



Newsletter Term 2 2023/2024



Monday 27th November

Message from Miss Davies

Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic few weeks in school with so many wonderful things happening! We were so lucky to welcome two of Swindon's first team players into school as part of an EFL Anti-bullying initiative. It was so lovely to share the things that we do at Rodbourne with George Mceachran and Udoka Godwin-Malife, as well as with Shane Hewlett from STFC in the Community. They were incredibly impressed with the children's attitudes, behaviour, questions and their singing too! We sang two of our assembly songs to them so beautifully. We also loved singing All of Me with Udoka (Dokes), who recently went viral singing this song in the Swindon Town dressing room! It was a magnificent moment- and one which we will remember for a long, long time.

We were also incredibly proud this week of four of our Year 6 children who went to Anfield! They presented their social action project to the hosts, as well as to several other schools on the importance of picking up litter and looking after our planet. Once again, we received fantastic feedback on the sensible attitude and maturity of our children. They were an absolute credit to the school.

Selected pupils attended the girls' tournament at Foundation Park this week. They tried very hard against some fierce and quality teams. They showed great resilience and determination. I was very impressed with the girls' attitude throughout the tournament. This was also picked up from other Swindon school staff who complimented the girls on this. This is a real strength across the school and I am always very proud of our children for being so kind and caring to others.

As part of our school values and ethos, we are pleased that we allow our children to nominate other children across the school for being kind. This is a testament to the children who want to praise others. It is a very important aspect of our school that children can do this as they really notice and appreciate the other children and recognise when their peers go above and beyond. Mr Sykes and I presented about this, along with how to establish a strong school culture, to other school leaders across Swindon and the South West of England this week.

Our Year 4 children have been budding chefs this week. They created some lovely Thai noodles and spring rolls. We were very impressed with their cooking skills. Their food not only smelt delicious but tasted very nice too! Well done to all our children. If your child (with yourselves) cook or bake something tasty at home, then we would love to know about it as cooking is an integral part of our DT curriculum.

Our nativity rehearsals are in full swing! We are looking forward to sharing what the children have been rehearsing to you over the next few weeks. Our Nursery children will perform songs to their parents in a separate event. We love Christmas time in school! It really is the best and most special time of year to be an educator.

Warm regards,
Miss Davies



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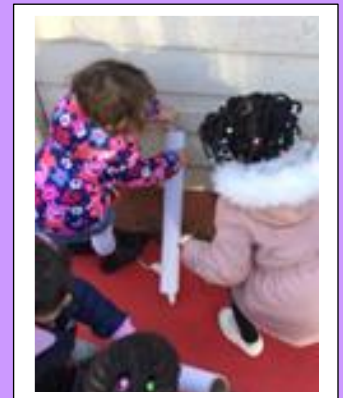
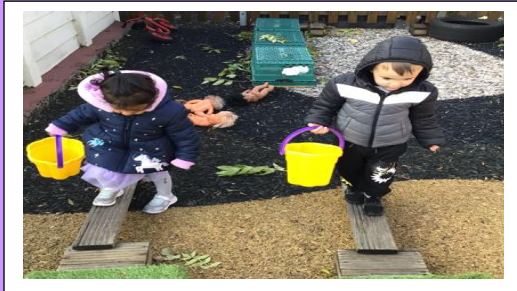
National Nursery Rhyme Week

In our nursery provision, we learned lots of nursery rhymes as part of World Nursery Rhyme Week. We then incorporated lots of curriculum enhancements to help our children remember them.

Did you know that research says that if children know 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years of age, they will usually be amongst the best readers and spellers for their age by the time they are eight years of age.

Here are some of the Nursery rhymes, songs, and activities that we have been learning last week:

- Hickory dickory dock
- Row, row, row your boat.
- Jack and Jill.
- Head, shoulders, knees and toes.
- Wheels on the bus.



School Council Meeting Minutes

Christmas cards for the Elderly

At this week's meeting, our school council discussed with Miss Davies how they would like to make Christmas cards for local care homes and spread a bit of joy to the elderly in our community. If you know of any homes that would welcome some cards from our children, please contact our school office and let us know. Our school email address is admin@rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk

Play Equipment

The children have requested some more play equipment which we will look into as a school as it is important to us that our children have things that they want to play with.

School Strengths

They also wanted to document the strengths of the school. They feel that the following things are positives about the school: kindness to all, helping each other, making sure everyone is included, older children look after our younger children. These are lovely things for our children to be proud of.

Children in Need

Well done to our school councillors for organising Children in Need this year. They did a great job!



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<i>Diary Dates</i>	
8.12.23	<i>Donations for fayre- Christmas jumper or dress down day</i>
12.12.23	<i>Nativity dress rehearsal</i>
13.12.23	<i>Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity play (am)</i>
13.12.23	<i>Christmas dinner day</i>
14.12.23	<i>Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity play (pm)</i>
14.12.23	<i>Families and Staff Christmas carols on the playground (everyone welcome) 6pm</i>
15.12.23	<i>Nursery Christmas sing-along 10.45am</i>
18.12.23	<i>Christmas fayre at 1.35pm</i>
19.12.23	<i>Break up for Christmas holidays. 1.30pm finish</i>
03.1.24	<i>Teacher Training Day</i>
04.1.23	<i>Children return to school for Term 3</i>

Chess Sets Needed

Many of our older children are enjoying playing chess at the moment.

If you have any chess sets that you no longer play with at home, we would very much like to receive them as a donation to our indoor games equipment.

Spare Clothes Needed

If your child has grown out of any jogging bottoms, leggings, school trousers, tights etc aged 2-6 and you are happy to donate them, we would be more than happy to add them to our spare clothes box for children in our younger classes who may need some fresh clothes from time to time.

Support is here if you need it.

We appreciate that the run up of Christmas is a very exciting time but it can also be a stressful time, especially financially.

If you do need any support, then please do reach out to our school as we will always be happy to help. We have good links with several organisations who can support with delivering food, or providing food bank vouchers if this is something you require. This will all be confidential. Please speak to our admin team, Mrs Stephenson or Miss Davies if you would like some more information.