

## Blog of the Week

Mrs Bloom's class wins the [Blog of the Week](#) trophy this week for a super video showcasing the children's learning about the Stone Age. There are photos of their trip to Reading Museum, and others showing what they did back in class to consolidate their learning: the craft and artwork is super and includes a wonderful Stonehenge made out of biscuits (so perhaps that should be "biscuit henge"). (see picture)



they learn to express their thoughts coherently; they learn to concentrate... and it's fun. But not everyone feels comfortable sharing books. Some parents worry that they don't know how.

**Let us help.** We have two skilful and experienced former teachers who would love to support you in your own home, in school or at the public library. We are particularly hoping to work with the parents of children who are not yet at school. **Please see Mrs Clarke** if you are interested.

## Thank You-Readifood

**Readifood**, our local food bank, has written to thank our children for the gifts of food made at Harvest Time. We contributed 37kg, which made 88 meals for people in need. Thank you, once again, for your generosity to those who have less than we do.

## Wear Blue on Friday

**Parkinson's** is a disease that affects the part of the brain that controls movement. It can make even something simple like walking very difficult. Next Friday we are raising money to help fund research and treatment and we invite all our pupils and staff to wear blue for Parkinson's. Find out more at [parkinsons.org.uk](http://parkinsons.org.uk).

## SNIPPETS

We have both morning and afternoon spaces in Nursery for after Christmas. Please see Mrs Brophy in the school office if you are interested.

**Please, do not stop on the roundabout in Exbourne Road.** The double yellow lines are there for a reason. We do not want any of our children or parents hurt as a result of this dangerous practice.

## NO NUTS

It is vitally important that we have no nuts or nut products in school, as some of our children are extremely allergic to nuts, and the smallest trace can cause them to become ill. Please remember not to include any nut products, including nut butters, in packed lunches.



## Reading with your Child

**Sharing books and stories** is vital for young children's learning and development. Children who have shared stories with adults at a very young age go on to do better at school. Through books and stories children learn about the world around them; they learn language;

We started our week in **Arabic**, and finished in **Konkani**.

**"A salaam o alaikum! Wa alaikum salaam!"**  
**"Deu bhoi dis dhium"**



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| Date | Item                                                                             | Location |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 12th | Choir performing in the Junior Music festival                                    | Hexagon  |
| 14th | 1.30—7PM Parent Consultations: Mrs Asker's, Mrs Bloom's and Mrs Gooch's classes  | School   |
| 15th | 1.30—7PM Parent Consultations: Mrs Cox's, Miss Sutton's and Miss Froud's classes | School   |
| 16th | Wear Blue for Parkinson's                                                        | School   |

## SNIPPETS

### Reception 2019

Our school is extremely popular. We receive many times more applications than we have spaces available. Parents who have children already in the school, or whose children are baptised Catholics, should make sure we know this, by filling in our Supplementary Information Form, [available on our website](#): Applications go through Reading Borough Council by January 15th. and can be [made online](#), but the supplementary form should be returned to Mrs Brophy at the school.

## Was Your Childhood Difficult?

Are you concerned about children now who may be having a tough time? Or would you like to know more about how to help children make the most of their childhoods?

We will soon be running a project that looks at the impact of childhood experiences on later life, and explores how we might help children at risk of suffering poor experiences. (N.B. No-one will



be asked to reveal or discuss anything that would be upsetting for them.)

We will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 23rd November. If you would be interested could

you please let Jenny Clarke or Mrs Brophy know, just for the numbers.

### Reading Voluntary Action



Palmer Academy, 5th/19th Nov, 3rd Dec, Whitley

Park Primary, 12th/26th Nov, 10th Dec

The Ridgeway, 6th/20th Nov, 11th Dec.

Geoffrey Field Juniors 13th/27th Nov, 5th Dec,

Mrs Clarke will be at as many of these sessions as she can—feel free to see her for a chat.

*Congratulations!*



*Alba del Prado* who plays basketball with Reading Rockets and was recently chosen as the coaches' player of the week.

*Amber Harper* who has made her Brownie promise

*Shania McHugh-Dore* who has been awarded her first badge at Rainbows

*Ann-Marie Lawrence* who has achieved the Reading Libraries "Mischief Makers" challenge

*Angel Brown*, the sister of Connor and Jamie in Miss Boutska's and Mrs Asker's classes, who recently received a pride of Reading Award presented by Chris Tarrant at a ceremony at the Madejski Stadium.

### MATHS NINJAS



**Shodan** Emily Shackleford, Mason Hind, Ibrahim Atif ★ **Nidan** JoJo Acquah, Daniel Brobbey, Chioma Nkwocha, Enzo Silva, Olivia Luczak, Logan Chard, Zack Haskiewicz, Hiba Atif, Siona Matthias, Aiste Ceplinskaite, Blessing Newman ★ **Godan** Maisey Manning, Tyler Adigler, Leonard Abbey-Quaye, Jayda Charles

## Lest we Forget...

100 Years ago this weekend, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 the guns stopped firing in the First World War.



Every year since then, Remembrance Day, the 11th of November has been an occasion for reminding ourselves of the bravery and the sacrifice of those who fought for all of us: not just in the First World War, but in all the many conflicts over the years. It is also a day when we remember that peace is precious. The people we remember on Remembrance Day died so that we could have peace.