

Tenacres First School Newsletter Spring Term 1 2014



Headteacher Appointment

We are pleased to let you know that Miss Marshall has been appointed as the new Headteacher at Tenacres.

Some of you may already know Miss Marshall from her time here at Tenacres as Deputy Headteacher but for the past 4 years

she has been the Headteacher at St. Luke's C of E First School in Redditch.

Miss Marshall will be joining us in September but she will be visiting Tenacres during the summer term.



Miss Marshall



To celebrate the start of the Winter Olympics and introduce it as our whole school topic, Tenacres took to the ice!

An ice rink was installed in our school

hall on 31st January and all children enjoyed a skating session with their classmates.

We even made the front page of the Redditch Standard!

Tenacres on Ice!

This week teaching staff have embraced the role of the TWOG (Tenacres Winter Olympic Gamester) and are hosting Tenacres very own Winter Olympics.

All children are participating in games and events designed and built by our talented Year 4 children.



Parent Workshops

During the week of the 27th January, parents and carers were invited in to a variety of workshops including:

- Reception junk modeling pets.
- Year 1 buying games the children had created from the 'toy shop'.
- Year 2 sewing Rainforest collage squares.
- Year 3 & 4 making models for their own Winter Olympic events.



Reception Junk Modelling



Year 1 'Toy Shop'



Year 2 Rainforest Collage

Malvern Residential Trip

Twenty six Year 4 children enjoyed a 3 day fun packed residential trip to Malvern Outdoor Elements.

They undertook lots of daring activities including zip-wire and high rope bridges.



The children learnt lots of

valuable life lessons including team work, risk taking and confidence building.

They all had a fantastic time and tried lots of new things.

'Clever Clogs' Family Learning

At 'Clever Clogs' we have enjoyed learning about non-fiction. Parents made a quiz for us to find out new facts and we created an information leaflet.



Year 4 Gardening

The children have been very busy making our school grounds look wonderful. Have you spotted the Olympic Rings on the Key Stage 2 playground?

The courtyard has never been so tidy and it's all thanks to the hard work of the Year 4 children. Thank you and well done – you definitely earned your hot chocolate!

Young Voices

On Friday 27th January, pupils from Year 3 and 4 took part in the Young Voices concert at the LG Arena.

Along with thousands of children from other schools around the Midlands, they sang a wide range of songs and also performed with guest star Stacey Solomon!



Year 4 girls enjoying the Young Voices Concert

Year 3 Visit to Balaji Temple

Year 3 had an amazing time visiting the Balaji Temple in Tividale.

We visited lots of shrines, listened to Hindu stories and were lucky enough to see people worshipping in the main shrine.



Story Camp at Ipsley CE RSA Academy

In January some of our Year 3 pupils were lucky enough to participate in a story camp at Ipsley CE RSA Academy. We re-enacted and adapted the Gingerbread Man before baking our own!



Rainforest Animals in Year 2



Year 2 had some very special visitors at the end of January when they were greeted by some very friendly Rainforest animals.

They got to see, stroke and hold lots of different animals including a tortoise, snake and sugar gilder that jumped off their heads!

The children loved the afternoon and learnt lots about the animals too.

Athletics at RSA Academy Arrow Vale

On Monday 14th January, Year 4 pupils took part in an indoor athletics event at RSA Academy Arrow Vale. Along with other First Schools from the area, they competed in many different events and Tenacres won their team race against other schools!



Request for parent helpers

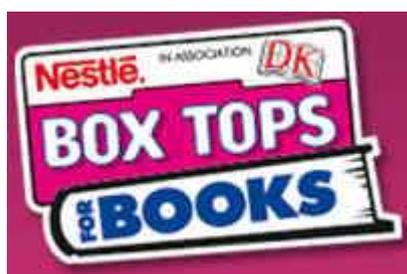
We would be grateful for help from parents or carers to hear readers in school. This would be first thing in the morning or near the end of the day . If you can spare some time to help, please come to the office for a form.

Speech and Language tip

Asking why? Children like to ask 'Why'? So try asking some back. Start off with some obvious ones (usually related to 'rules') such as 'why do we need

to look both ways before we cross the road?', before making it harder with some more abstract ones like 'Why do our bodies like us to eat break-

fast?' to ones that require real reasoning such as 'which is better to have holidays in summer or winter? Why?'



Please continue to send in as many box tops as you can as this promotion is soon to end. We receive a free book for every 10 tokens we collect. Thank you.



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Diary Dates

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| <u>February</u> | |
| Friday 14th | Break up for Half Term |
| Monday 24th | Return to School |
| Tuesday 25th | Years 3 & 4 Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 26th | Years 3 & 4 Parents' Evening |
| <u>March</u> | |
| Tuesday 4th | Pyramid Choir Festival at Palace Theatre * |
| Thursday 6th | World Book Day * |
| Wednesday 12th | 2.30; Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents * |
| Thursday 13th | Year 4 Film Day at RSA Academy Arrow Vale * |
| Friday 21st | Year 2 visit to Synagogue * |
| <u>April</u> | |
| Wednesday 2nd | Year 4 last swimming lesson |
| Friday 11th | Break up for Easter Holidays |
| Monday 28th | Return to School |
| Wednesday 30th | Year 3 swimming * |
| * more details to follow | |