

The Owl – October 2023



What does behaviour mean to you?



During a recent staff meeting, the following questions were considered during our discussions:

How are positive relationships nurtured within your school?

Who is responsible for creating an inclusive environment for all pupils?

To us, the understanding of, and drive for inclusivity, is crucial to ensure all children are able to engage in full and wide curriculum experiences. One of the key themes in our answers to these questions was the level of importance we place on gathering the opinions of the children. This includes one to one sessions to understand how things are for individual pupils and bigger groups; in use of our Talking Groups lead by our School Council. The children at School Council, had expressed an interest in finding out why some behaviours change depending on who is the leading adult in a lesson or club. At our last Talking Group, that is exactly what our children in Bysouth and Layton Class were asked. Most children noticed that there were differences and our value of respect came up a lot.

The children were keen to share what positive behaviour for learning looks like and were also keen to be involved in monitoring their own behaviours. This request has since been met by asking the children during and after lessons without their main class teacher; whether the positive behaviours for learning were still seen and heard. Giving everyone a voice not only shows the value of all, but also accountability for all.

In our recent parent survey, 100% of our responders agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes sure children are well behaved and that their children feel safe. Visitors to the school always comment on the calm and supportive environment. All of this positive feedback I strongly believe, comes from the high level of involvement our children have in shaping our school and the part they play in ensuring our high

expectations are maintained. The children are confident to share when things could be better and I hope they always will be!

If you would like to understand more about our approach to positive

restorative behaviour, please join me at our next workshop.



Save the date: Positive behaviour workshop 23.11.23 at 7pm

Support to understand our positive behaviour policy and how you can support from home.

RSVP head@reed.herts.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

November 2023

- 1st – Open Morning for prospective families
- 1st – Bedtime story for Jackson Class 6.00 – 7.00pm
- 2nd – Hedgehog hospital workshop Jackson Class and whole school assembly
- 3rd – Individual and sibling photos
- 7th – Bysouth Class History workshop (Toys)
- 7th – FoRS meeting 8pm (Google Meet)
- 14th – Flu vaccinations
- 10th – Bags2School
- 10th – Layton Class History workshop (Romans)
- 10th – Open Day for prospective families
- 13th – Toddler story time 1.30pm
- 13th – Anti-bullying week starts (Odd sock day)
- 17th - Children in Need
- 17th – FoRS AGM 2.00pm
- 17th – 2.45pm Bysouth Class assembly
- 20th – Years 1 – 4 First Aid training
- 23rd –Flu vaccinations
- 23rd – Positive Behaviour workshop 7pm at school
- 24th – 2.45pm Layton Class assembly

December 2023

- 1st – Decorating Day
- 4th – Layton Class Kingswood Parents meeting 2.45pm
- 7th – Christmas jumper day for Save the Children
- 8th – 2.45pm Jackson Class assembly
- 11th – FoRS present wrap
- 14th and 15th – Christmas production 2pm
- 15th – Make and wear a Christmas Hat for Brain Tumour Research
- 20th – Christmas lunch
- 20th – term ends at 2.00pm

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



Get spotty for Children in Need

On **Friday 17th November**, please come to school as spotty as you can! All we ask in return is that you make a donation via the link which will be on our website home page on the day.

Thank you!

Many thanks for the very generous donations to our harvest collection again this year.

Buntingford and Royston food banks were very grateful for the much needed produce and I know that members of St Mary's Church in the village enjoyed having some of the boxes at their Harvest display. These were also passed on to food banks.



Anti-bullying week 2023



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 2023 by asking all children and staff to wear odd socks to school for the day on **Monday 13th 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 'Make a Noise about bullying!'.



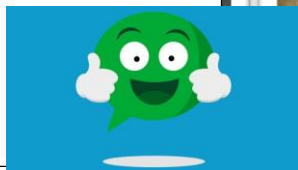
The children really enjoyed our kindness challenge in October. They have shown understanding of how important it is to continue these acts of kindness as often as they can.

All of the extra activities certainly brightened our days and continue to be enjoyed around the school. Do look out for our pebble messages, bird feeders, bug hotels and our kindness tree.



Thank you for raising a fantastic £117 for

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Team Reed!



The children who represented our school at the football festival this month left me feeling an immense sense of pride!

The children always impress me when competing with other schools many of whom not only field more than one team but select their 'best' players.

Despite being our only players, the children were very much our best by working together so well.

The images capture everything I love about our school and children. All of our team had huge smiles on their faces from start to finish! They showed great **aspiration** in their belief that they would score and save some goals (and they did). The less experienced players showed **resilience** being up against some more experienced players. Our children encouraged and coached each other throughout. I know that many of them surprised themselves in their developing skills and our goal keeper was spotted by a coach who knows what he is talking about. Thankfully, we also had a mini coach who also knew what he was talking about, only not playing because of a recovering broken arm. Meanwhile, with my limited football knowledge, I screeched directions from the side-lines!

It really was about the taking part – although we did win a match! Well done children, you were all winners in the **respect** you showed towards each other, towards the opponents by being gracious whether you won, lost or drew and towards the organisers by listening during the presentations (not all schools did) and saying thank you before we got back on the bus. Tag-rugby next!



Eco Excellence



Thank you to Miss Wilson and the Eco-Committee for running such a fabulous competition to get creative with your recycling.

We were blown away by the number of children who joined in. There were so many great ideas, from bird feeders to bins, bug hotels to vases! It was very hard for the committee members to choose winners.

Thank you to all of you who took part. I am sure the winners were very pleased with their medals which were of course made by hand from recycled materials!

And finally...Calling all artists!

We love seeing the pride on the faces of our children as they receive a postcard home for demonstrating our values so well. We are setting the children the task of designing new images for our postcards.

These could show what they love about our school, our logo or represent our values. The design should be no bigger than A4 and be given to Mrs Wittich as soon as the master pieces are complete!



Congratulations to the Kay family on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Poppy.



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REED FIRST SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Are you looking for a Nursery or Reception place?

Nursery places can start the term after children turn 3.
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Wednesday 1st November 9.30-11.30am OR
Friday 10th November 9.30-11.30am, 12.30-2.00pm

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