



## Lockdown Newsletter – 29th January 2021

From January 2021 all adults to wear a mask/face shield whilst on school site, Thank you.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations home teaching team you have completed Week 4. Just 10 more home school days until half term. In all seriousness, you are doing an amazing job whilst juggling your own working commitments. If any of you are requiring a device, we do have a couple available following our amazing community donating their 'no longer required' devices. If you would like to be considered for a device please send me an email: [head@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@reddings.herts.sch.uk) and we will see what we can do!

I hope you all managed to get some 'snow day' time. I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Mrs Jorge and Mr Bone for helping me clear the snow on Sunday afternoon / evening so that the school was accessible for on-site learning on Monday morning. I am aware that many schools closed due to snow in Hertfordshire and I was so pleased that we were open as it is important for us all to do 'our bit' in these different times.

It has been lovely to receive your art work projects – please keep these coming as I'm hoping to have enough to fill both boards at the front of the hall so when you all return to school you will be able to celebrate the amazing work undertaken at home.

I'm sure you have heard that the Government are proposing to reopen schools on the 8th March. It is lovely to have a date where we can return to 'business as usual'. As yet, what this return to school looks like is unknown and we shall all wait for further guidance.

The Government has high expectations for schools regarding their remote core offer and expected all schools to have this published on their website by 25th January 2021. Our remote core offer is available on our website along with the current risk assessment. Part of the Government expectation is for the school to ensure children are engaging with their remote learning and to remove any barriers to access this learning. This means that we are here to help. Sometimes it is something simple to solve such as a forgotten login or lack of device. If you do need anything please contact us. We are keen to get all our children learning remotely and this may mean a slightly different way of working for individuals. As part of our core offer, we may give you a call just to check in and see if there is anything we can do to help. Please do not be alarmed if we call you; we are here to offer support and some helpful tips.

Thank you so much for your kind words and messages of support; as the weeks roll by we are all realising that this lockdown is the toughest to date and those lovely messages are really motivating the team.

Mrs Haswell and I undertook our Herts STEPs trainer refresher training this week and the follow quote struck a chord with us so I wanted to share with you all:

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.  
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

Wishing you all a lovely school work-free weekend

Miss Prickett

# Home Learning Stars of the Week

Nursery	Avani - fantastic rhyming
Reception	Reagan - for all his home learning and especially the story he retold of 'Dear Zoo'
Year One	Celia - for excellent enthusiasm when completing all your learning from home
Year Two	Archy - for working extremely hard this week on his maths learning
Year Three	Victoria Jane - for consistently producing work of a high standard
Year Four	Iurie - for completing his work to an exceptionally high standard every day
Year Five	Kairo - for completing everything and keeping his presentation very neat and tidy
Year Six	Joshua - for producing some excellent writing in our English lessons

## Nursery

Mrs E Fleet - [efleet@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:efleet@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

The Nursery have been very brave this week and have been looking for bears in the story 'Where's my Teddy?' We had to use lots of positional language to find our lost bears and language to also to compare sizes. We have also had a really good go at listening for and finishing the rhymes at the end of the sentences.

## Reception

Mrs S Bradley - [sbradley@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbradley@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Well, what an exciting week with the snow. Lots of us have been out all dressed up in our warm clothes to make snowmen and penguins. We have felt the snow and listened to what the snow feels like walking in it.

Our focus book this week has been Dear Zoo. We have looked at what animals live in the zoo and what animals we would like for a pet. In Maths we have been counting and sorting objects. In Phonics learning our tricky words and sounds.



## Year One

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Mrs M Patel - [mpatel@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mpatel@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

We had fabulous fun on Wednesday when we started our Popdance sessions via Zoom. It was brilliant that lots of children joined in from home too and was a great chance for us all to enjoy ourselves as a class 'together'. If you couldn't join us this week, I hope you will be able to next Wednesday at 2:30pm.

In our English lessons this week we have been enjoying reading Farmer Duck and in Maths our focus has been on learning the order of days of the week and the months of the year. With that in mind, as it is Friday today, who can tell me what day of the week it is tomorrow? 😊

Yes! It is Saturday, and I wish you all a happy weekend.

## Year Two

Mr O'Callaghan - [tocallaghan@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:tocallaghan@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

This week in Year 2 we have looked at the story of Toby and the Fire of London. Children have been exploring starting to look at a new book 'Last stop on Market Street'. Children have looked at the character of Nana and have been describing the setting using poetic language.

We have also started to look at statistics and focussing on different types of graphs in Maths.

We began our new science topic this week which is animals including humans.

Well done everybody and I am already looking forward to seeing all of your hard work next week!

### Year Three

Miss B Grossman – [bgrossman@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bgrossman@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Year 3 have had a wonderful week! We have been looking at Spy Fox in English and we have been creating open questions to ask key witnesses.

In Maths, we have been working super hard to answer worded problems using bar models.

Y3's Art work has been incredible this week. We have used a range of mark making techniques to create tone on drawings of London buildings. I look forward to another incredible week – Keep up the hard work!



### Year Four

Miss E Biggadike – [ebiggadike@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ebiggadike@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Well, we entered this week with some magical snow which put a smile on all of our faces. I'm sure Year 4 had as much fun in the snow as they did completing all their work this week, on Seesaw.

In Year 4, we've been very busy finishing our autobiographies, starting our new unit: The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish in English, making 3D shapes in maths and continuing to develop our geography skills.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard (parents as well). You are all doing a splendid job.

Mrs Wadmore and I are all so proud of you.



### Year Five

Mr M Battersby – [mbattersby@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mbattersby@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Our eco-warrior writing based on The Promise is going really well in Year 5 and I

am very impressed with what has been sent in. The maths work on graphs, tables and scales has been

challenging, but Mrs Lloyd and I have been pleased with how maturely the children do what they can then ask

for help when they need it.

### Year Six

Mr M Rawes – [mrawes@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mrawes@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Miss S Murray – [smurray@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:smurray@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

We have had another fun week of learning in Year 6!

We have developed our formal writing voices in English, learned how to calculate the area of shapes in Maths and continued to learn about evolution in Science. Everyone has worked very hard – well done to all!

### Could you design a new logo for Dacorum's Mini Police?

Officers who run Dacorum's Mini Police programme are calling on young artists to design a new logo for the scheme during lockdown.

Prior to the pandemic, officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams regularly delivered the programme to Year 5 children in primary schools across the borough. The eight-week scheme gives youngsters the opportunity to learn about community safety in a fun way, as they explore topics such as bullying, anti-social behaviour and internet safety.

The competition is open to primary-aged school children, and the closing date is Friday 19 February, to coincide with the end of the half term break. We look forward to seeing all your entries. Please either scan or take a high-resolution photo of your child's entry and email it to [DacorumMiniPolice@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:DacorumMiniPolice@herts.pnn.police.uk).

Regards,

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