

The Owl - July 2022

Time flies when you're having fun!

This phrase really does sum up our year. While chatting to the children during our trip to Snepreth, one of them said, "We've had so much fun, the day has gone so quickly!". The same can be said of the year. Time has flown!

Our District School Effectiveness Adviser writes to Headteachers at the end of each term to thank them for their work. The latest message focused on all of the challenges thrown at us! He noted that there is often an expectation that Heads just have to get on with it and our feelings are left to one side. While this can be true and we often demonstrate the swan effect (a calm exterior while we are frantically trying to stay afloat below the water line!) the priority is and will always be our amazing children.

The same attitude can be said though of the whole staff at Reed, and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the team at Reed who really do pull together in good times and more challenging ones to ensure the experiences your children have are not only fun but memorable and challenging too! Ultimately, every day is a fun day because the children at Reed are engaged and clearly care about our school. I have honestly never worked in a school before where children go out of their way to ask the staff how they are. "How was your morning?", "Did you have a nice lunch?". There are times when my inner response would not be positive, but their positivity results in such a lovely feeling that the stresses and strains ebb away.

The fun we have with the children makes the job so satisfying and surely that's the point!

The schools receiving our children who are moving on are fortunate indeed. The feedback from staff at new schools on meeting our leavers has been so positive, commenting on their enthusiasm, character and engagement. A common response to meeting our leavers has been, "Aren't they lovely!", my response has of course been, "I know!"

A common piece of feedback in our latest parent survey has been a wish that the children could stay until Year 6. We would love nothing more!

We wish those moving on and their families all the very best as they move on to the next steps in their journey.

For those returning, we can't wait to see what you achieve next.

For those joining us, we can't wait to get to know you!

Have a fabulous summer!

Mrs Wittich

*Any Day Spent With You
Is My Favourite Day, So
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Favourite Day.*

- Winnie the Pooh



Diary Dates

September 2022

2nd – INSET day school closed to pupils

5th – First day of term. Gate opens 8.40am, bell at 8.45am. All pupils must be at school by 8.45am.

6th – PE lessons begin for all children. All classes to wear uniform and change for PE in school. Please note that all children have two PE lessons per week therefore kit must be in school all week.

6th – PE club (Premier Sport) begins

7th at 7.00pm or 9th at 1.45pm – Phonics and reading workshop all parents of Early Years and Year One to attend one session.

9th – Running club begins

Meet the teacher – a chance to meet with your child's teacher to find out more about the term ahead and ask questions. All families are expected to attend:

12th – 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Year Three and Four**. In school / Google Meet

13th – 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Year One and Two**. In school / Google Meet

14th - 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Nursery and Reception**. In school / Google Meet

14th – Swimming for Year 3 and 4 begins

14th – Dance club begins (SYL sports)

15th – Story and drama club begins

16th – Forest School begins. Lessons will take place every Friday for all classes.

October 2022

14th – Individual and sibling photos.

The Big Build

This summer finally sees the start of the building of our new library at the front of the school. The project has been in the planning for some time and we are very pleased that it is now going ahead.

The library will not only give us another much needed space, but also a dedicated area to further embed a love of reading for all of the children.



Work will continue into the new term in September. As a result, entry and exit to the school will be through wooden gate on the Early Years side of the school. Pick up and drop off at the external classroom doors will remain the same once through the gate. The building site will be fenced off to ensure the continued safety of the whole community.

I know that the children are all very much looking forward to seeing this exciting project become a reality.

Phonics and Reading workshops








Other improvements to the provision of reading across the school, includes our new scheme for phonics: Little Wandle. One parent or carer of pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will need to attend one of the workshops running on 7th September at 7.00pm / 9th September at 1.45pm to learn more about how we are teaching phonics and reading at the most crucial stage of learning. The sessions will also explain the important part you will play in your child's reading journey.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend in order to meet with you at another time.

Class names

The staff have had long discussions about our rather dull class names! After much deliberation and research, we have decided to use three names which have had a huge influence on our little school! Each class will find out about these special names to help celebrate our local history during the new school year and of course let you know more!

<p>Nursery and Reception</p>  <p>Jackson Class</p>	<p>Year One and Two</p>  <p>Bysouth Class</p> 	<p>Year Three and Four</p>  <p>Layton Class</p> 
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Congratulations

Our whole school community have continued to work towards our values which aim to help the children: 'Learn Together, Learn for Life'. In case you missed it, the announcements at our final Celebration Assembly were as follows:

Sports Cup: **Eagle Owls**
House trophy: **Eagle Owls**

Values Cup: **Nico** for demonstrating all of our values throughout the year and his time at our school.

100% Attendance: Edith, Isabelle K, Charlie, Felix and Grace L



Values Awards:

Aspiration	Resilience	Respect	Independence
Grace L Immy Finley	Morgunn Isabel B Max	Molly Isabelle K Ben	Reggie Dylan Mia H



Highlights of July



Summer Show!



Our fantastic five!



Fun at the wildlife park!



A first school trip for some!

And finally...

Thank you for your feedback. 62% of our families took part in our recent survey about school. The results were very positive. It is always nice to get feedback around our new events and initiatives. One of these which was focused on in the survey was our open afternoon. I know that the children loved showing you around and clearly you enjoyed it too!

It was great to have the opportunity to see our children's work and displays. The classrooms were friendly and inviting.

Positive impression with a variety of learning activities on display. It's a very pleasant environment to grow and develop.

It was somewhere that the children felt comfortable and content.

The full results of the survey will be shared on our website and as a paper copy in school.