



## REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 9.2.24

### Learning Focus: Hawks and Buzzards Classes

In Buzzards this week, the Year 4s had a great afternoon at Silverwood where they followed in the Year 5 footsteps, meeting up with other children and making great connections. All the children are very much looking forward to their next meeting with the children at Silverwood when they are all going to play dodgeball. The Year 4s have also enjoyed another week's swimming session. It has been great to see the children's confidence and skills developing.

Meanwhile, the Year 5s enjoyed their taster day at Sheldon. They all came back full of enthusiasm and talked to the rest of the class about the different lessons they had attended: Spanish (which tied in nicely with our current Topic), DT, Science, PE and Drama.

In class, and in conjunction with our class story, the children tasted a pomegranate. There were mixed reactions but they all enjoyed this activity and are looking forward to continuing this book after half term.

This week, Hawks Class have continued to enjoy the class book, 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class.' This week, the main character bought a pomegranate for their friend who is from Syria, as these remind him of home. The children tried a pomegranate in class, and then wrote about what they looked, tasted and felt like. They then sketched the fruit using either colouring pencils or watercolour pencils to finish.

As part of Children's Mental Health week, Hawks Class read The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. The children created their own quotes in the same style, with watercolour pictures to accompany them.

### A message from the Headteacher

Our last week of term has been busy and productive. The Dance Festival on Tuesday evening was a real highlight, and the children performed so well - we are all really proud of them. Well done to all of the children for the effort they have put into the rehearsals leading up to the event, and thank you to Mr Mitchell for teaching and inspiring the children. Across the week, children have been taking part in activities to promote good mental health and wellbeing. You can read more about this below. The FORS have done another amazing job organising this week's disco. Thank you for supporting this event – a lovely way to finish term 3!

I wish everyone a happy and restful break, and look forward to seeing you all in term 4.

Best Wishes

Mrs Joy

### Children's Mental Health Week

The week started with a whole school assembly talking about the importance of wellbeing. Owls and Wrens have been reading The Way Back Home by Oliver Jefferies. They then talked about how we can manage our feelings, and what helps us to do this.

Nightingales used the story 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' to support discussions about Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on emotions and what makes us special. They did some role play to show the different ways emotions can look on the outside compared to how they feel on the inside.

Inspired by the illustrations in the story, the children drew their emotions as well as self-portraits that highlight their individual special talents such as climbing, drawing and playing musical instruments!

### Dance Festival



**Well done to Lilly, Poppy, Rosie, Theo, Imogen, Bob, Rhyce, Dougie, Kady, Daisy S, Daisy M, Happie, and Theodore!**

## FORS NEWS

**School Uniform Sale** - We had such a successful school uniform sale on Tuesday! We raised an incredible £46. We love that we can fundraise, recycle, and help families save money by holding the sale each term. The next sale will be on the Tuesday before we break for Easter.

**Fizzy Disco** - What an amazing disco! the children really loved the selection of glow products, and we had a record hot dog sell out too! The sweet shop was a huge success and by stocking with donated sweets we were able to bring the tuck shop prices right down! Next disco date for your diary - 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Rags 2 Riches - Important!** - New date- the collection will now be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please drop all donations to the office entrance in the morning. The donation bags came home this week. Even if it is just a half bag or a couple of items, all donations are gratefully received. If your bag is half full- maybe ask your neighbours if they can fill the other half? Is your bag overflowing? No worries, any extra bags are great- apart from black bin liners as it makes it difficult to check the contents.

**Other Info** - We are also looking for bookcases or racking and plastic storage boxes to use in the new shed. If you can help with a donation please email us. We always welcome new members to the team. If you would like to come along to our meetings and/or would like to be added to our volunteer list to help at events, please email us. The February Fizzy discos had fewer helpers than usual. If you can support the team with set up, pack down or if you can stay to help at a disco, we are always very grateful for extra hands. This really helps the event to run smoothly! Thank you.  
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## Future Dates

### February

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - Term 4 begins  
Weds 21<sup>st</sup> - Year 5 Visit to Sheldon (Kingfishers and Falcons Yr 5s)  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> - Rags2Riches Collection

### March

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> - Netball Tournament at Hardenhuish School  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Tag Rugby Tournament at Chippenham Rugby Club  
w/c 11<sup>th</sup> - British Science Week  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Cake Sale - more info to follow  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> - Second hand uniform sale 2.40pm in the hall  
Weds 27<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - **TD Day - School closed to pupils**

### TD Days 2023-2024

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## Hawks and Buzzards

