



Reddal Hill Primary School Parents / Carers' Newsletter March 2025

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WELCOME

Welcome to the March - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

I hope that you all had a lovely half term, despite the weather. The pupils have arrived back, as usual, with a positive attitude towards their learning, and continue to work hard.

During February the pupils in KS1 and KS2, and their families, took part in the Maths Inspire Workshops. The pupils in the NESTs and EYFS took part in their workshops during the first week after half term. A HUGE thank you to all the parents/ carers who attended; it has a positive impact on children when parents/ carers are involved in their child's educational experiences. The pupils in Year 1 were absolutely amazing in their year group assembly and the pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 had an awesome time during their residential trip to Plas Gwynant. Unfortunately, this trip had to end on the Thursday due to a awful sickness bug, which affected both staff and children. It is pleasing now to see that everyone is well and back at school.

Unfortunately, I am still seeing pupils wearing brightly coloured or white trainiers during the day; please ensure that your child only wears trainers, which should be black, when they are taking part in PE. Black shoes should be worn when wearing school uniforms. It is important to commence with these good habits before your child moves onto high school, where they will face sanctions/ consequences for not wearing the correct uniform. Please support us as a school and your child in establishing good habits. Thank you.

School Admissions

Please note: The application process for reception places for September, is NOW CLOSED. If you have not already applied for a place for your child to start reception in September 2024, you will need to complete a late application form.

Please click on the following link for late reception application forms:

<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/downloads/download/198/late-reception-application-form>

Please note, Offer Day for Reception is Wednesday 16th April 2025.

Please note: The application process for Year 7 school places for September 2025, is NOW CLOSED. If you have not already applied for a place for your child to start high school in September 2025, you will need to complete a late application form.

Please click on the following link for late secondary application forms:

<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions/applying-secondary-school>

Changes to staffing

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Harrold, Hagrid's class teacher and also the KS2 Phase Leader, who has successfully secured a position as an Assistant Head Teacher at a school in Dudley. Mrs Harrold joined the school, as a Newly Qualified Teacher, in April 2019. She will be especially missed for her exemplary pastoral support that she has provided for many of our pupils. The staff and governors at Reddal Hill wish her every success in her new position. Although this is very sad news, we do have some good news; Mr. Stokes will be the interim class teacher throughout the summer term. I know that you will agree with me that this is an excellent alternative. If you have a child in Hagrid class and you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to speak to either Mrs. Harrold or Mr. Stokes. Good luck Mrs. Harrold, you will be greatly missed.

Attendance

At Reddal Hill, we really value the attendance of all our pupils. As such, every week, the class with the best attendance, are rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play and our attendance trophy. At the end of each term, the class who has the highest attendance percentage for the greatest number of weeks, will enjoy a movie and popcorn afternoon. Please see below the classes that have won the highest attendance since we returned to school on 6th January 2025.

Week commencing	Winning class	Percentage
06.01.2025	Hermione	99.2%
13.01.2025	Sunflowers	97.9%
20.01.2025	Dumbledore	95%
27.01.2025	Elephants	98.5%
03.02.2025	Elephants	95.6%
10.02.2025	Dumbledore	97.3%



Well done to ELEPHANT and DUMBLEDORE classes who currently have the best attendance for the greatest number of weeks so far!

Reddal Hill's attendance for autumn term 2024 was **93.15%**. (National: 94.75% - 2023/2024). Unfortunately, we are 1.6% below the national percentage. This gap has **INCREASED** further since the autumn term. Please support Reddal Hill by ensuring your child/ children comes to school every day Thank you.

