

The Owl - May 2022



Significant events

Part of the national curriculum expectations for history, include studying significant events in our own lives and from the past. The children are developing a really good understanding that the past is not just a long, long time ago but also includes what they have lived through. Even the events we wish we had not experienced like the pandemic, shape our lives and future. The children have made the most of being together again to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. What a better way to learn than to have a tea party for a great reason! The children have taught me interesting facts about the Queen, including that her favourite colour is yellow! They have understood the significance of the event and have been suitably impressed to learn that the platinum celebration is for 70 years as monarch, indeed the longest reigning monarch. The commemorative coins and flags have brought back memories for some of the older members of our community who received coins and waved flags themselves at earlier jubilees. I am sure the children will hold fond memories of getting ready for our celebrations into their adulthoods and feel special to have been part of such a historic event. No doubt, they will continue to enjoy the celebrations over half term and we look forward to hearing what else they do!



DIARY DATES

May 2022

30th May Half term

June 2022

6th INSET day – school closed to pupils

9th Healthy eating workshops for Years 1 – 4

10th Cross country event at Reed First School

28th Sports Day 11am start for visitors, helpers to arrive at 10.40am please.

July 2022

7th New starters taster day

8th Costumes for summer play in today

8th Open afternoon to look at your child's learning over the year with them. (1.45pm – 3.15pm)

12th and 13th Summer Show 'You are Special' both at 2pm

14th Annual reports sent home

20th Whole school trip to Shepreth on the train

22nd Leavers' Assembly 12.45pm

22nd term ends at 2pm



Open Afternoon

One of the highlights of my week undoubtedly is our celebration assembly. It is always wonderful to see the children take such pride in their learning!

We would like to invite you to come into your child's classroom to enable them to share their learning with you from over the whole year on **Friday 8th July**. You will also be able to have a look around the whole school and see what other classes have been up to.

This is something we have wanted to start for some time, but Covid restrictions of course meant we couldn't.

You will be welcome to come **from 1.45pm** to be with your child(ren) and have a guided tour from them. You may bring other friends and family too if they would like to come.

If you are unable to make the 8th July, then do let me know. There will be governors coming too who would be very pleased to have a tour from your child. There will also be refreshments in the hall to enjoy while you are here.

As ever, all parents are welcome to visit class after school any day by appointment with the class teacher.

Be ready for anything!

Please remember with the great British weather to send your child to school ready for rain or

shine. Children must have a coat in school every day, a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream for further application if needed.



Kingswood

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been counting down to our trip to Kingwood with mixed emotions (their families too!). Going away is a huge step in school life and had been particularly momentous for this cohort who have not had the opportunities to go far for so long due to Covid-19. Although a very small group, as expected - they have done us proud. Hopefully you will share the Owl with your younger members of the school so that they can see what they have to look forward to in Key Stage 2. Enjoy the photos!



Bikeability



We were thrilled to welcome Eric back to school for bike fun skills for our younger pupils and Bikeability level 1 for years 3 and 4. As always, our children demonstrated such resilience and aspiration in their aims to develop their skills, whether this was getting more balance, finding the pedals or being able to take off and ride all on their own. Even our cyclists who already had the ability to ride, were challenged to ride amongst obstacles and follow given routes. This meant that every single child benefitted from the training in some way. We certainly saw an increase in the confidence of many.

Parents I spoke to said how useful it was for them to know how to continue the good work away from school, started by the sessions. All of our year 3 and 4 pupils, happily gained the level one bikeability award by demonstrating a range of skills. They also carried out bike checks and understood the importance of bike maintenance. They are very ready for Bikeability 2 if the opportunity arises in future years.

Now that all of our Key Stage 2 pupils have successfully completed their course, we will be running Bikeability at Reed once every two years. The aim is to ensure every child leaves our school having achieved Bikeability level one and therefore ready for the next stage of training which will enable them to ride safely on the road.

Well done to all of the children – they worked incredibly hard and with determination. Eric said how much he had looked forward to coming back to Reed as the children are such a pleasure to work with. Again, this year they impressed him and made us all very proud. So many children have told me how they have continued to practice at home and school on our bikes which is contributing so well to our motto of Learning Together, Learning for Life.

And finally...

We are still looking for midday supervisors to join our team from September, Monday to Friday 12.00 – 1.00pm. The role includes supervision of the children while they eat in the hall and then outside when they go to play. Training and support will be given.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, do get in touch to find out more by emailing admin@reed.herts.sch.uk

