



Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2014

Redditch Tour Series at Tenacres!

All children were lucky enough to meet George Pym and Will Fox, from Team Starley Primal during an assembly on Wednesday 14th May.

The cyclists spoke to the children about their training, different races they have been in and gave a demonstra-

tion on their bikes. The children had lots of fantastic questions for the cyclists and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Both George and Will will be racing in Redditch on the 3rd June as part of The Tour Series.



Jamie's Food Revolution Day, Friday 16th May



Children in Year 3 joined pupils around the world to take part in a record breaking cookery lesson as part of Jamie's Food Revolution Day. Schools in 121 countries around the world took part on the day, which aimed to set the record for the most participants in a cookery lesson in

24 hours. Children made healthy rainbow salad wraps alongside Jamie Oliver on a live video feed. Children, teachers and parents who kindly came in to help, had a really enjoyable afternoon and a tasty tea!

Headlice!



Please help us to avoid children picking headlice up in school by following these simple measures:

- Check children's hair regularly
 - If lice are found, treat immediately
 - Wet combing with conditioner and a nit comb is very effective
 - Long hair should be tied back as lice can only be transferred by hair to hair contact
 - Further advice can be obtained from the School Nurse who is holding a general drop in session here at Tenacres on Wednesday 4th June, 8.45-9.30am
- Absence for headlice should be limited to treatment time only. All day absences for headlice will be recorded as unauthorised.

Gnome News! (news from our ECO Club)

Mr Beacham, our ECO Co-Ordinator is pleased to report our Green Flag efforts continue with:

- ECO Club pupils have been busy growing and planting fruit and vegetables in our courtyard.
- Year 2 children have created a 'bees and butterflies garden' outside the Year 2 classrooms.
- Reception children

have planted new flowers in the planters on Reception playground.

- All pupils have been involved in learning about ECO values and activities such as recycling and Fairtrade as part of their curriculum studies.

Upcoming ECO events are being planned with a 'Green Day' due to take place on 20th June when will have

an electricity free day.

A plea from our ECO Committee. We need a parent to join our group which includes Mr Beacham, Mrs Walters, Mrs Carpenter, Miss Hurley and Bob. We meet once every half term to discuss Tenacres ECO activities and our action plan to retain Green Flag status.

Helping tomorrow today

Speech and Language Tip

Learning words. As adults we need to know about 30,000 words. Most of these are learnt in childhood.

Children are programmed to learn words; they just need

to hear them.

Reading to your child is one way to expose them to more . If you come across an interesting word in a book try and use it again in a conversation with your child.



Year 3 Play Leaders

Twelve children from Year 3 were chosen to take part in Play Leader training at RSA Academy Arrow Vale along with children from two other schools.

Arrow Vale pupils taught the children how to play a variety of structured playground games and how to

teach those skills to children across Years 1 –4.

The children had a really enjoyable day working alongside pupils from Arrow Vale, Matchborough First School Academy and



Moons Moat First School.

Sports Activities

At Tenacres, we are using our sports pre-



mium funding to ensure every child receives professional coaching in school. Lessons are delivered weekly by professional sports coaches and include:

- Multi skills in Reception.
 - Football for Year 1 children.
 - Dance training in Years 2 and 4.
 - TAG Rugby lessons for Year 3.
- Pupils and teachers are enjoying the active lessons!

Welcome Back



Miss Begley (now Mrs Oakes) will be returning from maternity leave after half term. She will be continuing with her SENCO role and will be available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We wish to thank Mrs Poynton for taking on the SENCO post whilst Mrs Oakes has been away.

Attendance Matters

Absences from school disrupt a child's continuity of learning and should be kept to a minimum to maximise your child's potential.

- Only keep your child/ren off school in cases of genuine illness. Be reassured that school will always phone if a child is unwell in class during the school day
- If a child has a high absence rate due to illness we may request medical evidence such as doctor's appointment card
- Holiday absences during term time cannot be authorised and may be subject to a penalty notice fine
- Persistent absences are reported to the

Educational Welfare Officer who will contact parents to offer support

- 100% attendance is always rewarded at Tenacres
- Late arrival is disruptive for the child and the class. Children in Years 1-4 should be in school by 8.40am and Reception children by 9am.

- Please ensure children arrive at school on time. If lateness is unavoidable please ensure your child brings a packed lunch as dinners are totalled and ordered by 9.30am
- Please remember to phone school and report any absences as soon as possible to avoid missing marks on your child/ren's records

Vouchers

Thank you for all the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers you have sent in. We are looking forward to ordering new sports

equipment for school. Please continue sending vouchers in. Thank you.

We were pleased to receive our delivery of goodies this week from the Morrisons Lets Grow vouchers we collected which included seeds,

tools, compost, wellies and bug boards. We are looking forward to using our new equipment to gardening with the children in the sunshine.



Reminder:

No dogs are allowed on school premises. This includes carrying them on playgrounds and in the main entrance.



School Term Dates 2014/15

Autumn Term 2014	
Monday 1st September	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 2nd September	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 3rd September	Start of Term - School opens
27th October to 31st October	Half Term
Friday 19th December	End of Term - School closes for Christmas
Spring Term 2015	
Monday 5th January	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 6th January	Start of Term - School opens
16th to 20th February	Half Term
Friday 27th March	End of Term - School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2015	
Mon 13th April	Start of Term - School opens
Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday
25th to 29th May	Half Term
Monday 1st June	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 2nd June	Start of Term—School opens
Friday 17th July	End of Term - School closes for Summer
Monday 20th July	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)

Diary Dates

<u>May</u>		<u>July</u>	
Friday 23rd	Year 4 visit to Tudor World	Wednesday 2nd	Open Evening *
	Break up for Half Term	Wednesday 9th	Year 4 Middle School Transition *
<u>June</u>		Thursday 10th	Year 4 Middle School Transition *
Tuesday 3rd	Return to School		Class swaps at Tenacres *
Wednesday 4th	8.45–9.30am School Nurse Drop In	Friday 11th	Reports sent home
Monday 9th	3R visit to Tesco *	Thursday 17th	Reception Class Graduation *
Tuesday 10th	3M visit to Tesco *		Year 2 visit to Bishops Wood *
	Year 1 visit to local allotments *	Monday 21st	Year 4 Leavers Concert *
Monday 16th	Year 1 visit to Brandon Marsh	NB Monday 2nd June Teacher Training Day	
Thursday 19th	7pm Parents' meeting, September Reception new starters	* more details to follow	
Friday 20th	Green Day *	<div style="background-color: #e6e6fa; border-radius: 50%; padding: 20px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Check out our website for lots more news! www.tenacres.worcs.sch.uk</p> </div>	
Tuesday 24th	10am Reception Sports		
Wednesday 25th	9.30am Years 1 & 2 Sports		
Thursday 26th	9.30am Years 3 & 4 Sports		