

The Owl - December 2020

As promised to you in the November Owl – a photograph of the wonderful tree but now looking even more beautiful after our Decorating Day. We have received many positive comments from families of the school and members of the village who have enjoyed it as they walk past.

The traditions of school at this time of year make it an even more special place to be and enable wonderful memories to be created. The children have enjoyed watching themselves in their performance of Snowman at Sunset – and what a fantastic job they did!

2020 has been a steep learning curve for everyone for example; in using technology to keep up some of our traditions and being able to share them with you.



It really was lovely to see our audience's faces reaction to the performance. I will, I am sure, continue to hum the songs for weeks to come!

The world of technology continues - as I write, our Junior class children are enthralled talking to an actual Viking via Zoom! The whole team has done a fantastic job at ensuring that the restrictions we are living with have not stopped the wide and wonderful learning opportunities here. A huge thank you to every member of our staff.

Not wanting to tempt fate - although we are very small, we have done very well at keeping all of our bubbles open and not have any positive cases of Covid in school. Please do think carefully about what you do over the holiday to ensure we can all come back together in the new year fighting fit and ready to continue learning together, learning for life.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful time.

Best wishes, Mrs Wittich



DIARY DATES

January 2021

4th INSET day school closed to pupils

5th Term begins for pupils

5th Virtual Pantomime – Robin Hood

11th Forest Schools for all classes begins.

11th FoRS meeting 8.00pm on Google Meet

14th Growth Mind-set workshop for parents on Google Meet 7.00pm

18th NSPCC Stay Safe Speak Out day

February 2021

8th Feeling Good week

10th Parent consultations for Early Years, Infants and Juniors

11th Parent consultations for Early Years

12th Home Start Dress Down Day

15th Half term

March 2021

1st 'Take One Book' week – a celebration of World Book Day (whole school)

19th Red Nose Day

22nd and 23rd Beginner Biking for Early Years, Year One and Two

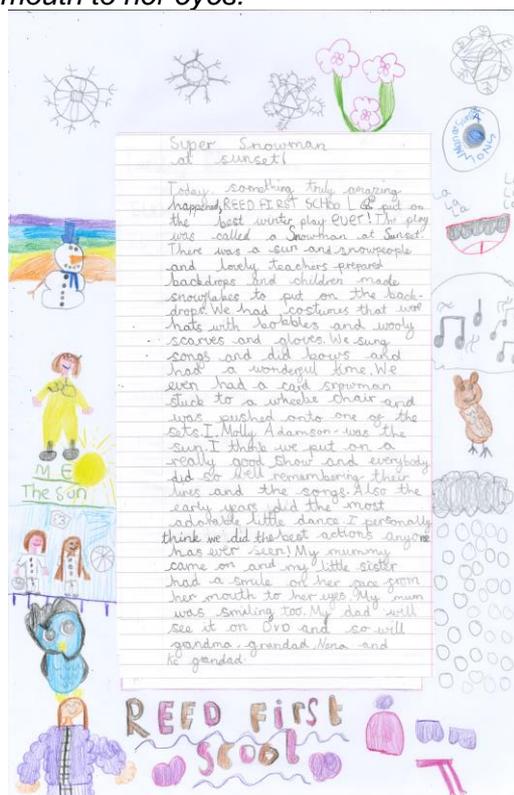
22nd and 23rd Bikeability level 1 for Year 3 and 4

26th Dance Around the World Workshop (whole school)

26th End of term at 2pm

A recount by Molly Adamson

Today, something truly amazing happened; Reed First School put on the best winter play EVER! The play was called Snowman at Sunset. There was a sun and snowflake people and lovely teachers prepared backdrops and children made snowflakes to put on the backdrops. We had costumes that were hats with bobbles and woolly scarves and gloves. We sang songs and did bows and had a wonderful time. We even had a card snowman stuck to a wheelie chair and was pushed onto one of the sets. I, Molly Adamson, was the sun. I think we put on a really good show and everyone did so well remembering their lines and the songs. Also, the early Year did the most adorable little dance. I personally think we did the best actions anyone has ever seen! My little sister had a smile on her face from her mouth to her eyes!



100%

Attendance

Congratulations to the following children who have 100% attendance so far this year excluding any absences due to isolating:

Sophie, Alfie, Isabel B, Imogen, Felix, Harry, Morgunn, Pearl, Max, Molly G, Bonnie, Bertie, Jack, Henry, Mia, Sophia L, Edith, Grace, Jessica, Sofia, Nico and Frankie W.

Latest member of our school community

Congratulations to the Ames family on the birth of their son Haydn.





Thank you children for being truly amazing in all that you do.
You make me very proud!
Love, Mrs Wittich



Mrs Wittich says well done for showing

Aspiration!



Parent Voice

Those of you who took part in our parent survey this term, showed interest in finding out more about how to support your child in developing a growth mind set. I will be running a workshop in January to explain more about what growth and fixed mind sets are using your own experiences and those of children in school. The workshop for parents will be on Google Meet on Thursday 14th January at 7pm for those who would like to find out more. I will be sharing how we are creating a learning culture which encourages a growth mind set and we will explore how you can support this at home. You may want to watch the piece on the link by Carol Dweck who is well-respected for her work on the mind set psychological trait.

[Carol Dweck: The Effect of Praise on Mindsets - YouTube](#)



At the forum, we also discussed how the children are benefitting from our Jigsaw lessons. Parents were keen to get involved in these lessons too. As a result, I will be sending a half termly Jigsaw newsletter which will outline what the children will be focusing on in their discussions and lessons to be able to reinforce this at home too.

Adverse Weather



Closure of the school is always a last resort and any decision will be taken after an assessment of risk and any guidance given by the local authority. If it is possible to give advance warning, you will be contacted by ParentMail or letter. Out of school hours, parents will be notified via the school closure notification system, if parents have not yet signed up for this new system, please do so as soon as possible, at: member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

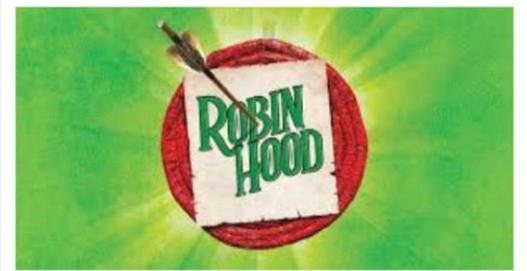
School admissions

Parents wishing to take up a Reception place for their child here must apply by 15th January 2021 regardless of whether they are already accessing our Nursery. Please make sure you complete the online application in good time. **Do direct friends who are interested to our website to find out more about us www.reed.herts.sch.uk** . Similarly, parents of children in Year 4 need to apply for a place at their chosen Middle School by the same date. Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

And finally... “He’s behind you!”

Don't forget our exciting start to the new year when we spend our first week in *Panto land* enjoying the story of Robin Hood. All of our classes will enjoy a virtual pantomime on Tuesday January 5th. The rest of the week will see cross curricular learning inspired by the tale.

Thanks go to FoRS for raising the money to enable this treat!



We wish you all a restful and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2021!