



Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our amazing cross country runners: Isla, Cerys and Ruben, who all competed brilliantly last Saturday morning at Longfield. Cerys set her first personal best, competing for the first time and finishing with a huge smile on her face, despite the mud; Jonas beat his personal best, coming 17<sup>th</sup> out of over 100 runners; and Isla ran her socks off, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> out of the Y3/4 group (over 100 entrants) and was the **first** Year 3 to finish! Isla will now progress to the county finals later this month to represent Melton and Rutland, along with 2 other runners from Waltham. Fantastic achievements; I am an extremely proud Head teacher again.

Congratulations also to Stanley for representing his swimming club in his first gala, Louis for more football success in the Cotgrave Colts U9 Cup (Runners Up) and to all the dancers who performed well and came away with trophies at last Sunday's competition.



### Viking Challenge Presentation



Today I was delighted to receive a cheque for the huge sum of £15,000!!! What an incredible achievement. All in all the event raised around £34,000, with a share going to the Stroke Association and of course a portion towards the costs of hosting the event last year and a retainer for this year.

Thank you again to everyone who works so hard to make this event possible and helping to make Redmile School so famous around the country...all keen cyclists have heard of Redmile School!!

The Peter Snow Trophy was awarded to Mark Beeston for his contributions over many years to the event...especially his famous soup, chilli and chocolate brownie! Max was delighted to receive it on his behalf. Thanks also to all those who made cakes for today's gathering...the children enjoyed the left-overs ☺



### News from Classrooms

**Class 1:** This week Class 1 have been reading 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' and re-enacting the story. They measured their feet and used the cut-outs to measure lots of different objects. During World Book Day the children enjoyed working on 'The Gruffalo'.

**Class 2:** This week Class 2 have designed chocolate sweet creations and completed recipes for them. In maths they have been telling the time, which we would ask you to practise with them at home. In RE we looked at prayer and created some of our own reflection beads.

**Class 3:** This week Class 3 have been looking at Fairtrade around the world. For World Book Day they made book trailers on the new iPads and created a piece of drama in which their favourite characters met one another.

World Book Day was a great success: lots of reading, lots of books being shared and lots of great dressing up. Thank you for supporting the event.

### Maths next week:

**Class 1:** Measuring/capacity

**Class 2:** Multiplication and division.

**Class 3:** Equivalent fractions.

### Devides Textiles Collection (formerly Ragtex)

There will be a recycling collection for clothing/textiles, shoes and books on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please leave any bags for recycling outside school on Tuesday morning, in the area in front of Mrs Hopkins office. A perfect time for that spring clear out! Thank you.

### Basketball

In preparation for the County finals at Leicester Community Sports Arena on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Neil Atkins has again kindly volunteered to run 3 extra training sessions for our Y5/6 basketball team. These will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 8am-8.45am.

### Swimming

Unfortunately swimming was cancelled on Monday due to a problem with the coach company. Swimming will take place as planned for children in Years 1, 2 and 3, commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like a refund of your contribution for the cancelled session, please contact the school office.

### New Baby!

Congratulations to the Smith family, on the birth of baby Harlan, who arrived safe and sound this week. We are looking forward to meeting him.

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**Letters going home this week:**

Vale Schools Music Concert – Y3 & 4  
Swimming records (named letters only)

**Governor Request to Parents**

A small group of governors are helping the school redesign / update the school website. They would like to give you the opportunity to offer your suggestions as to what you think the school should display on the site, for example what makes you proud of Redmile School, what should the school shout about, what do you think other new parents would like to see on the site? Please send suggestions in to school on the slip provided. Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins  
Head Teacher