

Spring 2 news from Melissa

Dear all,

What a busy half term it has been, we all had a fantastic time celebrating Science week with some great experiments taking place around school. All the children have been enjoying completing Easter Egg hunts this week. You will have seen that when we return from our break we will be celebrating Eid and are looking forward to some of you coming in to share with us.

After years of careful research and planning I am absolutely delighted that we have been able to start offering hair dressing services to our pupils. This idea grew following parent feedback on how difficult it can be to take our children to the local barbers or hairdressers.

The sessions are going really well and the children have been fantastic with having their hair cuts and proudly showing off their new styles.



Last week our year 6 children had a travel training session with Aviva buses. We were very fortunate that a bus visited us at school for the children to explore and get comfortable with before taking us on a ride around our local community. We are hoping this is something we will be able to repeat each year for our year 6.



Thank you to all of you that gave your feedback on our menu changes, I am very pleased to share our updated menu that has taken your feedback into account. I am sure the new additions like jollof rice and plantain will go down very well!

It was fabulous to see so many of you join us for our 'We are Red Gates' Festival last week. We were all blown away by the creativity and what beautiful artworks were created from our rubbish! When you next visit you will see some of the children's work proudly displayed around school.



As always if you have any feedback or would like to discuss anything further please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office. I hope you all have a great break.

Dates for your diary for Summer term:

- 7th May** 1:45 Red Gates football match
W/B 29th April and 6th May Parent visits to classes
- 25th June** 10:15 EYFS/KS1 ASD sports morning
- 26th June** 10:15 LISS/KS2 ASD sports morning
- 27th June** 10:15 Sensory sports morning
- 3rd July** Siblings afternoon
- 22nd July** 10:15 EYFS/KS1 ASD Celebration of Achievement Ceremony
- 22nd July** 1:45 LISS/KS2 ASD Celebration of Achievement Ceremony
- 23rd July** 10:15 Sensory Celebration of Achievement Ceremony



Hello from Red Gates Governing Board

The Governors at Red Gates are all volunteers and come from a variety of backgrounds, bringing a wealth of experience both in education and other fields.

We support the Head teacher and all the staff by asking appropriate questions in meetings and by visiting the school to see the children during the school day. We undertake training to ensure that we fulfil our role as effectively as possible.

Our most recently appointed governor has described why he joined Red Gates and some of the work he has undertaken during his first term with us.

I joined the Red Gates Governing Board in January 2024. I am excited to work with the school's leadership team. When looking for a Governor role, Red Gates stood out in how it ensures every pupil receives a personalised approach to the curriculum. Since joining the Governing Board, I have seen this in action. So far, I've seen how maths and reading is taught at Red Gates; I've sat in on lessons and seen how teachers and teaching assistants adapt to each individual pupil. Beyond teaching, I also very much enjoyed watching the brilliant Christmas production in December.

A little bit about me: I work for a London university careers service in the management team, ensuring we set and meet our department's strategic and operational objectives. I co-lead and manage the careers education team that delivers 1-1 careers appointments, a broad events programme, departmental careers education and online resources. I also project sponsor our disability and social mobility work. Prior to working in higher education, I worked in banking.