Plas Gwynant

On Monday 4th February, 46 of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils set off to Plas Gwynant for an amazing outdoor residential experience. The pupils climbed mountains, canoed on open water, abseiled down a rock face, mined underground, went to the beach, walked under a waterfall and trekked up a flowing gorge. Despite the trip being cut short due to an awful sickness bug, the behaviour of the pupils was fantastic. We are extremely proud of our pupils at Reddal Hill, especially for dealing with a four-hour journey when feeling very poorly. A HUGE thank you also to Mr. Stokes, who was the lead member of staff, Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Benningfield and Mrs. Nisbet for taking part in this invaluable experience with the pupils, and especially for caring for our poorly pupils on the way home, despite most of you feeling poorly too. Without your precious time and support, this trip could not have taken place. Thank you all. 😊



Dates for the diary



2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 2nd September 2024 - Friday 25th October 2024

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half-term: Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024

Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025

Half-term: Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Monday 28th April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holidays: Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term: Monday 26th May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025

Monday 3rd June 2025 - Monday 21st July 2025

Teacher Training Days 2024 - 2025:

Day 1 - Monday 2nd September 2024

Day 2 - Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Day 3 - Monday 4th November 2024

Day 4 - Monday 6th January 2025

Day 5 - Monday 21st July 2025

For the school term dates for 2024-2025, please refer to the school [Term Dates 2024 - 2025 / 2025 - 2026 | Reddal Hill](#)

Safeguarding

At Reddal Hill, we take our safeguarding duty very seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you must contact the school or the Sandwell Children's Trust on 0121 569 3100 in confidence. If a child is in immediate danger, you should contact the police; call 999. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs. A. Bashir-Pugh and the Deputy DSLs are Mrs. J. Nisbet, Mr. J. Stokes, Mrs. H Rogers, Mrs. T. Whitehurst and Mrs. K Beard.



We are a **Nut Free Zone**. We have a number of pupils and adults who are **seriously allergic** to nuts. Please do not send your child to school with ANY Nutella or chocolate spread unless the label clearly states that it **does not contain nuts**. Please support us in protecting our pupils and staff.

Year 5 'My Place' Project

Throughout the spring term, the pupils in Year 5 have been taking part in an exciting new project called 'My Place' as part of the Sandwell Education Cultural Partnership. This provided the pupils with an excellent opportunity for them to work alongside a local writer, Steven Camden, who has been writing novels, plays, TV and film scripts for over 20 years.

The aim of the project was for the pupils to create an 'alien invasion' story and characters. Year 5 named their aliens 'Crاليens' (Cradley-aliens). The project concluded with a parents/ carers' assembly so that the pupils could showcase their amazing creative stories. I know that the pupils, and staff, had an amazing time throughout this experience. A SUPER well done to our Year 5 pupils for their fantastic imaginations and for their exemplary behaviour.

You can follow the project learning journey on the Year 5 classes' [ClassDojo](#).



Further details about his work can be found at www.bearstories.org

Books of the Month - April

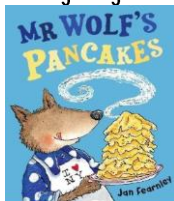
Please see below the following recommended book/s you can read with your child. For older children, your child could read this book to you. These books are age appropriate and provide key vocabulary that is important in supporting your child's developing language skills.

EYFS



Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches
by Julie Falcon

Key Stage 1



Mr Wolf's Pancakes
by Jan Fearnley

Key Stage 2



Diary of a Future Billionaire
by Pamela Butchart

Remember, there are a range of EXCELLENT online reading books, located on our school website, that you can share with your child at any time.

[virtual-library-final-draft.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Reddal Hill School Library

The SCHOOL LIBRARY LAUNCH took place on Friday 28th February. We were really pleased to have 15 families visit our school library and use this excellent resource for borrowing books to read at home. The library will be opened every Friday afternoon from 3:10 - 4:00 pm. Pop in after you've collected your child/ children, and borrow some fantastic books. A MASSIVE thank you to Mrs. Bushell and Mrs. Passey for creating this excellent library resource.

Thought for the Month



'Family is not an important thing, it's everything' Micheal J Fox

Enjoy the rest of spring term 2

Kind regards,

A Bashir-Pugh

Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher

SCHOOL MOTTO: GLEE: 'Growing - Learning - Enjoying - Excellence'