree by Michael Rosen. Today, we listened to his piece called Chocolate Cake, and we wrote our own version after eating real chocolate cake!

Our topic is 'Around the World,' which we love as we can use maps, atlases and also do some of our own research. In connection with this topic, we have completed some artwork, choosing one of the Seven Wonders of the World to draw and paint. We also worked on some 'surf art,' following on from learning about the oceans of the world.



### A message from the Headteacher

We started the week with a whole class assembly on Teamwork. We talked about what makes a good team player, and the children offered some really brilliant thoughts and ideas on this.

Our local authority School Improvement Adviser (SIA) visited us this week and she told me how impressed she was with the behaviour of all the children and their positive attitude to learning. Thank you to the children who spent some time with the SIA, talking about their learning.

Children's Mental Health Week starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, and all our classes will have a focus on activities to promote good mental health and wellbeing. This year's theme is: Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. There will be some reports on this in next week's newsletter.

Have a good weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs Joy

### Topic work on China in Robins Class

Robins Class topic this term is 'Let's go to China!' They have had an exciting week learning all about Chinese New Year. Winson, Carlos and their language assistant Chi Mei told us all about the celebration, which began on Wednesday. We learned that it lasts for fifteen days and that 2025 is the Year of the Snake. We were shown some of the decorations that people put up around their homes and found out about some interesting facts associated with the celebration. A big thank you to Winson, Carlos and Chi Mei. They did a wonderful job!



### School Times

8.20am - Playground gates open

8.30am - Bell rings and children enter school

2.50pm - Playground gates open

3.00pm - End of school day

Anyone arriving late will need to go to the office entrance and sign in on the electronic system.

## FORS News

We are collecting any unwanted or duplicate Christmas gifts. If you would like to donate anything, please leave it in the red bin on the playground (outside Kingfishers classroom) or take it to the office. We are also beginning to plan for an Easter event which will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you can help us with this event at all, please email us.

### 11<sup>th</sup> February - School uniform sale

In the hall from 2.40pm (gates open early). All items 50p. Cash and card accepted.

### 13<sup>th</sup> February - Non-uniform day

If you can, we are asking for the following voluntary donations.

**Please only donate if you can.** Suggestions below:

Owls, Wrens, Starlings, Robins, Puffins, Nightingales - a bag of sweets

Hawks, Buzzards, Falcons and Kingfishers - an Easter egg or treat of any size

### 13<sup>th</sup> February - GLOW Discos

A slight twist from the usual 'Fizzy disco' - the glow disco will have UV lighting. More information to follow! Helpers between 3.30pm-9pm welcome! Please email or Facebook message us if you are available to help between these times.

### 28<sup>th</sup> February - Rags To Riches collection \*note this date has changed\*

This time no bags will be sent home. Rags to Riches have said please use any bags that can be sealed or tied. Bags can be dropped at school on the morning of the 28th February and placed outside the office. A FORS team member will be there to count the bags.

Email - [forsevents@outlook.com](mailto:forsevents@outlook.com)

## Future Dates

### February

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children's Mental Health Week

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – School uniform sale in hall at 2.40pm

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATs meeting for parents at 3.10pm in Kingfishers' classroom

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Puffins and Nightingales trip to The Living Rainforest

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform day

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Discos

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Term 4 begins

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Chippenham Dance Festival 6.30pm at the Neeld Hall

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Rags2Riches Collection

### March

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parents' Meetings – more info to follow

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day – more info to follow

### TD Days 2024-2025

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Dance with Mr Mitchell

