

12th June 2025



The Grange Times



Redwood

Redwood had the pleasure of being invited to join Robins and Falcons on a trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The class had a wonderful time as the animals were out in full force showing us all of their wonderful colours, characteristics and charm!

Neveaha: I loved the camels because they are really cute and I think they walk funny. We got to see the new baby camel! I learnt that camels humps are actually filled with fat not water!

Noah: The zoo was amazing because of all the animals we saw like the giraffes and the elephants.

Jas: The Zoo was awesome! I get to see my favourite type of animals which are the elephants.

Ugne: I liked the butterflies because their wings are colourful.

Freddie: The Zoo was perfect because I see the animals and the giraffes came over.

Arthur: I enjoyed seeing all the different species of fish because I enjoy seeing the marine life.

Tyler: I enjoyed the Zoo, it was a lot of fun, like so much fun because I got to see a lot of animals and learn a lot more about them. Like, did you know that a giraffe has the same amount of neckbones as a human, they are just longer!

Eva- Louise: I loved the Lemurs because they were so cute and they were sleeping after their afternoon food.

Jack: I liked taking pictures of the animals on the train. I like seeing the animals roaming free in their Zoo habitat. My favourite animal was the poison dart frog!



Hazel



Last Friday, Hazel and Kestrels nest organised the Big Lunch for the rest of the school.

In their Life Skills lessons, the students decided which activities they wished to organise and what resources they required. Each student had a role and was assigned an activity.

Ruby: In Life Skills, we got everything ready; books, colouring, games and we used bunting. We created a poster about the big lunch, which included the time, the activities we were doing and location. I enjoyed playing with the beads. I was so addicted with it! I loved putting my hands in it. I loved colouring in.

Eva: We all organised which activities we were doing. I helped put out the bean bags and seating in a big circle for the Chill Zone.

Tristan: We planned the Big Lunch. For the chill zone, one table was Orbeez and the other one was the game one. We put posters around the school and everyone came to the chill zone. Me and Dylan made the poster. We put a puzzle and play dough on it. It was a little tricky but I got it right.

Hannah: We've been doing colouring and bracelets and we've been watching a movie. We had bean bags out, books, and teddies. We had some Orbeez. It was easy to organise the Chill Zone and the Big Lunch.

Amber: It was easy setting the chill zone up in our classroom. It looked like a cosy bedroom. I loved the Orbeez. In Life Skills, we had to get all the games, people to play, and the books to read.



Palm



This week some of Palm class went on a horticulture trip to Cambridge Botanical Gardens. A lovely time was had by the group, apart from having to dodge a heavy rain shower at lunchtime. Other children in Palm class have particularly enjoyed using the Kojo box this week. Kojo helps build teamwork and resilience in our pupils.

Scarlett: I went on a gardening trip to Cambridge. It was very interesting I liked it, because there were lots of



different types of plants. We went to the cafe to get out from the rain. Then we went to the workshop to buy something for ourselves.

Alfie: The other day we did Commando Joe, for our team building and problem solving. There was this box that had a bunch of random stuff and we had to build stuff like, Beefeaters hats, the Tower of London and chariot.

Malachi: On Friday 6th June went To Botanic Gardens In Cambridge and had a good look around the gardens. I saw a big water fountain and there was plants and a giant ginger tree and we all stood around the tree as a circle.

Tammi: Yesterday afternoon we did Commando Joe. My team had to make a carriage but it was really windy so it was really hard to do. We had to show resilience and teamwork. I wanted to quit but I didn't.

Mayson: In Life Skills we did Commando Joe. First we made a Beefeater hat by using a big cone and a little cone. Then after that we built the Tower of London by using wooden planks and empty pipes on top, but we had a thin wooden stick to hold up the empty pipes. It took some time but we used teamwork to help.

Baron: I went to Cambridge Garden I saw beautiful flowers and trees. I disliked the rain as I was eating my food.



Kyle: Commando Joe is a time work building challenge where you have to think how to make the London Tower or about or a butchers hat.

Alex: Last Friday the horticulture group went on a trip to Cambridge. It was an amazing garden full of many types of trees and flowers from around the world. One tree was so thick it took eleven students holding hands to reach around the trunk.

Matthew: On Monday in Life Skills we did this topic called Commando Joe and what we are learning in this topic is how to use teamwork, resilience and also problem solving. The theme of the topic we are doing is about the Queen and learning facts about the Queen. On Friday 6th June went To Botanic Gardens In Cambridge. I saw a big water fountain and there was plants and a giant ginger tree.

