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10th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we approach the end of our first term, I would like to say how proud I am of the pupils for settling into the school year so quickly. We have a number of students who have been voted or applied for school roles who are listed below and some of our children have represented our school in sports events, please continue to look at our Facebook for further developments.

Pupil Representatives for 2023-24

Year 6 House Captains

Crosswell – Ethan and Alex
Stanwell – Calvin and Pebble
Monkswell – Ollie and Maja
Buckwell – Ariyan and Scarlett

School Council members

Our voted School councillors; who will also become our pupil ambassadors and support interviews, school tours etc.

Holcot	Amira-Rose and Yaksh
Orton	Jacob and Eliza
Ashton	Elsie-Mae and Rahul
Haddon	Cooper and Amelia
Denby	Rome and Martyna a
Naseby	Isabella and Jude
Althorp	Aleen and Titus
Weldon	Poppy and Jack
Denford	Mati and Ilah
Chatsworth	Grace and Luke
Woodstock	Eva and Preston
Kilborn	Ella and Leon
Wentworth	Lily Rose and Jan (Also part of our mini Senior Management Team (SMT))
Tewkesbury	Tom and Sophie (Also part of our mini SMT)
Churchill	Jacob and Georgina (Also part of our mini SMT)
Westminster	Zamah-Marie and Myles (Also part of our mini SMT)
Blenheim	Tommy and Eve (Also part of our mini SMT)
Barnwell	Ho Hei and Aubrie (Also part of our mini SMT)

Reading Ambassadors

Year 2 - Nathaniel & Florence, Elliana & Arlie, Alby & Lille Rose
Year 3 - Elsie & Lennox, Raika & Isabelle, Avery & Rio
Year 4 - Sienna & Oscar, Amy & Lena, Coralie & Lola
Year 5 – Ella & Mike, Avni & Olivia, Tanay & Ava
Year 6 - Grayson & Jacob, Lily Mae, Kishan & Ishaani

Science and Eco Ambassadors – to be confirmed



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Year 6 Playground Leaders:

Lucas, Ronnie, Nina, Lena, Finley & Molly

Antibullying team

Year 1 – Miles, Phoebe, Daisy, Luke & Roy

Year 2- Simone, Tilly, Parker & Elsie

Year 3 - Jake, Lydia, Joshua & Isla

Year 4 – Sophia, Izzy, Aubrey, Aavi & Lyra

Year 5 - Kian, Rio, Nikita & Joel

Year 6 – Ebony, Jolyon & Oliver

Redwell Reporters

Westminster Ethan, Seb & Maja

Blenheim Imogen, Layla & Amin

Barnwell Murray, Lacie-May & Kishan

Ambition Day

On Thursday 5th October, the children came in dressed in the uniform of the career they would like to do when they grow up. During the ambition assembly, the children understood the importance of the value of ambition in relation to believing themselves in the career they want to achieve. The children listened to members of the community explaining their job roles to give the children an opportunity to understand different careers and the skills required.

SEND Parent Session

Wednesday 11th October 2.15-3.15pm in the Hub.

We are going to be hosting another session for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We would like to continue get your voice as to what you think would be useful for you and your children and how as a school we can support this. This session will be about collaborating on one page profiles and pupil passports. Obviously, there will be tea and coffee and biscuits! Everyone is welcome, if you are concerned your child might have SEND or are just interested in the area of SEND please join us the more views we can gain the more successful this will be.

Harvest Festival

Parents are invited to join Year 3 children in their Harvest Assembly on Friday 13th October. The assembly will take place at 2:30pm in the Sports Hall. The Sports Hall gates will open automatically at 2:15pm to allow parents to sign in. We will be making a donation to the Bilton Court Foodbank this year so if you are able to donate any non perishable food, please send this in with your child and pass to the class teacher. The donations can start to be sent in straight away and will be displayed at the assembly.

Parent Evening

Parents evening will be held on the 16th & 18th October. This will be a face to face meeting and booking is currently available via the Arbor app. There will be a separate SEN parents evening on Thursday 12th October.



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Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies this year to raise money for The Royal British Legion. We will also have purple merchandise available which will be raising funds for Murphy's Army, paying tribute to animals lost at war. More information will follow on Arbor.

Flashback Friday for Years 2-5

Parents are invited to join the Flashback Friday session at 2.45pm on Friday 20th October. Flashback Fridays are designed to support the child recap prior learning and to discover what learning will occur the following week. A weekly PowerPoint will continue to be shared with you so you are aware of the learning that has and will take place.

We do ask that when parents attend the Flashback Friday event that you help us by being respectful and listening to the class teacher as this session is a teaching activity, if a younger sibling is disruptive we ask politely for you to remove the child to the corridor. All pushchairs are to remain outside to not block fire exits. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Prospective EYFS intake 2024 tours

This is an opportunity for prospective parents for Sept 2024 to see our EYFS unit and to be introduced to the school. Schools tours are available on the following dates...

