

REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER End of Term 2



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL

I cannot believe that we are already at Christmas; the end of Term 2! This year seems to have flown by.

As always, our children and staff have been working incredibly hard and I have shared some of their successes on the poster on page 2 of this newsletter. **Please do take time to read the snippets of what we have all achieved this term—we are immensely proud of everyone.**

I have begun to put together a 'Repton Photo Album' on our school website as a central place to share photos of recent events. To view these, please visit: [Repton Photo Album](#).

I would like to thank all of our staff for the opportunities that they give to our children each and every day—they really are a fabulous bunch and Repton Manor would not be the school it is without them all.

I would also like to thank each of you, too, for the support that you continue to give to your children and to the school. It has been lovely to have so many families approach me of late with positive messages for the school—thank you.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you all manage to enjoy some lovely family time. I look forward to seeing all of the children back on Tuesday 3rd January.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Jackie Chambers

Head of School



Friday Class Assemblies for Term 3:

We welcome family members to attend our Friday assemblies to see their children share their term's learning. Please wait outside the Out of Hours Door and we will let you in ready for assembly to start at 9am.

- Friday 13th January: Miss Hughes' Class— Charles Darwin (Year 3)
- Friday 20th January: Miss Farmer's Class— Marie Curie (Year 2)
- Friday 27th January: Miss Brading's Class — Albert Einstein (Year 2)
- Friday 3rd February: Mrs Fisher and Mrs Jakeman's Class — Mary Seacole (Year 3)
- Friday 10th February: Miss King's Class — Florence Nightingale (Year 1)

Dates for the remainder of Friday assemblies can be found here:

<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-parents/term-dates/>



There are many exciting events planned for Term 3 —some of which you would have already received letters home about from your child's teaching team.

Please remember that all letters home are also saved on our school website under the [Letters Home](#) tab.

Other important dates for Term 3:

Parent Opal Playtime: 25/1/23

One family member per child will be invited to join in with our Opal play-times each term.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3

Tuesday, 3 Jan 2023 - Friday, 10 Feb 2023

Term Starts - Tuesday, 3 January 2023

Parent Focus Group - Thursday, 5 January 2023 @ 2pm

Parents' Evening - Wednesday, 8 February 2023

Term Ends - Friday, 10 February 2023

For more important dates this term, please see our school website:

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TERM 3 THEME: CURIOSITY



Each term within our curriculum we have a whole school focus theme.

Our theme for Term 1 was Nurture and we focussed a lot on looking after each other and ourselves and on building relationships.

Our Term 2 theme was Equality and we learnt about some of the ways that people throughout history have been treated and about how we like to treat people today.

Our Term 3 theme is Curiosity. Our School Council will introduce us to this theme in our first Friday assembly in Term 3 and your children may mention to you some of the things that they are looking forward to learning about.

For more information about your child's curriculum please see our [Curriculum page](#) or your child's [Year Group page](#) on our school website.

Our EYFS parents now have access to their children's Tapestry accounts so they can view their children's learning each day.

Term 2 Successes

We have seen the quality of our children's art work in our Christmas Art competition and Christmas Card competition.

After all the wet weather and mud (thanks for being patient with us), we have made some changes to our play provision for the winter. However, this has not stopped us from developing new areas and play items. This term we have introduced the shop, the digging area, tyres and two giant tunnels. Thanks to Mrs Mannering, Miss Pittam and Mr Wells for their hard work with this.

Our Poppy appeal, organised by Mrs Byron and some helpful Year 6 children, raised £981.94. All children completed a 2-minute silence, with several representing their clubs in their uniforms on the playground.

Our classes have all embraced the Physical Well-being project. It has been lovely to see the children wearing their MOKI watches around the school. Dr Kristy Howells has been collating findings and we are looking forward to adapting our curriculum to improve children's fitness levels.

Some of our wonderful artists took part in the Carnival of Baubles art project and paraded through Ashford Town. Thanks to Mrs Hardy and Miss King for organising.

Our Year 6 children have represented the school superbly for our new YR cohort parent tours.

