



# Red Kite's Bird Watch

Dear Families,

We have had another busy 2 weeks at Red Kite. Last week our pupils made us very proud when they attended Young Voices. Here is a message from Jason.

*Young Voices is a truly incredible trip that we are so lucky to go on once a year! A small group of our Music Qualification students rehearse for weeks on end to learn a selection of 10 songs building up the fun and excitement ready for the amazing trip ahead. January 25th came round really quick, and off we went on our journey to Birmingham, a brief stop off at McDonalds in Coventry to meet up with Kingsley and refill ourselves with some happy food! We arrived at the Resorts Arena at 1pm, headed into the arena and were greeted by an amazing team of staff who went over and above to look after us, off we went to Block 12 to our seats for the day! We had an incredible rehearsal in the afternoon, learning some extra parts to the songs we already knew, followed by a short break, the arena started to fill up ready for the show to begin at 7pm. Seated were 5400 students from different schools around the country, the vibe and feeling was out of this world. The show started promptly at 7pm, and the roof raised, a further approx. 1000 spectators joined the arena and we all sang together with a live band! We were up dancing, singing, waving our arms, flashing our torches literally having the time of our lives, this was; for all our students, a truly incredible experience. The show came to an end at 9:30pm, off we headed back to the minibus for our journey home, the minibus was still singing all the way back! Students were met by their families to go home and some students stayed for a sleepover, sleepover students settled around 11:30pm, and snoozed away until around 7:30am ready for breakfast and another school day ahead. I would like to personally thank the school and families for supporting with this truly incredible event, a warm thanks goes to the staff that gave up their time for the trip and sleepover, thanks to Marcio, Diane, Ania, Tom, Sam, Sally, Karen, Kate, Daisy and Carly without your support this amazing trip wouldn't be able to go ahead. So thank you. Also a huge thanks to York Ward and Rowlett / Grosvenor Group for paying £500 for our YV t-shirts so that we were able to give each of the students a T-Shirt to remember the day. That's it for another year! YV 2025 here we come.*

## Staff Gallery

I am going to include some photographs of staff in each newsletter. For families whose children/young people come on transport in particular, you may have read the names of staff but not always met them face to face. This week the spotlight is on our senior leaders!



Karen Smith  
Head Teacher



Bonnie Pawlusek  
Deputy Head Teacher



Sally Rodrigues  
Assistant Head



Kate Seaton  
Assistant Head



Suzy Geraghty  
Assistant Head



Sam Sawyer  
Family Support/DSL



Louise Holmes  
Business Manager



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## Red Kite Friends and Family

A message from our fundraising committee.

*Thank you so much for all your support raising money for the wheelchair swing, which is being installed in February half term. Our next big money raising project is Colourscape. We aim to raise enough money to have our own Colourscape system in school for all our wonderful children/young people to have access to.*

*So our first event towards this is to have a **Red Themed mufti day**. This will be on **Thursday 15th February**. You can support us by bringing in a donation of **£1** on the day. Again thank you for all your support, we really appreciate it.*

*Karen Broughton*

## Extended Provision

We know how much the after school club and holiday provision is needed for our families and are very committed to both these provisions. We are hoping to be able to run the after school club again in the near future.

We have amazing staff, some of who also work with our families as personal assistants which is funded through the disabled children's team. Staff that are doing this don't always have the time to also work at the extended provisions. Some staff have children of their own so can't help and others are finding it is such a long day already that they don't always want to stay longer for after school clubs.

We have a new CEO, Sarah-Jane who is as committed as Tom was to providing extended provision for our families. It is being discussed as to how we can move forward with this. Please bear with us and we will do our best to be able to offer these provisions.

## Family Learning Week

We are really looking forward to this. Reply slips were due in by today so we will have an idea of numbers for the sessions.

We hope you are able to join us for our Valentines Disco on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. There will be a **Sensory Disco** first at **3.40pm to 4.30pm**. The music will be quieter and there will mats and sensory toys out for pupils to explore. The second, louder disco will be at **4.45pm to 5.45pm**.

## Vintage Uniform

We have lots of good quality vintage uniform. If you need anything then please email [samantha.sawyer@redkite.school](mailto:samantha.sawyer@redkite.school) or [Debbie.smith@redkite.school](mailto:Debbie.smith@redkite.school) and we will send you a parcel home.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Karen



# Highlights of our fortnight!



