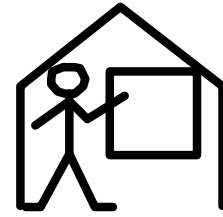


Friday 9th November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers.

It has been a busy first week back at school. All the classes have been working on ideas and activities linked to our whole school theme marking a century since the end of WW1.



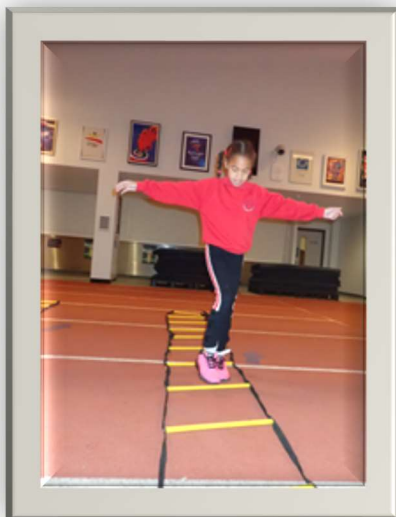
Parent and Carer Support Group

The Parent and Carer Support Group meets every half term. Each meeting has a different theme. The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet and socialise. They are also designed to be informative, so each meeting usually has a different focus. Since last year, we have had sessions with Brenda Campbell about 'Signalong', information about the packages offered in school by Speech and Language therapy and Sensory Integration and an overview of the Redway Curriculum and the Evidence App from our Assistant Head Mike Russell. We also enjoyed a visit from a representative from Milton Keynes Gallery, who came to talk to us about interactive art sessions for our children and their families.

The sessions are very informal and relaxed, and we would love to have many more parents and carers attending. There are usually cakes and biscuits to enjoy! If you have any ideas or suggestions about what we could include in our meetings, please email me diane.clarke@theredway.net . The date and time for the next meeting is **Monday 26th November 10.30am until 11.45am** and will be held in Mercedes classroom. Come and join us to find out more about how we use Intensive Interaction to teach the pre-speech fundamentals of communication to the children in our school. The session will be led by Michaela Read.

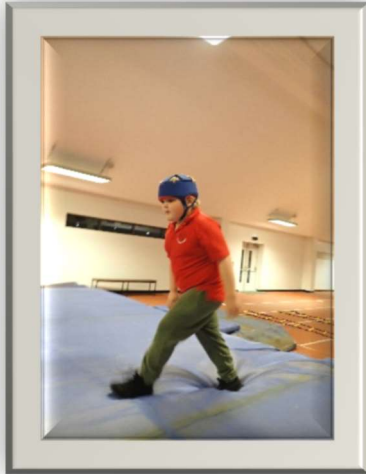
News from Team PE

Following on from last year where we trialled participating in the Saracens 'Sarrie at Home' scheme, we were given the opportunity to go again. The Sarrie at Home programme is a fully funded initiative that enables us to participate in some circuit activities which focus on Gross Motor Skills with a hint of rugby. We jumped at the chance to take a different group of children to experience this, as it is more than just the Physical challenges set by the activities, and the ability to explore the vast, yet contained space (allowing the children to really get some speed up and enjoy chasing each other around!). We feel it is as important for the children to experience a long journey on the motorway and an exercise in sitting and patience for up to an hour and a half (on a Monday morning!).



We travelled to the Saracens Stadium at Allianz Park in Hendon, where on arrival their inclusion team were on hand to help us unload and get ourselves in to the incredible indoor space below the stands, we were greeted with big smiles and lots of helpful

hands (thanks to Ben, Scarlett and Charlotte!). The space is all the more impressive as they have had the 100m warm up track from London 2012 re-laid as the surface. This gives us a huge contained indoor space for the children to really explore safely. We warmed up as a group using a parachute and some games involving balls and then we moved on to working on circuit stations set up throughout the room. They are lucky enough to have a Sensory Room immediately off this area, which enabled the children to take a break when necessary.



The children all really enjoyed the experience and participated at whatever level was appropriate to them. We also had some wonderful WOW moments where surprising bonds were made between children from different classes. Well done everyone and a big thanks should go to the Saracens staff as well as our class staff who have to work extra hard on a day like this. Looking forward to next years' slot already!

Team PE

Deadline for orders for school photographs is Friday 16th November

Dates for your diary

Monday November 19th - School closes at 1:30pm - Parents Consultation Afternoon
2pm - 4:30pm

Friday November 16th - Children in Need Day - wear jazzy leggings, loud shirts or both!

Friday November 30th - Staff Training Day. School will be closed for pupils.

Thursday December 6th - Concert at Christ the Cornerstone 2pm

Monday December 10th - Christmas Faye 1pm-2.30pm

Wednesday December 12th - 10:30am - Concert at St Mary's

Tuesday December 18th and Wednesday December 19th - Christmas Lunches

Thursday December 20th - Christmas parties pm

Friday December 21st - End of term Christmas Assemblies, 10am and 11am.

Have a great weekend!

Diane