



RECREATION ROAD INFANT SCHOOL

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Everyone's welcome here

Welcome to you all, in **Maltese**, **Pashto** and **Polish**; three more of the different languages spoken by families in our school community:

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Learner Values spotlight on... Resilience

In this issue, we focus on Resilience. This is our school 'Learner Values' focus this half term. Last week, some of our Year 1 children learned to ride bicycles with the aid of Mrs Manning and NCC Bikeability Team. It was inspiring to see the children gain greater confidence. My favourite comment was from Sofia, who shouted at me from across the playground: 'Mr Bunting, I'm just not giving up!'. Great attitude, Sofia!



If you want to help your child learn about resilience, perhaps you could watch some of the Winter Paralympics coverage with them? The opening ceremony is this Friday and free coverage is available on Channel 4 and their YouTube channel. Sean Rose, the Paralympian who worked with us in the Autumn (see left) is one of the Channel 4 presentation team!



Building strong foundations for a lifelong love of learning



'50 things to do before you leave Rec Road' update



No. 9: Ride a Vehicle Through an Obstacle Course - Look at these budding drivers of the future!

No. 11: Have a 'Glow in the Dark' Experience – The reception Glow in the Day was inspirational for the children and helped them learn about light and dark. It was a special

'wow!' moment when they first entered the glow in the dark space.



No. 21: Create an Art Exhibition – This half term, Year 1 will be working to create exhibits for their own art exhibition. Look out for further information from your class team.

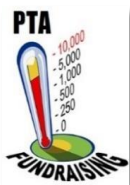
No. 32: Have Swimming Lessons in the School Pool – Swimming in Year 2 has an excellent impact on some children's self-confidence and ability to stay safe in the water. Thanks, Mrs Manning, for all your work on this.



Our full '50 things' enrichment manifesto can be found on our website [here](#).

Festival of Languages Launch

We and Avenue Junior School will host a Festival of Languages this half term. Between the two schools there are 45 languages spoken by families; 29 languages at Recreation Road alone. Today (Tuesday 1st March), we'll launch our involvement in the festival, working with the children to plot where their families originate on a world map. We want parents to get involved too. Please look out for further information by in the coming days and weeks.



Fundraising

The PTA is preparing to launch an online appeal to raise funds to replace our adventure playground. Many thanks to all our willing helpers for their involvement, and to Minors and Brady Estate Agents for use of their videographer.

In the meantime, you can support school fundraising by:

- buying from the PTA's 'New to You' Facebook shop (see their [Facebook Page](#)).
- adding us as your chosen charity on Amazon Smile, and using the Smile weblink to make your purchases. To find out more, please visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and search for 'Recreation Road Parent Teacher Association'.
- becoming a PTA helper or supporter, please contact them using their email address: recroadpta@gmail.com

Online payment system

We will soon launch an online payment system. This will be set up to take money for school trips and such. Once the system is fully operational, further information will be provided.

Special thanks to...

The Co-operative, Earlham Road – Schools are unable to finance tea, coffee and milk for staff out of school funds, as it is not considered appropriate use of public money. The Co-operative helps us by providing us with a constant supply of tea and coffee free of charge. Thank you 😊



Twitter challenge – can you help us achieve 500 followers?

Thanks to Teddy's father and his amazing dinosaur costume, our Twitter following has increased by more than 40 since the last newsletter. However, we still have only 306 followers. Please help us reach our goal of 500 followers by following us on Twitter or encouraging others to do so. The more followers we have, the more time we feel we can devote to the management of the feed. We are @RecRoadInfants.



Key Dates

All key dates can always be found on our school website, www.recreationroad.com. Look out for the Google Calendar feed on the right of the home page. If you click on the '+ Google Calendar' button, you can subscribe to our calendar, so you're always looking at the most up-to-date version.

Reminders

Please keep your children close to you after school – We notice that at the end of the school day, some of our children and their younger siblings run towards or out of the school gates unsupervised by parents. Given the volume of traffic on Recreation Road, we are concerned that this could lead to a nasty accident. Please keep your children in your sight and insist they do not leave the site without you.



Please: no scooting or cycling on the school site – Children (and parents) must dismount on the school site. We've had a couple of 'near misses' where younger siblings have narrowly avoided being run over.



Community events

5th March at 7:30pm – Norwich Fine City Chorus Charity Concert. They are kindly performing to raise money towards our adventure playground project. Tickets are £10 in advance and can be bought at <https://www.stn.org.uk/whats-on> or on the door.

2nd April at 6:00pm – Norwich Philharmonic Family Concert. If you look carefully, you'll see Ms Manrique lurking in the string section! Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/norwichphil. Information at www.norwichphil.org.uk.

Final thoughts

The situation in Ukraine is awful. Although we are geographically far away from the events, some in our community are directly affected and may have roots in the region. I am sure you are taking steps to protect your children from the horrors of what is happening. However, children sometimes unintentionally hear or see things that bother them and then parents have to find a way to manage this.

I found an article in the Bristol Post that offers some good advice on talking to children if they already know about the conflict and are worried about it: <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/news-opinion/children-know-ukraine-how-talk-6725364>. This may prove useful.

With warmest wishes, Michael Bunting (Head Teacher)