Each of our classes have re-vamped their Class Libraries as part of a competition run by Mrs Mannering, Miss Brading and Mr Page. Our School Council judged the event and Year 3 were our winners. Each class has focussed heavily on the content of the books in their library, ensuring that there are a range of genres, that they are age appropriate and that they link to the children's interests.

Our Year 2 children enjoyed a great trip to Rare Breeds. Thanks to the team for organising.

Our Ukulele Club and Choir Club have completed some wonderful 'gigs' this term, bringing Christmas cheer not only to our Christmas Fayre, but also to community members. We have had many emails to say how brilliant they were.

Our Governors have spent a lot of time this year being 'critical friends' and visiting the school whilst undertaking monitoring. They have looked closely at our curriculum and they reported that 'behaviour for learning was exemplary'. They thought that adult and child relationships were extremely well developed and they were impressed by the choice and opportunities for independence throughout our curriculum.

We held a lovely Parents Evening in the halls. We are very thankful for all of the families for attending. We hope you found it useful.

Lots of us painted our nails blue for Diabetes Awareness – a cause close to some of our families.

Our children really enjoyed their visit from Courtney Tulloch. In total, the children raised £2637.02 for the school. The children loved seeing Courtney show them some gymnastics in assembly and they were inspired during their circuit sessions. Thanks to Mr HB and Mr Wells for organising.

We have continued to build our relationships with Greatstone, with our English leaders working closely together to improve practice and with staff moderating learning together.

We celebrated Black History Month by sharing stories from a variety of truly spectacular authors. Thanks to Miss Gorania for organising.

Our Repton football team has gone from strength-to-strength. Their next match will see them represent Charlton Athletics in the next stage of the competition. We are beyond proud of how hard they have trained and of their determination and perseverance. Thanks to Mr HB and Mr Jobber for their training.

We have begun our Second-hand School Uniform Shop – thank you for the donations for the items so far.

Our Year 5 children loved their Wonderdome visit and their Stargazing event was lovely and very well attended. Thanks to the team for organising.

We are so proud of the staff team for organising such a wonderful Christmas Fayre. Many thanks to all of the local businesses who donated for our raffle or who held stalls at our Christmas Market. We cannot thank all of our families enough for your support of the fayre- it had a lovely 'Repton Family' feel.

Our EYFS and Year 1 families enjoyed a beautiful Bedtime Story event. Thanks to the teams for organising.

Year 4 have taken part in Bikeability lessons – thank you to the staff for organising this great opportunity for them.

We really enjoyed being able to invite our parents into our termly Parents Opal Play session. After lots of struggles with wet weather and mud, it was great for our families to see what we have been up to and how we are enjoying being outside despite the weather.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed an inspiring day at the Aim Higher workshop. Thanks to Miss Farmer for organising and Mrs Rew for supporting.

Our Year 3 children enjoyed a great trip to the panto. Thanks to the Year 3 team for organising such a great opportunity for them.

It was so lovely to be able to invite families into school this term for our Curriculum Classroom Open Afternoon. The children loved sharing their learning with their visitors and we hope that you enjoyed being able to be within school again. We are so proud of how hard our children are working and thank you all for your support.

We are lucky that our children have been able to continue to take part in Outdoor Learning lessons with Pete.

Our EYFS and Year 1 children have been inspired by a Storyteller visit. Thanks to Miss Farmer for organising.

Our Year 2 children have worked hard to learn lines and songs ready to perform in their Nativity – what superstars they were. Our EYFS children have also wowed us in their Christmas Show. In true Christmas spirit, it was great to see our EYFS children post their letters to Santa at the post box.

We are taking part in the Repton Connect Community blanket project which has seen us provide pieces of 'patchwork' to create a beautiful community blanket.

We have recruited some new members of staff to work in the office – Helen Wilson (Finance Officer) and Melissa Ashton (Attendance and Admissions Officer).

We have really enjoyed sharing our children's achievements with them this term via our Medal Assembly. Well done to all of the medal winners. In addition to this, we continue to see superstars each week via Star of Week, Good Fridays, Class Heroes and House Points.

All that is left to say is...

Merry Christmas



Love from all of the staff at
Repton Manor Primary School