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Weekly Newsletter – January 20th 2017

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Sportshall Athletics at Queens'

On the 17th of January, 30 lucky year 6 students went on a sports trip to Queens' School for an athletics competition. The aim was to qualify for the next stage in the tournament.

When we arrived, we were ready for the first race. Many field and track races later, our fastest runners had an opportunity to do well in a race, which included jumping off pads on the walls and passing a baton to the next player. Unfortunately, we did not do well in the race.

It was up to the Little Reddings Girl squad to improve our place, but failed as the other girls from the other schools put in a good shift. As they were announcing the winners, it was getting tense. None of the schools wanted to be knocked out. Unfortunately, we came last. We came back with our heads held high and ready for another tournament we could qualify in.

Written by Alex and Lleyton Year 6

Trust Wide English Lesson Updates

We continued our work across the Trust to improve learning for our pupils and students this week by focusing on English lessons.

A team of staff from Bushey Meads came across to Little Reddings to observe English lessons in Year 5 and Year 6. The staff that came were very impressed with all that they saw and were able to take some ideas back to input into their lessons to aid transition and to increase expectations of learning within Year 7 and Year 8.



The BMS staff informed us that they would adopt our use of washing lines and working walls within their classrooms to aid the students' learning. They would use images and videos for stimulus to 'hook' the children into learning and they would use our language for learning to improve students understanding and valuing of 'editing' and 'up-levelling' their writing.

Overall, they will have heightened expectations for their Year 7 and 8 classes

After half term, staff from LRS will go to BMS to observe some English lessons and see what they can bring back to improve their teaching even further here.

We are incredibly lucky to be part of such a forward-thinking Multi Academy Trust. The possibilities for improvement are endless!



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Martin Luther King Jr Day Assembly

Martin Luther King Day was celebrated with a special assembly by Year 3 on 15th January. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader of the civil rights movement in 1960s America, which meant that he hoped that black people and white people would begin to live together peacefully, with equal rights. He was assassinated in 1968.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.

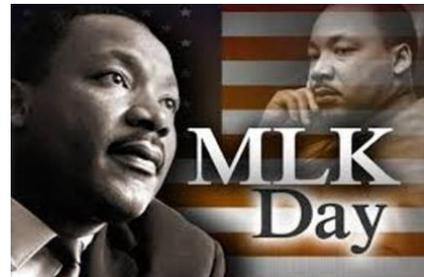
When we teach children about Martin Luther King Jr now, we teach how one man, full of determination, made a change in the world. We teach that everyone, in their own way, can make a difference - however small, for good (or bad). We teach that it is possible, but not easy, to move mountains in a peaceful way.

All of Year 3 did a performance of Martin Luther King. We showed some role plays about a lady called Rosa Parks and acted out when she got arrested on the bus for not giving up her seat to a white person.

The whole school watched our assembly and parents and carers came in and watched us too. When the role play finished, we read out some speeches describing the events.

We finished the assembly with an important speech of Martin Luther King and and we sang a song.

Written by Nutsa and Chris Year 3



Parent Consultation

Your child will bring home a questionnaire today for our annual consultation. Please complete and return by next Friday. Thank you!



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School Lunches

Lunches across the Trust are currently provided by the outside catering company ABM. We have been working closely together this week to improve the lunches and the environment for the children.



A new menu will be released very soon that incorporates all of the children's favourite foods. The dining area of the hall has had a makeover and looks much more appealing. Feedback from children is that the baguettes have been hard and dry - so we have worked to get these improved and soon will introduce boxed sandwiches with a wider range of fillings to the menu too.

You can give us your feedback of school lunches by emailing us at admin@littlereddings.herts.sch.uk

Science Fair at Sacred Heart

On Wednesday eight children from Year 3 and Year 4 were chosen to attend a Science Fair. We took a minibus to Sacred Heart and learnt about animals and their habitats.

First, a man showed us a powerpoint of all the places in the world that he has been and we talked about the habitat and what animals you might find there.

After that, we got to see and touch different animals such as stick insects, a tarantula, a snake and others. We learnt what each animal can do - like tarantulas biting, snakes shedding their skin and stick insects camouflaging themselves to look like leaves and sticks.

We really enjoyed the day and lots of fun!

Written by Olajide in Year 3 and Danielle and Diane in Year 4



Writer of the week

- 2 - Rares, Jessica
- 3 - Evie, Adian D
- 4 - Skye, Ruby
- 5 - Derek-John, Trevor
- 6 - Leo



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This Week's Attendance

Class	Percentages
Rosen	89.1
Donaldson	90.4
Ahlberg	92.6
Milne	88.0
Browne	95.2
Hoffman	96.8
King-Smith	98.2
Walliams	97.1
Dahl	97.1
Simon	95.7
Morpurgo	94.4
Horowitz	92.3
Pullman	93.7
Blackman	97.4
Rowling	97.5

Stars of the Week



- R - Harvey, Ellie
- 1 - Freddie, Nivain
- 2 - Chloe, Alex
- 3 - Sofia, Krystian
- 4 - Dexter, Tilly
- 5 - Luca, Jayden
- 6 - Aneeq, Alek

Dates for your diary February 2017

Friends of Little Reddings (FLR) will be holding the following events:

Thursday 2nd February, 2017 3.15pm

Coffee and Cake afternoon - come along and chat with FLR members and staff.

Tuesday 7th February, 2017 3.15 to 4pm

Early Years Disco

Wednesday 8th February 3.15 to 4.15pm

KS1 Disco (years 1 and 2)

Thursday 9th February 3.30 to 5pm

KS2 Disco (years 3 to 6)

13th to 17th February - HALF TERM

