

The Owl - March 2024



Learning Together, Learning for Life

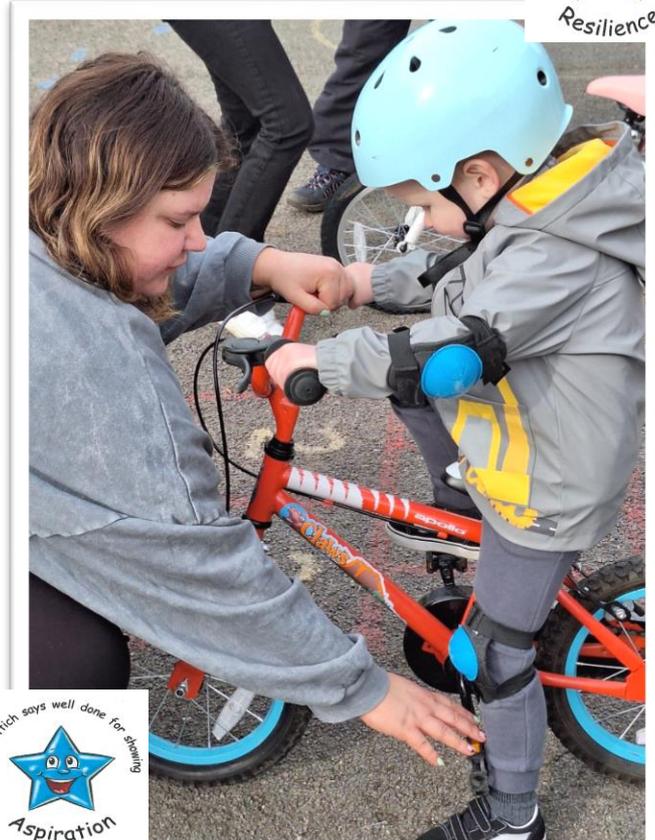


Our vision moto of: **Learning Together Learning for Life** in conjunction with our values drives all that we do at Reed First School.

As well as a focus on the requirements of the National Curriculum and Early Years areas of learning, we ensure we plan events and experiences which will deepen the children's knowledge of skills to support them not only now but in the future and their whole lives. An example of this, is our recent Bikeability event where yet again, we saw so many of our pupils making such progress in their journey to eventually being able to ride their bike on the road.

So many parents and carers shared how impressed they were with the sessions for our beginners and I know, have continued the lessons they learnt from our instructors to keep the momentum of getting the balance going at home.

There were real wins on the day too, with children finding their balance and riding unsupported!



So many of our children surprised themselves during their sessions, and having the knowledge that Bikeability was coming gave many of our older children the aspiration to get ready to ride by practising out of school before the level 1 sessions took place. It was also great to see that even our more accomplished riders were learning and developing the skills too including, caring for their bikes and checking that their bikes were safe to ride. As Imogen said on Google Classroom: *It was so much fun and it was cool to learn about the 'a b c d' method!*

You will see from our diary dates; we have more events planned to support our children's life skills. Our Key Stage One and Two children will be learning first aid skills; this is something we plan to run in future years too to ensure all of our children all have the knowledge they need to save lives. In addition to this, taking our Year 3 and 4 pupils to Kingswood will also support our mission as their independence grows. We also have plans to support the children in knowing how to manage money.

As ever, more details about all of our events and how you can support too will be shared nearer the time!

DIARY DATES

April 2024

15th Term starts

18th MEGSON folk show

22nd Dinky medics and basic first aid training Bysouth and Layton Classes

May 2024

1st Maypole dancing (all classes fully funded)

1st Open maths sessions 3.30 – 4.30pm at school

2nd NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Class assemblies (Reception – Year 4)

6th Bank holiday – school closed

14th Whole school photo

15th Layton Class to Kingswood

17th Layton Class return from Kingswood

June 2024

5th Coffee and Catch up Layton Class parents 2.30pm

10th Money Week (more details to follow)

10th Reduce, Reuse, Recycle assembly and workshop (fully funded)

12th Coffee and Catch up Bysouth Class parents 2.30pm

22nd Strawberry Tea FoRS in partnership with St Mary's church, Reed

26th Coffee and Catch up Jackson Class parents 2.30pm

July 2024

3rd Science Fair at KJAR for Layton Class

4th Summer Performance 2pm

5th Summer Performance 2pm

11th Herts Transition Day, school moving on day

12th Open afternoon (All families welcome to be shown the school and learning by the children.)

16th Sports Day 11am

19th End of term 2pm



Sporting News



Having taken part in a football festival earlier in the school year, our Year 2 children were really inspired to get ready for the next festival; this time: tag rugby. The children worked so hard in PE lessons to develop their skills and knowledge of the game. As a result, they were able to work as a team.

We were by far the smallest school to attend and were in a group where the other schools could select their best players to form two teams. Our children's resilience at Reed is incredible, they are not daunted by the opposition and support each other to go into these events with a growth mindset of 'WE CAN DO THIS!' Well, my goodness they did: second place in their group and fourth overall! Beyond proud!



Our Year 3 and 4 pupils wanted a piece of the rugby action too. They literally threw themselves in to the game and enjoyed taking part in a Royston Schools Sports Partnership session. Their minds were blown by the number of pupils in other schools, but like our Year 2s, did not let this discourage them and they really got stuck in.



Immersing ourselves in books

As you know, March is always the month for World Book Day. As our children love books so much, we always spread our celebrations of books out.

The children explored and bought new books at our book fair, dressed as favourite books or characters and brought characters to life in our West End and teacher lead workshops.



The children in Bysouth and Layton Class were introduced to the works of Shakespeare and studied *A Midsummer Night's Dream* which even included making headdresses in Forest School!

Meanwhile, Jackson Class adored the story by Julia Donaldson: *What the Ladybird Heard*. The children loved the characters and enjoyed retelling the story in roll to the point where I was regularly corrected, "No I'm not Finlay I am the prize cow!"

Huge fun was had by all.



Easter Fun!



We had a lovely last week of the spring term. The beginning of the week saw the children arrive at school with an incredible amount of cake for us to sell as a FoRS event. There was some very impressive home baking! Thank you to our House Captains who set up the stall and sold the produce each day.

Later in the week, the children took part in our annual Easter hat competition. As ever, you showed your fabulous creativity and skill. Well done to everyone who took part and our winners received 5 house points each.

On the last day of term, the children were excited to have a visit from the Easter bunny and take part in an Easter treat hunt.

Our community came together at the end of the day to take part in FoRS' Easter egg tombola and to catch up with each other over a cuppa and some cake!

We wish you all a very hoppy Easter!



Community Events

The children always love events where they can share their learning with their family. Mother's Day morning is no exception. We were thrilled to welcome mums, aunts, dads, child minders and grandparents to visit each class to make crafts to gift on Mother's Day this year.

It was a lovely morning enjoyed by all. Thanks to those of you who joined us and to the teachers who prepared and led the crafts. We hope the gifts were enjoyed at home.



Thank you to those of you who donated this month to Comic Relief.

We exceeded our target of £50 to raise a total of £69.



And finally...

Congratulations to the Johnstons on the birth of their baby girl

Anastasia.

Welcome to the Reed First School family!

**BABY
GIRL**