

Reedley Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had lots going on in school last week at Reedley...

Year 4, 5 and 6 children had a visit from an author, Martin Chatterton and our Year 2 children had a visit from 'Pendle Dogs In Need' and found out all about how to care for a pet.

Year 6 children also enjoyed a day visit to Whitehough Education Centre and the staff reported that their behaviour was excellent throughout. Details will be coming out soon about the residential visit to Whitehough for the year 6 children and I do hope that they all take part in that amazing opportunity.

Clubs

Most of the school clubs start this week after school.

If your child has been allocated a place, they must attend the club if they are in school that day, or they risk losing their place.

The children need to be collected PROMPTLY at 4.15pm from the hall via the school office following each of the club sessions.

Again, children may lose their place in the club if they are collected late on three occasions.

If the children are in a sport club, they will need to bring additional sport kit to wear; they are not permitted to use their school PE kit for this.

Times tables

I was excited last week to announce our latest addition to the times tables/division tests that the children are encouraged to take part in. Our new Hackmanite Award consists of 144 division questions to be completed in 3 minutes.

Children from Year 2 upwards are encouraged to work to achieve our awards:

Bronze Award

2, 5, 10 times tables. 24 multiplication and division questions in 3 minutes

Silver Award

3, 4, 5, 6, 11 times tables. 30 multiplication and division questions in 3 minutes

Gold Award

7, 8, 9, 12 times tables. 36 multiplication and division questions in 3 minutes

Amethyst Award

Random questions up to 12x12. 60 multiplication and division questions in 3 minutes

Emerald Award

Random questions up to 12x12. 100 multiplication and division questions in 3 minutes

Hackmanite Award

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Children's University

Last year we were delighted to see 14 of our pupils graduate from the Children's University. How the scheme works... children gain credits for each hour that they do when they are learning something new in a school club, or taking part in a club out of school (eg swimming lessons, karate lessons, organised library sessions). The learning must be outside of normal school hours and only 10 hours of any activity can be achieved in any school term.

The organisations MUST be part of the national Children's University scheme. You can check this out by looking on their website or APP. (www.childrensuniversity.co.uk).

I automatically award credits for the time that children spend doing school clubs and send these off to the University at the end of each term. If children wish to gain credits from clubs or organisations out of school, then these need to be collected in a passport, which can be purchased from school for £1.

There are 70 accredited learning destinations across Burnley and Pendle. There are also half-term challenges that the children can take part in, which I will inform you of.

From Reedley, our children achieved 3565 hours of new learning in the last school year!

Towards the end of the school year, the children with enough credits are invited to graduate. They wear a cap and gown and attend a ceremony, recognising their achievements in extending their learning. Credits that children achieved in the last school year will be rolled over and added to in this school year, so I am sure we will have a lot of children graduating in the summer.



Lates

A number of children have been arriving late to school Last week, over 7 hours of learning was missed by children who arrived after the school day started at 8.50am. It is very important that the children are in their classes for 8.50am each day. It can have a huge impact on children's learning and emotional wellbeing, if they miss parts of the lessons.

PE Kits

Well done for sending the children's PE kits into school. These remain in school and can be taken home for washing at school holiday times. They must, however, come straight back when we return to school.

Thank you for your support,

Sarah Bell

Headteacher