

# Spring 1 news from Melissa

Dear all,

This half term has whizzed by and we have all had so much fun with our learning. The days are starting to get lighter and it is lovely to see the children enjoying being in our outside areas more.

A highlight of this term was our Mini Marathon. The children all did a tremendous job of walking or running the 2 miles around our local community and were all so pleased with their medals and certificates. A huge, heartfelt thank you to all of you that raised sponsorship for the event. As a school we raised a whopping £600 for Mencap.



Children enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year this half term which included a special party in the hall. The children helped to make some very impressive looking dragons which they then danced with at the party.



Our lunch time clubs continue to be a great success and real life experiences that relate to each club are being planned for the children. This half term Dance club visited a local dance studio for a lesson, everyone participated brilliantly with the exercises and dances.



Friends of Red Gates have once again provided the children with a wonderful Valentines Disco. Everyone looked fabulous in their party clothes and had a great time dancing with friends. We hope they enjoy their party bags. A huge thank you to FoRGS and all the staff that helped make the discos such a success.

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 Spring 2025

Date	Time	Event	Open to
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	10am	Parent workshop: Engaging children in	All families
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	10:30am	Friends of Red Gates coffee morning	All families
Weeks beginning: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb, 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Teachers will let you know your date and time soon.	Personalised Plan meetings with class teachers	All families
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Parent workshop: Supporting the development of Maths skills	All families
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10am	Parent workshop: Handwriting Without Tears	All families
Weeks beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> March and 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Teachers will let you know your date and time soon.	Parent visits to classes	All families
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10am -12pm	We Are Red Gates Festival	All families