

The Owl - March 2023



Reed First School's Community

We always enjoy inviting our families to join us in recognising the progress and achievements of our children. Families often tell me how much they enjoy being able to come into school and see what we do! We had a lovely morning on Friday 17th March where the children invited a member of their family to make crafts to give to mum's or dad's to say thank you for all they do. I'm not sure how many peppermint creams got home, after seeing how many the children were eating while making!



Mrs Arnott and Mrs Cottenden also, really appreciated the time parents took to come in for a chat and cup of tea before they start teaching Jackson Class for Miss Ingram's maternity.

Thank you also, to those parents who joined maths lessons this month to get a better understanding of how we are teaching to develop fluency and mastery.

We have noticed the enthusiasm and skill the children in Y3 and 4 have demonstrated in coding lessons.

We jumped at the chance then, to work with BUPA to have a coding day for all of KS1 and 2. This was fully funded and made possible by one of our parents Jo Hudson.

So many wonderful examples of how your support as part of our community helps us to thrive. Huge thanks.

Another busy month! We have some very tired children! I hope you all have a lovely Easter break.



DIARY DATES

April 2023

- 17th INSET (School closed to pupils)
- 18th Term starts for children
- 20th Bag 2 School
- 25th FoRS 8pm Google Meet
- 26th Coronation crown BIG craft day
- 27th FoRS non-uniform event – Bring a teddy to donate
- 28th Bysouth and Layton class - Natural History Museum



May 2023

- 1st Bank holiday - school closed
- 1st May Fayre in Priory Gardens - Design-A-Crown competition 2.50pm
- 3rd Maypole dancing workshop (all classes) as part of our Coronation celebrations
- 4th NSPCC assembly – Speak out, stay safe
- 5th Coronation tea party
- 8th Bank holiday (King's Coronation) – school closed



- 19th Jackson Class assembly 2.45pm
- 26th Whole school photograph
- 29th Half term



June 2023

- 5th INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

July 2023

- 6th Summer performance (whole school) 2pm
- 7th Summer performance (whole school) 2pm
- 13th Transition Day
- 14th End of year written reports out
- 14th Open Afternoon 1.30pm
- 14th Layton Class campout 5.30pm – 8.00am
- 21st Final celebration and Leavers' assembly 12.45pm
- 21st Term ends 2pm



Coronation Plans

You will see from our diary dates, that we have plans to

celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. There will be more details about all events soon. We are taking part in Creative Royston's design a crown using recycled materials. We will be making the crowns in school.

We will need lots of lovely materials to work with, so please start collecting any recycled materials you think could be suitable for a crown. (Easter egg wrappers for example – a good excuse to tuck in!)

We will nominate 3 'winners' in each age category 3-5 and 6-8 (at start of academic year) to appear, wearing their crowns, at the May Fayre on Monday 1st May in Priory Gardens, when the Town Mayor, Mary Antony will choose overall winners in each age category.

Our winners will need to be accompanied by a parent or carer to attend the event.

Healthy Me!



As our jigsaw piece for this half term comes to an end,

we were excited to welcome our PCSO Hannah Moss to meet the children. We are keen to make sure the children get to know her as part of our keeping safe objectives in *Healthy Me*.

We are planning to get the children involved in a road safety campaign where the children will design signs to remind drivers about the care needed near a school. In addition, having met with our local councillor, I am pleased to let you know that an activated speed sign is on order for Jackson's Lane!

You may spot some school council road watchers out and about soon, reminding drivers when to slow down and where to park safely!

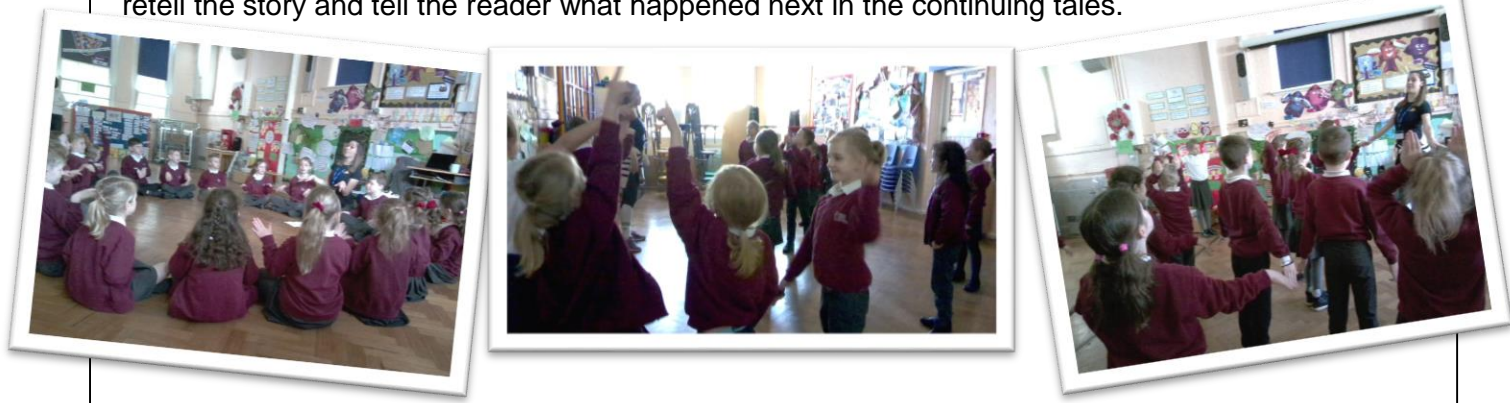


Take One Poem

Our World Book Week celebrations ended by welcoming West End in Schools back to bring a poem to life. This year, we chose to use the poem, *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear. The dance workshop inspired the children to use the poem across the curriculum. I have been particularly impressed by how many children not only enjoyed the poem but learnt it by heart.



The poem stimulated learning across the curriculum. There were opportunities to create works of art showing Bong Trees, maths to calculate which coins may have been wrapped up in a £5 note, geography to map routes and locations of runcible spoons and piggy-wigs and of course writing to retell the story and tell the reader what happened next in the continuing tales.



Easter fun!



We loved seeing the creativity of the children in designing and making Easter hats for our House competition.

Despite the rain the Easter Bunny still paid us a visit. It took some of us quite a while to find the clever hiding places!



And finally...

Congratulations Miss Ingram!

We knew the newest member of our Reed family wouldn't wait for the end of term!

We can't wait to meet her! The children were all so excited to hear the news.

