



Important
Indian Drumming & Dance
Monday 29th January – All classes

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Important dates

- Monday 29th January Indian Dance Workshops in all classes
- W/B 29th January Open Classrooms
- **Wednesday 31st January E safety Information Evening at Rednock School 5pm.**
- **Thursday 8th February SCHOOL DISCO, date for your diary.**
- 12th – 16th February Half term



E safety Evening

With the latest spate of online safety concerns, it is timely to invite you to an Online Safety Information Evening at Rednock School.

The aim of the evening is to provide parents / carers at both Slimbridge and Rednock School with essential advice for the safe use of the internet in the home. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have with regard to your children's use of digital devices in the home.

The event has been designed to provide you with practical examples of the sorts of things you can do at home to maximise the safety of your children. The evening will also include examples of the sorts of materials we use at school to inform our students of the potential dangers of 'over sharing' on the internet.

This event will take place at **Rednock School in the Learning Resources Centre at 5:00pm on Wednesday 31st January 2018** for the presentation. The whole event should take an hour. Refreshments will be available.



Indian Drumming

On Monday 29th January we have invited an Indian Drumming group into school to run workshops in every class. This is part of our aim to introduce the children to a wider variety of cultural influences and prepare them for our multi-cultural world. We have recently carried out a pupil voice questionnaire with pupils from Year 6 and Year 2. We had some interesting conversations about cultural awareness, they feel they don't have enough opportunities to explore different cultures. This workshop will help us support the children's aims, it will explore cultural education through dance, rhythm, movement and music from India, including Bollywood dance where they will learn the iconic hand, eye and neck movements. The workshop will help children learn about traditional Indian folk dance. **We would welcome a voluntary contribution of £3 for all children to assist us with the cost of this event. We appreciate your support with this.**



Mascot Competition

Rednock School have asked the children of their feeder Primary Schools to design and name a mascot to replace the Irish Wolf Hound they have used for a number of years. Designs need to be on an A4 piece of paper, with a name and school written on the back. The mascot will be made as a soft toy and needs an appropriate catchy name. Entries can be handed to Mrs Cooke.



Open Classrooms

Your children's classes will be welcoming parents, carers and families to see the children working on the week beginning 29th January. Classes are open from 9.00am – 9.30am, please remember we are teaching and will not be able to discuss individual children.

Monday – Class 1

Tuesday – Class 2

Wednesday – Class 3

Thursday – Class 4

Friday – Class 5



Poetry Competition

After staff training in January on the benefits of reading poetry on children's vocabulary development and how support children writing poetry. All classes have been working on poetry and we have used poems in assemblies. We would like to run poetry competition on the theme of SPRING for all classes. We will be offering a small prize for the best poem in each year group. Entries to be given to class teachers by Friday 9th February.



Staff

It is lovely to see Mrs Clune settled back into Class 2. She is in class on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be supporting staff with PE and PHSE. The children are all very happy to have her back.

Mrs Wood is in regular contact from Thailand and is really enjoying the experience. She recently visited a new school, the building was beautiful with lots of light and wide corridors. The classrooms were very bare compared to ours and one of the classes only had 3 children. She says the people she meets are very friendly and are always encouraging them to try new foods. She will have lots to share with use when she returns in April. That will be a Friday assembly not to be missed.



Charity donations

We managed to make a donation of £172 to Children in Need from our dress up day and £41 to Save the Children fund from our Christmas jumper day. The collection for Children in Need is one of our highest ever collections, thank you so much for your generosity.



Bracelets

The Year 6 children selling bracelets have been doing a roaring trade. They have finished selling and would like to thank all the children who bought one. They will be sending £35 to children's epilepsy charity EPIC.



School Council News

Last term the School Council focused successfully on fund raising to adopt an otter from WWT. This was an exciting project and we are looking forward to getting news about our otter. This term we have new Council members and they are planning a battery recycling project, further information will come via class teachers.

Last day of term is Friday 9th February.