Calvin: Last Friday we went to Cambridge Botanical Gardens for those pupils who are in horticulture options group. We looked at the plants and had a clipboard and pencil to sketch the plants. My favourite plant is the cactus.

Elm

As our Topic is Greece and the Ancient Greeks in Art lessons Elm class have been making Greek vases. They have drawn a design and are now starting to make the vases out of clay.

Zach: I used clay and made a hole with my thumb.

Robin: In art, I am trying to make a vase with clay.

Samuel: We are making Greek vases with clay in art.

Lewis: This term, we are learning about Ancient Greece. We are making vases with the Greek patterns.

Owen: I am making a vase with clay. I used water to keep the vase moist and to shape it. I enjoyed using the clay.

Marley: I made a vase with clay and used water to smooth the clay. It was quite good. I added a spout to my vase.

Malakai: I enjoyed making my vase. I can't to make my design and paint it.

Martin: We made vases out of clay. I used water to smooth the clay and make it soft. I made into a shape and made a hole with my thumb.

Luca: I moulded my clay into a Greek pot design. I designed a Greek pattern which I will put onto my vase later.

Harry: We have been making detailed Greek vases out of clay. It is lots of fun. We are going to add handles and paint them later.



Willow

Willow Class took part in Kestrels Big Lunch event. We started off having a picnic indoors as sadly it was raining. The class were able to do lots of activities in the afternoon including, diamond cricket, they also had a chill zone where they could colour, play games and play with orbes. And to end the afternoon they had many different stalls where they could buy cakes, drinks, even ice-cream! Overall, a very enjoyable afternoon.

Jordan: I hit the ball in the cricket game.

Phoebe: The orbes felt cool, thanks Kestrels!

Dejon: I got some yummy ice-cream!

Jake: I could use my money to get lots of sweets. And I was able to bowl for the cricket game.

Teddy: I liked the chill zone room the best!

Robin: I enjoyed running around at the diamond cricket.

Robert: The chill zone was cool.

Larissa: I like the feel of the orbes.



Cedar

Cedar class have been discussing and been involved in various events recognising that it is OK to be different.

Steven: It's OK to celebrate all people.

Ollie: Pride month is a great thing because we sow love and respect to all people and those who love their partners.

Rodney: As a school we respect people and their choices.

Ryan: We do lots of events to support all students.

Keiran: I had to research and learn a lot of new things about pride.

Ray: I am looking forward to the colour run!

Reece: I am impressed with how we support it in school and around the world.

Ash

This week, Ash class created a wonderful underwater diorama in DT, as part of our topic under the sea. They used different materials, practicing their fine motor skills as well as exploring their senses, e.g. sewing, and threading to create some lovely sea animals and their environment too such as, fish, corals, seahorse. They also coloured a cardboard box to make the seabed and the whole project was amazing!

Alex: Yellow seahorse.

Ella-Rose: Pink fish.

Aneyk: Sticking the seaweed.

Thabo: Making crabs.



Robins

This week, Robins went on 2 very exciting trips to the Hunstanton Sea Life Centre and ZSL Whipsnade. We had an amazing time seeing all different creatures, playing on the beach, paddling in the sea and spending time together as friends.

Shaun: I saw the shark was swimming fast! I made a sandcastle Lambo on the beach. We saw the tigers and giraffes.

Marcel: I do like when we saw the animals and especially the beach. Me and Levi were throwing stones like we were cavemen! If I had to choose my favourite I think it would be the aquarium.

Levi: I loved the tigers. I did throwing rocks with Marcel. We saw otters, turtles, fish and sting rays.

Lilly-Jo: Me go in the sea! And see lot, lot, lot of fish! I felt so excited.

Cody: My favourite bit about the aquarium was seeing the baby penguins. I was brave and put my toes in the sand for the first time.

Keyaan: Giraffes. On the train to see elephants. Choo, choo in the tunnel!

Samuel: My favourite part was building a tower of rocks with Miss Trinder! We saw a shark and a sting ray swimming. Such a big turtle. I loved seeing the Giraffes.

Amelia: My favourite part of the Sea Life at Hunstanton was seeing the really big turtle, it was bigger than my head! I put my feet in the water at the beach and they sank in the sand. My favourite part of Whipsnade was seeing the elephants because they are my favourite animal.

Scarlett: We went to the beach and I saw a jellyfish for real life in the sea. I loved the seals, otters and the baby penguins. I even found a unicorn fish, so cool! I took sheep with me to the zoo and showed him the giraffes.

Alfie: I saw turtle. Sting-ray and fish. Train, choo-choo tunnel!

Sidney: Seeing the stingray shark, it has 3 fins it was big! The giraffes were eating.

Phoebe: The beach! Penguins & fish. The butterfly wings. Pink and blue!

