

Friday 05 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a great week at Redwood this week having recovered from the Sponsored Walk last Friday! Thank you again to those of you that were able to come and support us – it was great to see everyone getting involved! All the school teams did really well and again team Victory came out victorious with the most points! It is still early in the term and the teams have plenty of time to catch up!

Pupils have been out and about this week taking full opportunities of the outdoor learning experiences we offer here at Redwood. Pupils have been taking part in Kayaking, forest schools and visiting the local community including Southsea seafront to see how well the public look after the area!

Have a good weekend

Jo

## *Spotlight on Castle class*

Wow! We have been busy so far this term and it feels like we have been back in school for ages! We have been working hard in the classroom and around the school to help make this a really good start.

We have started our topic of 'Party Planet' and have been looking at how different people celebrate events around the world and are focusing lots of work on the colourful, Mexican 'Day of the Dead' celebrations. We have looked at how they celebrate this 3-day event and have been enjoying making patterned masks and models to support us in this topic.

We have enjoyed starting to get out of school on our outdoor learning opportunities and are glad that the weather is still staying good for us so we can really enjoy ourselves and see lots of changes around us.

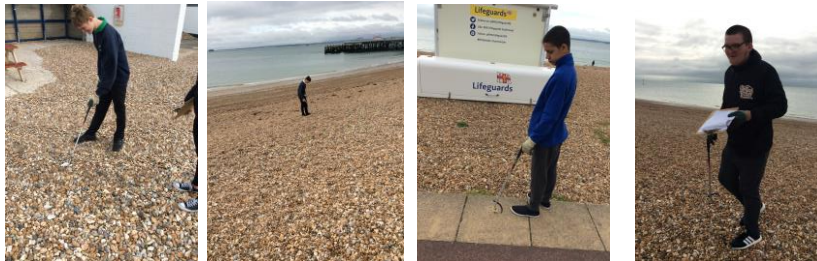


### Portsmouth Learning Disabilities Celebration and Learning Event:

We'd like to make you aware of a fantastic drop-in event being held in Portsmouth on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The event will host a range of engaging workshops featuring local success stories, as well as sharing best practice for today and exploring ideas for the future. The event will be held at the Gunwharf Quays training academy (the entrance is opposite Marks and Spencer), between 10am-3pm.

### Trip to Southsea Seafont:

D-day class went on a trip to Southsea Seafont on Tuesday. The class have been looking at their recycling skills and reusing goods that have been thrown away as part of their Overground/ underground theme. The group went down to the seafont and used their team building and social skills to work together to clean up some of the litter. It was a fantastic experience and great for the group to do something for the community and to encourage others to keep the beach clean.



### School photographer:

We had our school photographer in on Monday who took some fantastic photos of our pupils. Everyone looked very smart in their school uniforms! There will be an opportunity for you to purchase photos of your child in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to sharing these great shots with you!



### Update of Information forms:

We recently sent home 'Update of Information' forms on behalf of School Transport. If your child comes to school on Portsmouth City Council transport and you haven't returned this form, then please do so by the end of next week. It is important that Transport receive this information on a yearly basis in order to continue to transport pupils to and from school.



#### OCTOBER 2018

Monday - Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Little Canada Residential
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival – 10am
Monday – Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

#### November 2018

Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening and future Pathways
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Day – no school for pupils

Please see the 'Events' section of our website for future dates