



**Reddish Hall  
School**

# Newsletter

February 2016

## Visit from the Dogs Trust

Thursday 11th February saw Anna from the Dogs' Trust visit Reddish Hall School as part of PSHE. Students at the school are used to having dogs on site, with both Mr Stobart's black lab, Jack, and Mr Newiss' retriever, Lana, being regular visitors. Dogs are popular with the students so we thought it would be useful to take some advice from an expert on meeting unfamiliar dogs and how to be responsible dog owners.



Primary met Anna's dog, Mo, and were taught to introduce themselves to an unfamiliar by holding out a fist so Mo could sniff them. Anna also discussed with them how dogs could have feelings like we can, and how we could tell what mood a dog was in, and whether it was a good idea to disturb them. They took turns to dress up as a dog while the others approached them, learning what to do if a dog responded negatively.

Secondary students looked at how to be a responsible dog owner. They covered the new legislation regarding microchipping for dogs, clearing up after your dog and how a dog should be looked after. It was very informative and interesting for all our students and we are hoping Anna will return with Mo for some further sessions.

**Our aim is that every student should achieve their potential  
and develop an understanding of and respect for themselves and others**

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## Key Stage 3 - Curriculum

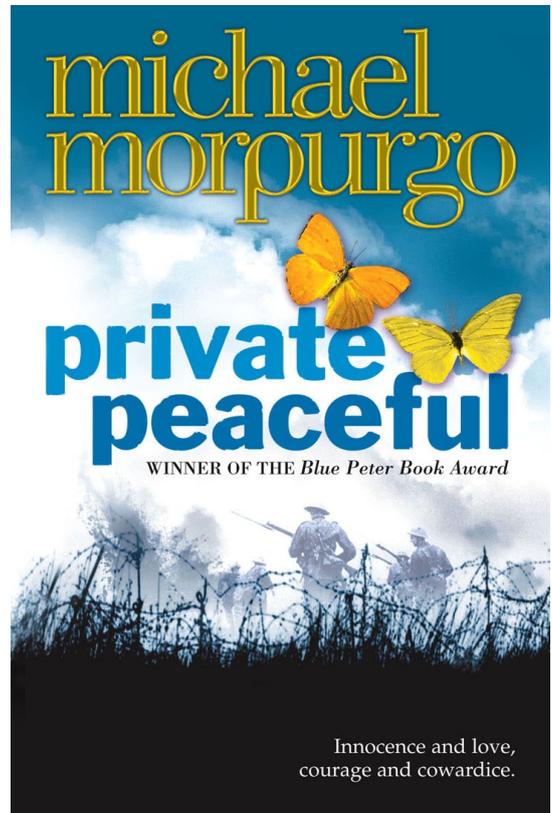
Everyone has settled in well to Key Stage three this half term and has been working hard.

### English

In English we have been reading *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo, a novel set around the First World War. After half term in English we will be covering non-fiction writing and continuing looking at World War 1 in history.

### Art

In art, students have been looking at perspective, using their initials as a focus. Some of their work can be seen in the picture. Next half term they will be looking at portraiture, so beware of any students asking for photos of you, as you could end up as a subject!



### First Aid

After half term, secondary students will study First Aid, gaining valuable knowledge.

### MFL

Our MFL unusually is Japanese, which the students are enjoying learning. They have looked at greetings and counting, finding ways to remember the different names for numbers.

### Physical Education

PE has been enjoyed by everyone this half term: circuit training has been recently introduced and ball skills have been practice. After half term a change of clothes for PE lessons will be needed – this can be joggers, shorts, t-shirts... whatever the student finds comfortable as a change for these sessions and is appropriate for physical activity.



# Primary Curriculum

This half term, our primary class have been looking at journeys and discoveries. They have looked at Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus and where they travelled to and what they discovered. Lots of writing has been done around this topic.

In science, primary have been looking at different habitats such as under the sea. They have been on a bug hunt around the school grounds and have learned lots about different creatures.

Our primary pupils will now be very good at giving directions as in maths they have been looking at quarter and 90 degree turns, telling left from right and clockwise and anti clockwise. They have also been looking at different 2D shapes and their properties.

Really good progress has been made in reading this half term, particularly from Rylan who has made great strides.

We made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and chose different toppings!

Next term the topic for is the 'Farm', which we know will be enjoyed as all our primary students love animals!





## Music

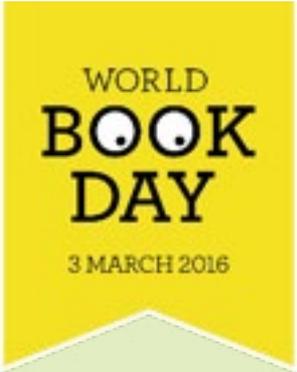
This term both primary and secondary have been having music lessons delivered by music specialist Lyndsay Thomas from One Education. Both classes are really enjoying the sessions and we appear to have some talented musicians at Reddish Hall. At present Mrs Thomas is finding out what aspects of music interest our students and lessons will be tailored to incorporate what they enjoy and want to explore. You never know, we could have a future music star on our hands!



## World Book Day

World Book Day this year is on Thursday March 3rd. We will be celebrating this by dressing up as our favourite literary characters. Students are encouraged to dress up if they wish to or wear their usual school uniform. It is not a non-uniform day

If your child would like to dress up—and we'd love it if they did! - please don't think it has to cost anything. There are plenty of ideas available online and on the World Book Day website to put together your own outfits rather than buy them.

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3 MARCH 2016

## Options

This half term all our primary pupils have earned their options each week. We have visited soft play and the farm at Reddish Vale High School as a reward and have really enjoyed ourselves.

Friday afternoon options are a great incentive to ensure students try their best all week!





## E-Safety

As a school, we look to teach our students how to be safe online and that 'stranger-danger' isn't just about who is lurking outside, but also on the web.

Lots of parents & carers have filters set up on their home wifi to ensure that certain sites aren't accessible, however, these sites or searches may still be accessed via a mobile phone through the 3G or 4G network.

Similarly, children don't necessarily know who they are communicating with through messaging boards, social networks or even online gaming. The NSPCC has some useful guidance on their website that can help you support your child in being safe online.

Their website is [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