Arya: The seahorse were swimming. I saw the elephants from the train.

Ayaan: Angelfish, sand and water! The railway was fun!

Gabriel: Fish. The giraffe is tall.

Dominik: Walking on the beach. I liked the lions!

Olo: I loved seeing the starfishes. I liked the flamingos standing on one leg. I tried to do the same!

James: I liked when I was playing in the sand at the beach. The otters were so cute!

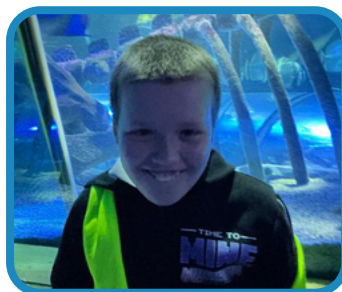
Henry: Penguins! Train.

Alex: Picnic day, beach. Big fish. Driving bus, M1. Picnic park, tall giraffe.

Ella-Rose: Jellyfish, sting-ray, beach! Orange butterfly, train, choo-choo!

Olivia: Fish, beach. Elephant, lion.

Thabo: Going to sea life, feeding bread to the seagulls. Baby crocodile has snap teeth go snap, snap!



Work Experience

This month we have had the pleasure of two year 11's going out to Work Experience at Peter Pan Nursery in Bedford. They have had the experience of working with children of pre-school age. They have both completed Child Care as part of their options.

Jasmine: I enjoyed encouraging the children to share snacks and toys. I also enjoyed reading stories to the children. I played magnetic shapes with the children. I found that little children liked to have my attention a lot. I felt a little embarrassed at circle time because I had to join in with the singing. I learned the song and joined in by the time I had been there a few times. My dream job is to work in a Nursery when I have finished my education

Tammi: I enjoyed the circle time and joined in with the singing. I enjoyed the outdoor area. Supporting the children to use the climbing frames and helped them with the balancing bar. I liked reading to the children as they listened to the story.

I enjoyed going to the Nursery, but it was a very long and busy day. I helped tidy up at the end of the day when the children had gone home. I enjoyed the experience but do not feel that I would want to work with this age group but glad for the opportunity to have a go at it.

On the 16th May 12 of the students from year 9,10 and 11 went along to Rivertree Free School and supported with their open day of activities. Well done to all the young people that helped.



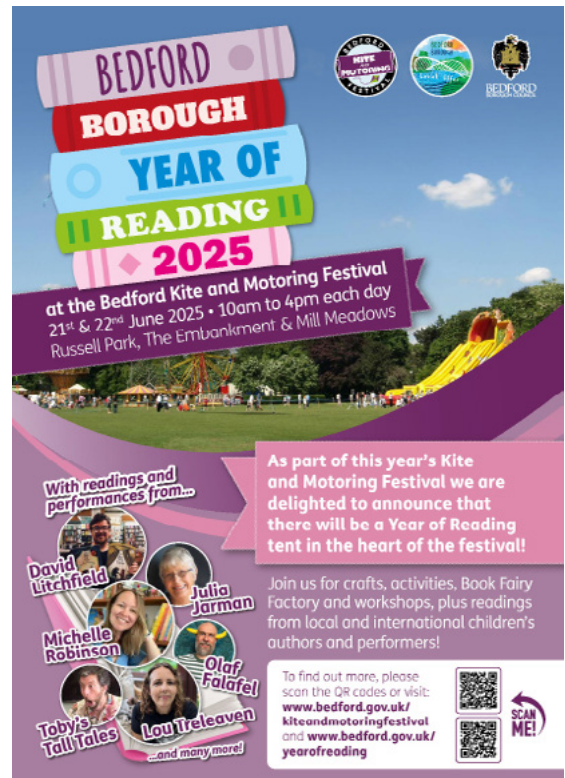
Parent Feedback



Thank you to all parents/carers who completed our survey.

Your comments and feedback are really important to us and we will ensure that we take on board your suggestions and ideas.

Notices



Diary Dates

Wednesday 25th June 2025 - Talent Show

Wednesday 16th July 2025 - Year 11 Leavers Assembly

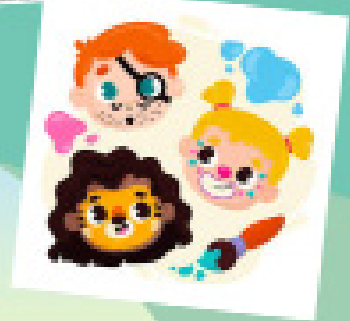
Thursday 17th July 2025 - Year 10/11 Prom

Friday 18th July 2025 - Last Day of Term



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