

The Owl – October 2022

Partnership, pupil and parent voice!

As you will know, schools can never remain still if they are to achieve and improve. This cannot come from just staff or just governors; but a collective view and vision for the school from the whole community.

Examples already of involving groups this school year, have seen parents invited to attend workshops and watch phonics lessons to help understand how to support early reading. We are keen to keep these open lessons as at least a termly event to include parents in our developments and priorities. Parents have shared their love for real books in supporting their child's reading at home, we listened and e-books have been set to one side for now.

Pupils have been asked by our school councillors whether they enjoy their time in the hall at lunch time or whether we can organise things differently. The children enjoy the chance to eat with their friends but have suggested calming music playing to keep voices quieter. They would also like the chance for older children to play outside for a little while rather than sitting and waiting for their lunch. Changes whether big or small can make all the difference! One of our school priorities this year is to look to the future and create a 5-year plan for further school improvement. I will be working with the staff and governors to decide how we would like this to develop.

We would very much like parents to be involved too in meetings to discuss what you think the priorities should be and what your vision for the school in the future is. We will be sending out more information soon, but in the meantime, if you think that you would be interested in attending workshops to share your vision, do let me know!



A school cannot be successful without all of its stakeholders involved to shape the future and ongoing development. I thank you in advance for your continued commitment to our little school where we want big ideas!

DIARY DATES

November 2022

5th – Open Day 11am – 2.00pm

7th – Open morning 9.45am – 12.00pm

8th – Flu vaccinations

13th – FoRS winter fayre 2 - 5pm

14th – Anti-bullying week starts (Odd sock day)



18th – Children in Need

Wear as many spots as you can and be as colourful as you can.

18th FoRS AGM (school hall)

18th – 2.45pm Bysouth Class assembly

21st – Layton class - Viking workshop

23rd – Flu vaccinations

25th – 2.45pm Layton Class assembly

30th – Bysouth class – Great Fire of London workshop

December 2022

2nd – Decorating Day

2nd – FoRS Christmas movie



8th – Christmas jumper day

9th – 2.45pm Jackson Class assembly

12th – FoRS present wrap

15th and 16th – Whole school Christmas play 2pm

16th – FoRS Christmas disco

21st – Christmas dinner and last day of term, finish at 2pm.

Please note that dates are also listed on our website: <https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>

Fabulous FoRS

You just need to look at our diary dates to see how active Friends of Reed School are! It has been lovely to see more members and supporters join our meetings.

Recently, thanks to their fundraising, the teachers have been thrilled to put together shopping lists of resources for their class that they often wish for but feel are out of our budget. These wish lists have come true and are on order. We will show you the goodies when they arrive, including some wooden building bricks for Jackson class, a curiosity box for Bysouth class and atlases for Layton class. All classes had the same budget and have made great use of the generosity of FoRS.

As you are all aware, although our outdoor play equipment looks impressive, it doesn't really meet our needs. We are in talks with a company to plan a new play area to continue off the existing trim trail area which the children love. Once the old equipment has been removed, the first new piece of the equipment will be installed. FoRS will then continue to fundraise for a piece at a time, until the area is completed.

The children are being consulted on the plans, their questions answered and ideas incorporated and the then the design will be ready to go!



A long time coming – but worth the wait!

ECO-COUNCIL

Congratulations to the children who will be leading our school towards a greener future. Miss Wilson is very much looking forward to working with you. She says:

I have been delighted with the number of children who have put themselves forwards to be a member of our school Eco-council. It has been lovely to hear all of the children's wonderful and imaginative ideas on steps they wish to take to improve our school grounds and our local environment. I know all of our Eco-council members are eager to make a start!



Anti-bullying week 2022

As you know, our Jigsaw lessons regularly focus on the theme of anti-bullying across the half term. However, we would still like to acknowledge Anti-bullying week 2022 by asking all children and staff to wear odd socks to school for the day on **Monday 14th November**. All classes will take part in extra activities during the whole week in addition to our year group Jigsaw lessons around the theme of 'Reach Out!'.

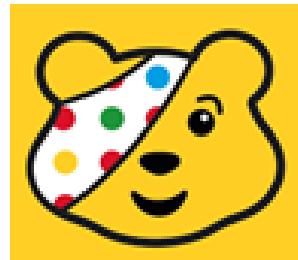
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022!

**REACH
OUT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Get spotty for Children in Need!



On **Friday 18th November**, please come to school as spotty as you can! All we ask in return is that you make a donation via a link which will be on our website home page nearer the time.

Thank you!



Many thanks for the very generous donations to our Harvest Food bank appeal. As ever, our children and families have recognised the importance of



I enjoyed talking to the firefighters, they told me how to stop, drop and roll if fire ever catches me or someone I know.

I enjoyed standing on the back of the fire engine as special treat!

FIRE, FI supporting other



I loved seeing the giant robot pair of scissors to cut the roof off a car in case someone was trapped.

I enjoyed squirting the fire hose. It was hard to control!

We haven't needed to call the Fire Brigade for an emergency, although, thanks to our builders, we've had a couple of extra alarm practices with elbows pushing alarm buttons! Miss Wilson invited local fire fighters to help bring learning to life for the children to compare firefighting in 1666 to 2022. I think we feel much safer now! Thank you Miss Wilson for organising such a memorable experience.

We learnt never to mess with 999! They might miss a real emergency and people could get hurt. Everyone needs to have smoke alarms. If they'd had smoke alarms in 1666 they would have had a better chance.

And finally...

Please do let friends, family and neighbours know about our open events for prospective families:

Saturday 5th November 11am – 2.00pm

Monday 7th November 9.45am – 12.00pm.

Families are welcome to look around for Nursery or Reception places and in year places across the rest of the school. If they are unable to make the dates advertised, they can make an appointment to suit them.

Our prospectus is on our website.
<https://reed.herts.sch.uk/>

Do have a look at the lovely review in Stones Magazine. Thanks to Keeley Smith.
<https://stonesmagazine.com/early-years/>



REED FIRST SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO OUR OPEN DAY AND OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2022
11am – 2pm
MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022
9.45am – 12.00pm
You are welcome to pre book a tour with Mrs Wittich our headteacher, by contacting admin@reed.herts.sch.uk or calling 01763848304 or drop in.
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Learning Together, Learning for Life

A collage of several small photographs showing children in various school activities: writing, standing in a row, playing outdoors, and working on a math worksheet.