

## The Owl – April 2024

### Learning Together, Learning for Life

Our aims to further develop the opportunities our children have to gain life skills continue!

We were thrilled to welcome Keep a Beat to Reed First School this month. Our children in Bysouth and Layton classes were able to have, what was in many cases, their first introduction to First Aid. Dinky Medics has been designed to help children understand what may happen if they get hurt or poorly. While our Junior Medics learnt about:

- ★ Calling 999
- ★ Spotting Hazards
- ★ Using a First Aid kit
- ★ Helping someone with a small cut or graze
- ★ Applying a bandage
- ★ Helping someone with a burn
- ★ Helping someone with a head injury

After such a successful event, we plan to offer this every year to see regular refreshers to ensure the knowledge we want our children to have is secure and as we call it in other curriculum areas 'sticky'.

The impact these sessions have are clear from what the children had to say afterwards which included a unanimous agreement that they would like to do the sessions every year to remember what to do.



## DIARY DATES

### May 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Open maths sessions 3.30 – 4.30pm at school
- 2<sup>nd</sup> NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Class assemblies (Year 1 – Year 4)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday – school closed
- 9<sup>th</sup> Celebration of our European links day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Whole school photo
- 15<sup>th</sup> Layton Class to Kingswood
- 17<sup>th</sup> Layton Class return from Kingswood
- 21<sup>st</sup> Team GB athlete visiting

### June 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Catch up Layton Class parents 2.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Money Week (more details to follow)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Reduce, Reuse, Recycle assembly and workshop (fully funded)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Catch up Bysouth Class parents 2.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> June Community Safety event hosted by Reed First School
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jackson Class trip
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Strawberry Tea FoRS in partnership with St Mary's church, Reed
- 26<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Catch up Jackson Class parents 2.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bysouth and Reception pupil trip

### July 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Science Fair at KJAR for Layton Class
- 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Performance 2pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Summer Performance 2pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Community tea party for residents of Reed (Layton Class)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Herts Transition Day, school moving on day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Open afternoon (All families welcome to be shown the school and learning by the children.)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sports Day 11am
- 19<sup>th</sup> End of term 2pm finish for pupils.

## Life Skills Continued...

You will notice from the diary dates that we have an event planned for our older children in Years 3 and 4 in June. This is our new Community Safety Event.

In collaboration with local services and members of the wider community, we have organised this event to add to the children's knowledge of how to keep themselves safe particularly as some of our children move towards transition to new settings.

We have invited other local small schools to join us at this event which we are hosting at Reed First School. Some of the children may know each other already but this is also an opportunity to see some new faces who may be moving to the same school in September.

At the event, the children will hear from the police, fire service, local farmers and the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Service to find out about what they do but also listen to their advice around personal safety and wellbeing.

We are planning to make this an annual event if the morning is as successful as we hope.



Invites you to our small school  
**Community Safety Event**  
**Monday 17th June**  
**9.15am—10.30am**  
where you will take part in workshops run by  
local police, fire and rescue,  
Children's Wellbeing Practitioners  
and local farmers.  
Our aim is to help you know how to keep  
yourself and others safe in our community.



## MEGSON

The children really have had a variety of experiences this month. Huge thanks to Mrs Cottenden for arranging a wonderful visit from the award winning folk duo – Megson. Stu and Debbie are three times nominated in the BBC RADIO 2 Folk Awards and treble winners of the Spiral Earth Awards.

Having seen and heard them perform, I am not surprised! The children adored the music, actions and opportunity to put their own spin on things with personalised lyrics!

Once the children had returned to class, the duo were quick to compliment the school on our vocal abilities. I of course agreed as we know; while we are small we are certainly mighty!



## MAYPOLE

It is not May I know, but May came early, as our Maypole workshops said goodbye to April on its last day. The sun shone, as did our children! To tackle a Maypole and its ribbons at the age of 3 is no mean feat - but, tackle them they did!

Our older children enjoyed using the skills they were introduced to last year to become more confident in following the sequences, patterns and beats. They are keen to keep dancing and we will make use of our school Maypole to keep those ribbons moving! Fingers crossed, we may even be performance ready towards the end of term...



### **And finally...**

Not that I want to tempt fate, but as the weather might be improving, please remember to send the children equipped to stay safe in the sun but also tackle cold snaps and the occasional shower.

I thought I'd share some shots of the first coat free playtimes which will hopefully brighten up everyone's day! You can't beat a daisy chain and a chat with your buddies!

