



## REFFLEY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY AND

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### **Message from Miss Fendley**

At last signs of Spring are with us! The better weather and brighter days will give the children the chance of making the most of their time outside - far better than spending playtimes in their classrooms. On the subject of playtimes, I've received a very long shopping list from the School Council and I'm very happy to report that many items have been purchased but, sadly, the trampolines and Nerf guns haven't!

### **Change to the front of our school**

Anyone approaching our school from the front entrance, leading off Reffley Lane, can't help but notice a major difference to its appearance. Two very large trees have been removed for safety reasons. There is still a degree of cosmetic work to be done in the general area. In due course there will be two mature trees planted the other side of the driveway, which we are told is likely to take place during the Easter holidays.

### **NSPCC Numbers Day - 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Our school was very happy to join in with the fun and help raise some funds for this very worthy children's charity. In total, we sent off £206.40 as a collective donation from Reffley Academy. Thanks to all those who contributed.

### **Return of whole school assemblies**

We had continued to host assemblies to classrooms throughout the school via zoom meetings post pandemic. However, we are very excited to return to holding collective assemblies in the School Hall. Our weekly schedule is as follows - separate assemblies for both KS 1 & KS 2 on a Monday morning and a whole school assembly on a Friday afternoon. Safer internet Day was recognised in school on 7<sup>th</sup> February, with a whole school assembly. We reminded our pupils about how to keep themselves and their identity safe whenever using the internet.

### **Announcing a new website for Reffley Academy**

We are in the process of 'building' a new school website! The old website has served us well but it's time for a change and we hope to provide a refreshing new look at how to find important information, details about what is happening at our school and how to navigate all the critical criteria that we are required to display by law - so watch this space!

### **Parents' & Carers' Information Sessions - MON, 27<sup>TH</sup> & WED, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher in order to have a chat and find out what subjects are being studied in class and how your child is progressing. Appointment sheets will be available outside of the main school office, as from Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March.

## **RED NOSE DAY - Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Children wishing to take part in this fundraising event are welcome to in exchange for a small donation please. Don't worry about having special Red Nose Day merchandise, any suitable non-uniform clothing will be permitted - but please remember, it should be practical for the school day (changing for P.E. lessons, lunchtime, playtimes, etc.).

## **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day**

We celebrated one of the best World Book Days ever at Reffley. We had so many distinguished characters contained under one roof, it was like a big 'living Library' and to really set the theme of the day, KS 2 pupils, including staff, held a marathon game of Quidditch in the Hall!



## **MARCH PREVIEW AND DIARY DATES**

<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yr. 2 visiting Norton's Dairy Farm, Frettenham</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yr. 1 visiting King's Lynn Museum - Toys of the Past</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Choir at the Corn Exchange - Schools Make Music</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>New parents &amp; carers visiting the Nursery Class</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Non-uniform day in aid of Red Nose Day</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yr. 4 visiting King's Lynn Museum - Romans and the Iceni</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parents' &amp; Carers' Information sessions - 3.30 p.m. onwards</b>