

Friday 21st January 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our recent parent survey analysis has now been completed and we received 346 responses in total. The outcomes have shown the community thoughts and feelings about our school provision. Some of the highlights from the survey include:

- 96% said the school provides a good education for their child.
- 93% said their child likes school.
- 92% said their child feels their teachers work hard and teach well.
- 91% said the termly reports are useful.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this. We take all feedback very seriously and the leadership team will be reviewing all contributions to the survey across this half term for things we can do even better.

At the very beginning of each school day children set straight to task whilst the teacher calls the register. This often involves rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. When children arrive to the classroom late, they do not only miss out on their own learning time, but it disrupts this time for other children in the class. Please help us by making sure that children are on time and in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am to come into school with their class.

Despite the changeable weather, we are keen that children get fresh air and play outside each day so please make sure that they bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. Remember, we expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure children are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white t-shirt, plain green shorts or black jogging bottoms as their PE kit.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

EYFS SIX DINNER SID

Children in Reception have been reading *Six Dinner Sid*. They have used their phonic knowledge to describe Sid and developed their fine motor skills by drawing and designing a cat collage. Outside they have explored the movement of a cat!



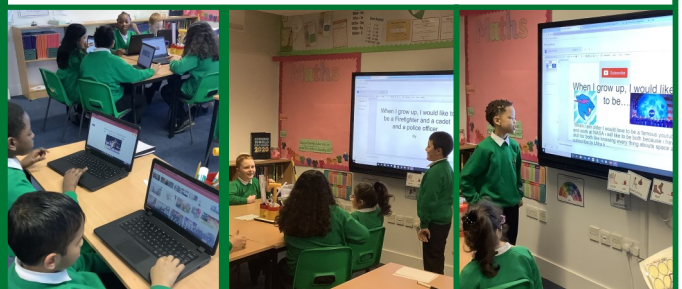
GARAGEBAND YEAR 6

In Music sessions, Year 6 have been exploring the app Garageband to compose their own songs. First pupils selected a drum loop and then recorded a chord sequence. Next week, children will complete their songs then share these with each other to identify improvements to make.



YEAR 5 PSHE

In Poplar Class, pupils have applied their ICT skills in their PSHE lesson by using Google slides to create a presentation about what they aspire to be when they grow up. As a class, children then listened and asked questions as each other presented their slides.



**READING AT HOME IS VERY IMPORTANT!
PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK AND SIGN HOME SCHOOL DIARIES!**



DEBATE MATE

YEAR 1 RE

Debate Mate for Year 5 and 6 pupils has resumed this term, with both groups preparing for the upcoming tournament. Our debaters are learning how to confidently express their ideas clearly and in response to the opposing view.

In Ash Class, the children used images to sequence the story of Rama and Sita in RE. The children worked with a partner to use key vocabulary to retell the key events to others.



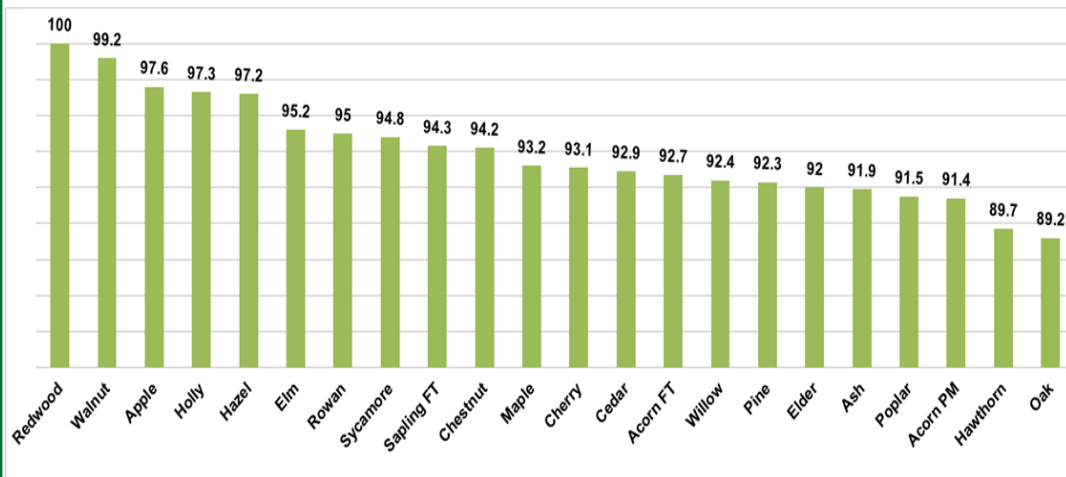
COFFEE MORNINGS AND PARENT DROP INS

Date	Focus
Friday 28 th January	Writing: How can I engage my child to write creatively at home?
Friday 4 th February	Wellbeing: What will my child learn during the Children's Mental Health Week?
Friday 11 th February	Online safety: How to support my child to use digital technologies safely, positively and responsibly? (Safer Internet Day parent workshop for KS2 parents only)

Ms Kavitha and Ms Souda, our Learning Mentors, are available to talk to parents/carers each morning on the playground to discuss any concerns you may have regarding behaviour, learning or any other support you require. If you would like to pre book an appointment, please call the school office to arrange this.

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week was **93.1%**. **Well done to Redwood Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**.



KEY DATES

Spring Term 2022

Children's Start Date:
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Work and Enterprise Week:
24th January 2022
Safer Internet Day: Wednesday 9th February 2022
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Children's Start date:
Monday 21st February 2022
World Book Day:
Thursday 3rd March 2022
Parents Evening:
Thursday 24th March 2022
End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

Summer Term 2022

Easter Monday:
Monday 18th April 2022
Children's Start Date:
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Families' Week:
Starts Monday 25th April 2022
Bank Holiday:
Monday 2nd May 2022
Science & Technology Day
(with Science Fair):
Monday 23rd May 2022
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Children's Start Date:
Monday 6th June 2022
Staff Training Day: Friday 24th June 2022
Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022
Parents Evening:
Thursday 7th July 2022
End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm
Staff Training Day:
Friday 22nd July 2022

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