

The Owl - March 2021



When I write The Owl each month, I like to look back at last year's edition. This time last year, we were embarking on the most extraordinary year any of us have ever experienced. We have all been through so much but also achieved so much. It is hard to believe that many of our Early Years children have only been part of our school for two terms. It is a true testament to the whole community to see youngest members of the school as assured, happy and thriving - this despite their first year at school being disrupted so much. Each day they arrive at school as confidently as those who have been with us for years.

As the days are getting lighter and brighter, a sense of excitement and expectation can be felt amongst the children. This has undoubtedly been aided by being able to go ahead with some of our thrilling new experiences for the children. I am very hopeful that some of our children's simpler wishes can also come true. A common longing I've heard from many, is being able to return to the days of all of our classes playing together. I am sure this will happen before too long and in the meantime, I am enjoying watching the Infant and Junior classes flying our new kites while racing up and down their parts of the field. Thanks to Miss Haydon for fixing the tangles repeatedly!

During school closures and on our return, I have felt a real sense of togetherness despite the continued separations. I hope that you have felt it too. Thank you to all members of our wonderful school for being so positive.

Best wishes for a lovely spring break,

Mrs Wittich



DIARY DATES

April 2021

- 12th Term starts for children
- 12th Science Week
- 13th Football club begins
- 15th Parent Forum on Google Meet 6.30pm
- 16th Running club begins
- 19th Forest School session one (all classes)
- 19th FoRS 8.00pm on Google Meet
- 22nd STING performing arts club begins
- 27th Parent workshop – Growth Mindset on Google Meet 7.00pm

May 2021

- 3rd May Bank Holiday – School Closed
- 6th Bag2school collection
- 11th Whole school photo
- 31st May Half term

June 2021

- 7th INSET day – school closed to pupils
- 29th Sports Day

Our long awaited introduction to Forest Schools is nearly here!

From Monday 19th April, all of our children will enjoy

more lessons outside with a Forest School trained teacher. Every Monday for six weeks, the children will need to come to school in clothes suitable for outdoor, messy learning. The sessions will take place whatever the weather so please make sure your child comes prepared to enjoy their time outside. We look forward to sharing what we have achieved outside with you.



Showing respect by thinking of others



We raised:

£122.00

Thank you!



**Read
for
Good**

£336.50

Thank you to those children who took part in our Read-a-thon as part of our Book Week celebrations.

The money raised will give children in hospital books to share and enjoy while boosting our library collections too!

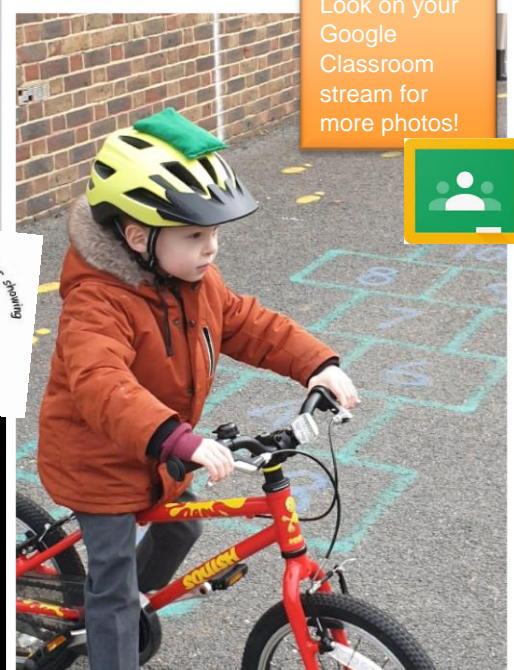
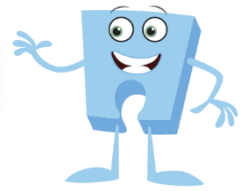
Healthy Me!

All of our children have been working on our Healthy Me Jigsaw piece. As part of this the classes have thoroughly enjoyed getting out on their bikes. We were very fortunate to maintain our original booking to coincide with the return to school for all pupils.

The instructors Eric and Michael had a lovely two days with us and were impressed by all of the groups. While they are used to seeing great progress from their fantastic tips and teaching; they said themselves that they had not seen such skill at such a young age before.

Not only did all of our Year 3 and 4 pupils pass Bikeability 1, we also have children in the Infants who have demonstrated the same skill set. Early Years literally blew us away; those who could already use pedals ended the session cycling between cones and those who had barely sat on a bike before were balancing beautifully and in some cases found those pedals!

Good listening and watching saw great behaviour for learning!



Look on your Google Classroom stream for more photos!



What impressed me the most was the children's **aspiration** to improve their skills and the **resilience** they showed when things did not go to plan straight away.

Thank you to the teachers, teaching assistants and parents who encouraged a **growth mind-set** in the children. The '**Power of Yet**' was in action again too as I heard the children already chatting about next year and their aims to be able to achieve what they cannot do yet!

Dance Around the World

On the last day of term, the children swapped their riding legs for dancing legs. We were thrilled to welcome West End in Schools back to visit us; a year later than originally planned but better late than never! Ollie was a real inspiration to the children. He has been involved in many productions including Priscilla - Queen of the Desert. His enthusiasm and love of performing certainly rubbed off on our children!



Performing isn't for everyone and some of our children really dug deep to lose their inhibitions to join in! It certainly helped our Jigsaw theme of Healthy Me, I was definitely feeling good as I joined in dancing like no one was watching! Thank you to all of the teachers who are great role models in throwing themselves in to all that we do and therefore enabling all of our children to have a good go too!



Friends of Reed School Fun Fundraising

Your child will have brought home from school with them a planting bag. There are tomato seeds, daisy seeds, plant pots and compost. There are also instructions inside the bag to show you how to plant up the pots. Once you have some plants, we would like you to sell them to friends and family. You could even make a stall outside your house! When you sell the plants for about £1 a pot, collect the money in the brown envelope and bring it back to school. Happy gardening!



Huge thanks to Scotsdales for donating the materials, Dana for organising and to FoRS and for their fundraising!



Science Week

On the return to school on **April 12th**, the children will become budding scientists. Miss Panter who leads the science curriculum across the school has planned a wonderful week of fun hands on science in every class.

Miss Panter says, *"The theme of the week will be 'Science skills in action'. We have lots of activities and investigations planned to get the children excited and engaged in science. I will be demonstrating some experiments to the children on Monday in our school assembly to introduce science week to the children."*

We will be sharing some of our scientific skills and knowledge with you at our Celebration assembly on Friday 16th April. We can't wait – thank you Miss Panter for organising this!



Welcome to the newest member of our community:

Congratulations to the Malone family on the birth of baby Evaline.



And finally...

I do hope that you can join me on Google Meet on Tuesday 27th April at 7.00pm to find out more about how to support the school and your child in encouraging a growth mind-set and effective behaviours for learning.

