



Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team



Redfield Educate Together Primary Academy

November 21st 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few weeks our Key Stage 2 children have been taking part in our bikeability sessions, either developing their proficiency in their skills, learning how to navigate on the road or learning to ride a bike for the first time. It has been amazing to see how engaged and enthused our children have been and to see how quickly they have developed their skills.

Year 4 have been taking part in a music project with Preludes music over the last term and have performed at Trinity Centre and our due to perform at St George's Bristol next week. They have shown such commitment in learning songs with the band and have developed their confidence in performing in front of a large group of people. You may have also seen them on Points West in the week!

Next week, we have Bristol City Council coming into school to deliver road safety workshops to the children for Road Safety week and to discuss with the children the changes that are happening in our local area. We are awaiting confirmation from the council of a parental workshop over the following couple of weeks to explain the changes to the roads we are facing as a community this year. If anyone has any questions in the interim they have asked to be contacted via liveableneighbourhoods@bristol.gov.uk

Message from FORET

On Wednesday 27th November we are delighted to announce that FORET is organising and paying for local actor / writer / storyteller Saikat Ahamed to come to the school. Divided in year groups, Saikat will be telling stories to all the children and we know they will really enjoy themselves. Saikat has performed at the Tobacco Factory and the Bristol Old Vic Theatre, The National Theatre and the Wyndhams Theatre in London, the Kennedy Centre in New York City and many more theatres. He was in the film East is East and has appeared in various television programmes too. He has also written a number of plays and received the Norman Beaton Fellowship in 2006 from BBC Radio Drama. His professional storytelling covers all sorts of traditional stories and he has chosen some of his favourite stories for his visit with us on Wednesday. Many thanks to FORET for making this possible!

Also, another big thank you to FORET for paying for the coach for our year 5 students to go to watch a performance at M Shed today (Friday 22nd). Thanks also to the teachers and parents who went along. There are more trips and events to come, with more support from FORET, so watch this space.

Key upcoming dates:

Bikeability sessions – See below for final sessions

YEAR 5

Day One - **Tuesday November 26th**

Day Two - **Thursday November 28th**

Day Three - **Tuesday December 3rd**

Day Four - **Thursday December 5th**

YEAR 6

Day Three - **Monday November 25th**

Day Four - **Wednesday December 27th**

27/11/24 – Author visit

29/11/24 – Safe Travel Assembly and workshop

4/12/24 – 9:00-10:00am: School nurse drop in

10/12/24 2:45-3:15pm: Year 3 Land Event

11/12/24 2:45-3:15pm: Year 4 Land Event

12/12/24 2:45-3:15pm: Year 6 Land Event

*Year groups are alternating Land Events term by term

11/12/24 9:00-10:00am: SEND coffee morning – sensory play

16/12/24 9:30-10:00am and 2:30-3:00pm: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

17/12/24 9:30-10:00am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

18/12/24: Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19/12/24: Last day of term – school closes at 1:15pm

20/12/24: School closed for INSET DAY

6/1/25: First day back to school

Punctuality – drop off & pick up:

We would like to remind you of the importance of punctuality at the start and end of the school day at Redfield Educate Together.


The school gates open at **8:45am** and close promptly at **8:55am**. We kindly request that parents and carers dropping off younger children at their classrooms do so promptly within this 10-minute window. This ensures a smooth start to the day for all our pupils.

Similarly, at the end of the school day, the gates open at **3:25pm** and close at **3:35pm**. We ask that all children are collected by the time the gates close. We understand that some

children may become anxious if not collected on time, and we aim to avoid any unnecessary worry by encouraging parents and carers to arrive promptly at the end of the day.

Reminder - All weather school:

With the weather getting colder please remember to send children in with appropriate clothing e.g. hats, gloves and scarfs



We are an all Weather School
We Embrace the Outdoors in Every Weather!

Why Outdoor Play Matters:


- **Boosts physical health**
- **Sparks creativity and imagination**
- **Builds social skills and teamwork**
- **Connects children with nature**

Essentials for All Weather:

- **Waterproof Jacket:** Stay dry during rain!
- **Warm Layers:** Keep cozy on chilly days.
- **Wellington Boots:** Perfect for wet weather.
- **Sun Hat:** Protect against UV rays on sunny days.
- **Gloves & Scarves:** Stay warm when it's cold.
- **Extra Socks:** Keep feet comfortable.

 **Remember to Bring Spare Clothes!**
Having a change of clothes means more fun and less worry.
Children can keep a spare pair of clothes, including socks and shoes in school.

** If you have spare waterproof coats or wellington boots that you would like to donate as school spares please drop hand them to the office - thank you!



TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING



Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE



Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE



Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE



It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR



Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS



For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS



When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'



Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

10 HAVE FUN!



Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

