

Friday 23 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy few weeks here at Redwood. Last week we all enjoyed a very successful Children in Need day, wearing spots and many Pudsey related outfits! Pupils spent the day organising and taking part in a carousel of different activities that everyone enjoyed. We had cake -making, bandanas Pudsey style, a photo booth, and many other great activities. We finished with a celebration assembly where we learned about Children in Need and how much money we managed to raise. Overall the total topped over £150 for Children in Need which is brilliant! Thank you and well done to everyone who took part.

We also learned last week the outcomes of the pupil leadership elections. Pupils across the school were able to apply to hold positions on a variety of committees as well as for key stage and team captain posts. Candidates were then invited to persuade others why they should be voted for and shared this with pupils across both key stages. All the candidates did very well, clearly putting across why they were the best person for the job! Congratulations to everyone and to our Head Girl and Head Boy Angel and Aiden. We look forward to hearing more from them very soon!

Have a good weekend

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Spotlight on Cascades Class

Cascades class have been incredibly busy this term! We have been exploring our theme of 'Party Planet' looking at a range of exciting festivals, songs, foods and stories.

On Wednesdays, we have been out on the kayaking lake. Each of us wrapped up in our warm clothes and practiced working as a team to paddle our kayaks around the lake – we even had a game of 'kayak-football'!

Next we are going to try out archery. We can't wait to let you know how we get on!

As it is the season for fireworks and bonfires, we have been learning how to keep safe around fireworks and how to look after ourselves when we are out in the community. We are all doing so well this year and we can't wait to show you more pictures in the future!



Redwood's Got Talent!

On the 2nd of November we held our Redwood's Got Talent show in our Friday assembly. It was great to see so many people involved with all of the acts being truly great! We had performances of singing, rapping and even some very energetic dancing from Adam! In all we were completely overwhelmed by the amount of talent we have here at Redwood! Well done to everyone who took part!.



Portsmouth Foodbank Donations Total:

The Portsmouth Foodbank have written to us to confirm that as a school we donated a total of 14.5kg of food to the foodbank. This donation has made a big difference to the people that the foodbank helps so thank you all very much for your kind donations back in October.

Enable Ability Teenage Project:

Enable Ability Teenage Project offer a varied programme of inclusive group activities in leisure, sport and recreation, to young people with disabilities or SEN. Activities are designed to enable young people to interact and socialise with their peers on a regular basis. The focus is on improving life skills for all young people; including building confidence & independence, and developing communication skills. Teenage Project is for young people aged 14-19 years, with physical and/or mild-moderate learning difficulties or special educational needs (SEN) in Portsmouth Area. Each member is supported in their own way to access each activity so no matter what support they require from staff they are sure to have fun! December events include Laser Quest, Cinema trips and a Panto. Before attending Teenage Project for the first time a home visit will need to take place to assess suitability. Referrals can be made directly by parents/carers to James at Enable Ability. If any help is required with the referral process, please contact Tara Watkins - Family Support Worker at Redwood Park. Also, portsmouthtp@enableability.org.uk has lots of helpful information about the project.

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.



December 2018

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| Monday - Friday | 17 th - 21 st | Christmas Activities Week |
| Wednesday | 19 th | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday | 21 st | Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term – 1pm finish |

January 2019

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| Monday | 7 th | Back to school |
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Please see the 'Events' section of our website for future dates