

# ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 2022

## Broadening Horizons

29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we gradually move back to more familiar academy routines, it has been exciting to have been involved in some fun-filled and action packed events and adventures this term.

World Book Day gave us the opportunity to get together and celebrate reading. We dressed up as our favourite book characters and a huge thank you to everyone who took part: all the costumes were very colourful and creative.

This term, we have started the Read, Write Inc. phonics programme so thank you to everyone who has donated money during the sale of our old books. You raised £86.32 and these funds will help to supplement the purchase of new books.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March, we all went crazy for Comic Relief as we dressed in crazy clothes and donned crazy hairstyles to raise money for this great cause. We brought joy and laughter to school by telling jokes (have a look on Twitter @RedwoodPrimary). Your support with this was incredible and your kind donations amounted to a massive £319.25. Thank you!

At the end of February, children in years 3 and 4 were visited by STEM ambassadors from RAF Waddington in commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Operation Black Buck. Children took part in two excellent workshops. The first workshop explained about the Falkland Islands and the Black Buck missions that helped to fuel the Vulcan, currently at RAF Waddington. An army veteran, who is also a poet, shared his own poetry and experiences of the Falklands Islands and the children were able to use inspiring pictures and photographs to create their own poetry. Our poems will be entered into a competition organised by the charity 'Never Such Innocence'. Winning entries might be asked to Buckingham Palace or RAF Waddington to read their work in front of RAF veterans. The second workshop focused on aerodynamics and children built their own planes. A competition ensued to find out whose plane would fly the furthest. During the session, children were introduced to a range of vocabulary and areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Last week, I had the pleasure of accompanying our year 6 children on their residential trip to Hilltop in Norfolk. The sun shone down on us and we had the most fantastic time. It is always a pleasure to spend time with your children outside of the school environment and to see their unseen talents come to the forefront. Everyone had an opportunity to step outside of their comfort zone, to challenge themselves and to work as a team. We were incredibly proud of all our children.

## **Staffing News**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new midday supervisors, Mrs Kirsty Fyfield and Mrs Nicola Carchedi.

Sadly, Mrs Pellat, in our reception class, has tendered her resignation and will be leaving us at Easter. Mrs Pellatt has decided to spend more time with her family and we would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to Waddington Redwood over the past year. Mrs Pappini will be teaching the reception class with Mrs Lyons until the end of the academic year. Mrs Pappini is a very experienced teacher and a trusted member of the team here at school.

Mr Brown is still very poorly and is recuperating. Miss Chatwin will continue to teach Mr Brown's class and if there are any changes to this I will keep you informed. Mr Ward, our site manager, continues to convalesce and we wish both Mr Brown and Mr Ward a speedy recovery.

## **Online Safety**

If you've got questions about online safety but do not know who to ask? Dan Hawbrook, the Online Safety Specialist from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership is running a free night for parents/carers called 'A Date with Dan'!

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

The information and how to book is here:

[A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 18 May 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

UK Safer Internet Centre – have put together some useful hints for parents/carers about talking to under 11s about online respect and relationships:

[Top Tips for under 11s - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

## **Y6 SATS Timetable**

Please read below for further information on the Y6 SATS timetable 2022

**It is respectfully requested that all children attend school for all tests. If your child is unable to attend school, please inform us as soon as possible as we may be able to make alternative arrangements.**

Date	Test Timetable
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests Paper 1: short answer questions Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	English Reading Test
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Mathematics: Paper 3: reasoning test

Teachers will submit writing assessments by **28<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. If you have any questions about these assessments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## **End of KS1 Assessments**

The key stage one statutory tests will take place during the month of **May 2022**. It is respectfully requested that **all** children attend school during this period.

The KS1 national curriculum tests consist of:

- English reading Paper 1: combined reading prompt and answer booklet;
- English reading Paper 2: reading booklet and reading answer booklet;

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling;
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions;
- Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic;
- Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning.

Writing is assessed through teacher assessment.

Teachers must make their judgements for each pupil at the end of key stage one. This must take into account pupils' progress and performance throughout the key stage and is based on 'a broad range of evidence from across the curriculum'. It takes into account children's:

- written, practical and oral classwork;
- results of the statutory KS1 tests;
- homework.

If you have any questions about these assessments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Y1 Phonics Screening Check**

The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment to make sure that all children have learned phonic decoding to an appropriate standard by the age of 6.

The phonics check will help teachers identify children who need extra help so they can receive the support they need to improve their reading skills. These children will then be able to retake the check in year 2.

The Y1 screening check will take place on the week beginning **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. If you have any questions about this screening check, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**

All schools are required to administer the online MTC to year 4 children. The purpose of the check is to determine whether children can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify those who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

We have a 3-week check window, starting on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022** to administer the MTC and request that all children attend school during this period.

### **Parking on Redwood Drive**

We take the safety of our children and families very seriously and parking on Redwood Drive has always been a difficult and contentious issue. We are balancing the safety of our children with the schedule of our parents/carers and the well-being and rights of our local residents.

We are all part of our local community and I would ask if you could just take a moment to ensure that you are parking responsibly. I have listed below a few suggestions that I hope will help:

- **park away from the zig-zag lines and any markings near the entrance to school;**
- **always find a space where it is safe and legal to park;**
- **ensure that children get out of the car on the curb side;**
- **park a little way from the school and walk;**
- **supervise your children when they cross the road;**
- **please refrain from parking across resident's driveways.**

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

### **Term Dates**

Please remember to look at the academy's term dates so that you can plan ahead for your holidays to coincide with academy holidays. You will find a list of dates on the [academy website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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