

Sileby Parish Annual Meeting Thursday 18th April 2024



Firstly, thank you for inviting me to attend the Sileby Annual Parish meeting. It is a pleasure to provide an up-date on the work of Redlands Community Primary School and its achievements over the past year.

I am Simon Dalby, and I am the Chair of the Advisory Board, and lead the work of the Board and the lead for Safeguarding.

Redlands currently has 405 children on its role and numbers for next year are extremely encouraging. The numbers of children wanting to access our pre-school are also high, which helps us get to know the children and makes the transition into EYFS so much easier.

The building has undergone some significant work over the past year. As I am sure you will appreciate, the building is very old in parts (145), and it can be a challenge to maintain such an old building. New windows and parts of windows have been installed and the building has had a paint on the exterior. New doors have been installed throughout the building and new charging stations to accommodate the significant increase in laptops and tablets that has been purchased to support digital learning.

Redlands was shortlisted and came third Nationally for the Childnet online safety video. The video titled "it's time to talk" linked in with the National campaign. Four Year 5 children produced, filmed and edited the video (you can view this on the Redlands Website) and featured tips on mental health first aid principles. As Redlands came third Nationally, the children won a camera and some additional equipment in recognition, and they have started a film club to produce further films over the next year.

A safeguarding audit has been undertaken which has highlighted outstanding practice. The audit undertaken by an independent member of the external team has undertaken a deep dive into the practice in school, the awareness and skills of the team and the connection and collaborative working across agencies. The audit praised and highlighted the excellent practice undertaken and only identified one area that needed up-dating-this had already been actioned and was not the schools issue- it was with a web provider.

We would like to express our thanks to the Parish Council for enabling the Childrens choir to sing at the Sileby lights switch on. The children very much enjoyed this and have spoken about the positive experience they had. As Redlands is a community primary school, it links very well to our ethos of the children being responsible citizens and being part of their community.

The children have undertaken a wide range of trips over the past year, with year 1 staying over at Beaumanor Hall with a pirate theme, trips to Cadbury world, Wales, Norfolk, York to name a few. The children enjoy a full curriculum.

To ensure a holistic approach we have continued to invest in our family support worker and ELSA roles, which support children with their emotional literacy, and this is very supportive for those children who require this support.

Uniform swaps and other schemes have been offered to support with the cost-of-living impacts and various grants have been applied for to support development of the building.

We remain concerned regarding the traffic outside of school and the childrens arrival and departure. We would very much welcome future conversations with the Parish Council to see how we may collaborate on this issue.

As offered in previous years, Redlands would very much welcome the opportunity to show members of the Parish Council around and their work. Our Pupil Parliament and class ambassadors would welcome the chance for you to join them for lunch or a tour.