10th Oct 10am

12th Oct 2pm

12th Oct 4pm

14th Nov 10am

16th Nov 2pm

Black History Month

Black History Month runs throughout October and during this time we will be teaching the children about pioneering females from the black community that have had a huge impact on science and technology over the years.

Halloween Discos

Discos will be held on 7th, 8th & 9th November. More information will follow from Friends of Redwell Primary School on when/where tickets will be sold.

P.E. T-Shirts

A decision has been made to change PE t-shirts from white to the colours of house teams. This will encourage team building and will make it easier to identify and cheer on children in various house teams on Sports Days. If you have already brought a white t-shirt, these can still be worn for PE or on trips this academic year however they will become a compulsory part of the Redwell uniform next year (2024-2025). Coloured, embroidered t-shirts will be available to purchase from our uniform supplier, Karl Sports: <https://ksschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/redwell-primary-school/> after the half term holiday however plain coloured t-shirts can be purchased via the High Street if preferred. To find out what house team your child is in, please check the student profile on the Arbor app.

STANWELL – YELLOW
MONKSWELL – RED
BUCKWELL – GREEN
CROSSWELL - BLUE



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Lost Property

Please ensure that all personal belongings that are brought to school are named – especially cardigans, jumpers and PE hoodies. Due to the size of the school, we do not have a central lost property at the main office however each individual year group should have their own 'box'. If your child has lost a named item of clothing, please speak to the class teacher/TA and they can assist your child in looking. Please remind children of the Redwell value 'Responsibility'.

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December and can be accessed via <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>.

Communication procedures

When contacting the school, please be aware you will be expected to provide a brief description of your request to talk/meet with staff members. Where practical, please send in a note with your child to hand to the Teacher or email on the class email address classname@redwellprimary.co.uk

Please approach the members of staff who are responsible for your child in the following order:

- 1) Classroom Teacher
- 2) Year Group Lead
- 3) SENDCo / Pastoral (where relevant)
- 4) Assistant Principal or Vice Principal
- 5) Principal

In the case of a child's absence, parents/carers are expected to notify the school by 9am or a text prompt will be sent.



FoRPS

Thank you to everyone who attended the FoRPS AGM last Friday. We had a very successful meeting and most of the new committee positions have now been filled. We will send out a message listing the new members and year group reps soon.

We are very pleased to share that FoRPS raised a total of £1876 in 2022-23 (after all deductions including buying panto ice creams/treats for all children and funding the Y6 prom). During the AGM, FoRPS kindly agreed to donate £1500 to help fund some of the new outdoor learning resources at Redwell. We will let you know what has been purchased using the money later in the year.

We are looking forward to organising lots of different fundraising events this year. If you would like to join us, either as a FoRPS committee member or a volunteer, please contact d.sharpe@redwellprimary.co.uk.



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Website

<https://www.redwellprimary.org.uk/>

2023-24 Term dates

<https://www.redwellprimary.org.uk/nd/term-dates>

Important dates for Autumn 1 term

- Kelly's Heroes Mufti Day – Tuesday 10th October
- SEN Parents Evening – Thursday 12th October
- Harvest Assembly – Year 3 – Friday 13th October 2.30pm
- Parents Evening – Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th October 3.30-7pm
- Duxford Museum Trip – Year 6 – Friday 20th October
- Flashback Friday – Year 2 to 5 – Friday 20th October
- End of Autumn term 1 – Friday 20th October

Important dates for Autumn 2 term

- Training Day – Monday 30th October
- Training Day – Tuesday 31st October
- School opens to pupils – Wednesday 1st November 8:45am-3:15pm
- Northampton Museum trip – Year 2 – Thursday 2nd November
- Halloween Discos – 7th, 8th & 9th November – more information to follow from FoRPS
- Saxon Day – Year 5 – Friday 10th November
- Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - Monday 13th - Friday 17th November
- KS2 SATs parents information – 23rd November 3.30pm KS1 Hall (Year 6 parents only)
- Pantomime for Brampton class – Tuesday 12th December
- Pantomime for Ashby class – Wednesday 13th December
- Christmas Fayre – Wednesday 13th December 4-6pm
- Pantomime for Grange class – Thursday 14th December
- EYFS Christmas performances – Monday 18th December 9:30am & Tuesday 19th December 2:30pm
- Year 1 Christmas performances - Monday 18th December 2:30pm & Wednesday 20th December 9:30am – please note change of date due to Pantomime.
- Pantomime for Years 1, 3 & 5 – Tuesday 19th December
- Pantomime for Years 2, 4 & 6 – Wednesday 20th December
- End of Autumn term 2 – Thursday 21st December

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me at chead@redwellprimary.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Head
Principal