

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 31st March 2021
**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE
FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 19th April 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April 2021
**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Monday, 3rd May 2021
**BANK HOLIDAY - NO
SCHOOL**

3rd
1st May - 4th June 2021
**SUMMER HALF TERM - No
School**

Wednesday, 21st July 2021
**END OF TERM - EARLY
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Thursday, 22nd July 2021
STAFF INSET DAY



A Message from Sandy

I have witnessed some wonderful moments this week.

The hard work and effort our young learners have put into raising funds for those less fortunate than themselves is to be commended.

During our Red Nose assemblies, the empathy and caring nature of some of the pupils shone through the video screens (sadly, we are still holding assemblies remotely). I hope that very soon guidance will mean that we will be able to relax our bubbles slightly and once again mix more freely with others within the school community.

Thank you all too, for supporting our fundraising efforts across both schools.

As an educator sharing good practice, knowledge and ideas is something I am passionate about. We are fortunate to have so much expertise within our staff team and I truly believe these skills and knowledge need to be utilised to the full.

Because of this, I am very proud to advise that we have had an article published in Autism Parenting Magazine entitled 'OCD and Autism: Unpicking Children's Behaviour in a Dual Diagnosis'. Should any of you be interested in reading it, a link to the article is now available via the OHCAT website.

https://www.ohcat.org/about_us/in-the-media/

Have a lovely weekend.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?



We start by wishing all the Irish amongst us, belated good wishes for St. Patrick's Day. At the primary school

Willow Class marked the occasion in their own special way and had a wonderful time making shamrock paper chains - a wonderful way to hone fine motor skills!

Oak Class discussed the annual parade in Ireland and what it represented.

Our young learners in Yates Class at the secondary school have been learning about money and practising their shopping skills.



There were lots of people enjoying a hot chocolate with Sandy this week at the secondary school:

Rengin for kindness. This week she tidied up the equipment in science. She did it quietly and without even being asked.

Thomas A (Rowell) for overcoming some personal challenges this week and being really resilient.

Kelson (Johnson) wrote a fantastic story in English which was over three pages long and really gripping and exciting.

Staff members nominated were Susanne for resilient and kindness and bringing stability to students during lockdown.

Sian for being supportive and kind. Everybody loved the book shelf competition which provided a real buzz around the school.

Maria for charity in helping us all to raise money for Red Nose Day.

But the big event across both schools this week was **Red Nose Day**. Here's a taste of what happened across both schools today.



Oak Class made their own superhero masks and enjoyed some fun showing off their superhero skills in the playground - be it racing on the bikes, hanging from the climbing frame or jumping on the trampoline.



Acorn Class thoroughly enjoyed their Superhero Activities that took place over the course of the day.



Hazel Class made a collage that explained all about their superhero identity.



Kian loved his red nose and couldn't stop looking at himself in the mirror.

Our luxury Easter Egg competition was won by Noah in Acorn Class, who with the help of his Mum guessed the numbers of lunges Joe Lycett took to get to the biscuit aisle!! He actually took 378!

In total we managed to raise £169.41. Thank you.



Yates Class made their own red nose masks. A wonderful idea - exactly what Comic Relief should have done this year!

Johnson Class were in charge of the fundraising at the secondary school and organised every aspect, from making and decorating to packaging and selling the cakes to students and staff, which included a lot of skills.



The winners of the Red Nose Day joke competition were Wood Class.

The amount raised from cakes was £26.40 and £32.00 from donations for wearing red. This makes a grand total of £58.40 raised for Comic Relief. Well done everyone.

