



Rettendon Primary School Newsletter

8th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The last two weeks have seen many more exciting adventures here at Rettendon. A sea of yellow in support of, 'Beat the blues wear yellow,' for MIND charity, Viking invasions through class 4/5s immersion day and the exploration of light sources through fire lighting with Class 1.



This month we have launched the school value of, 'Tolerance.' In assemblies we have tried to work out what tolerance means and looks like in school and how we can show this value. The children found this value quite tricky to explain so please do support us in helping the children understand what tolerance is. At the moment the children have defined tolerance as:

- To be accepting of others opinions even if they are sometimes different to our own.
- To celebrate similarities and differences in culture, languages, religions and appearances.

It would be great if any families want to share anything about their culture, religion, language or origin to help the children's understanding. Mrs Langton led an assembly with the children where they created tolerance stones with messages on them; these have been hidden around the school grounds for the children to find, share the message and hide them for others. I look forward to seeing who my HT commendations will go to for this school value this week.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all of the maths groups throughout the school these last two weeks; it has meant I have had the pleasure of team-teaching with all staff members



and got to challenge every child's thinking. Also, my lunches have become a special time as I have discovered the wide array of talents the children have over a tasty lunch! We have talents in swimming, gymnastics, acting, martial arts, dancing and music – I look forward to finding more out about your children in the coming weeks.

Excitement and friendly competition is circulating throughout the children – and staff! A class attendance competition has been launched and we are well into the thick of it. At the moment, class 3 are in the lead – much to class 5's dismay! Class 5 are close behind with 100% this week. Who will be cooked breakfast next Friday?

Tonight we relax with our Movie Night, I would like to extend a thank you to the Friends of Rettendon School for their time in making this event happen.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for book looks on Wednesday morning at 8.35am.

I will be releasing a newsletter every other Friday, so please do check for key dates and updates on your child's learning.



Kind Regards,
Mrs S Sloper
Headteacher



A glance through Rettendon's window

Class 1

Class 1 have learnt all about Chinese New Year and enjoyed making and tasting noodles, some loved them and some decided noodles would not be their first choice! We have started with the topic of Light and Dark this week and the children have grown in confidence talking about different light sources. Class 1 have been taken in small groups to start to make fires and more importantly learn how to keep themselves safe and work as a team.



Class 2

This week, in gymnastics, we have been working on combining a sequence of movements together, including a roll, balance and a jump. In music, we have been learning about rhythm and have been beating in time to an Inuit song with instruments.

Next week, in RE, we will continue to learn about Sikhism and stories from a Guru Nanak's life. In Science, we will continue our work on the Environment and learning about how endangered animals are effected by climate change and pollution.



Class 3

Class 3 have been using cubes to represent different amounts in our pictograms; they have enjoyed handling data and presenting it with pictures. We have also looked at creating sliding pictures, next week we will be looking at the use of levers within our design technology lessons.



Health School

A glance through Rettendon's Window

Class 4

What a week! Your kids have been very busy learning how to produce a non-chronological report. They tried to base it on the school but soon we changed it to something more exciting ... OWLS! It is amazing how much they learnt about these birds (a good excuse to link English with our Science topic - Habitats Including Animals). They have produced the most beautiful lay-out ever (some of them even included an index). In History we had the Viking visit, I hope some of your kids took some ideas for our Class Assembly. I have never seen so many children acting 'dead'! And finally, Maths ... some were right, others acute and some very obtuse!

Next week it will be our last week before the most wanted Half Term ever. We will continue with poetry for our English topic and we are coming to a finish with Vikings - but the children will re-visit this knowledge in March.



Class 5

Class 5 enjoyed a blood thirsty Viking day this week. They took on the role of Viking raiders and took classes by surprise when they went on the attack around the school. The children are being stretched and challenged using the new maths programme and are seeing maths in a new way.

Next Tuesday, the children have orienteering in the school grounds.



Healthy School

Key Dates

12.02.2019	Orienteering Day (Whole school)
13.02.2019	Parent Book Look 8.35am
15.02.2019	Attendance Breakfast
15.02.2019	Break up for February Half Term
25.02.2019	Return to School

School Council

“This week we have developed the buddy system and confirmed it will be released after half term. We have also looked at purchasing products for the playground for the children to play with during lunchtime; we are meeting the FRS next week and we will be trying to persuade them to support us with money. Fingers crossed they can supply the money! The School Council will be waiting on the parents at a coffee afternoon in support of MIND charity – date to be confirmed.”

Ethan (Class 5)
School Councillor



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