

Begbrook News

The start of a New Year

This is our first opportunity to officially welcome you to the start of 2019! We have many exciting events planned for the upcoming year and we are looking forward to sharing these with you as the year progresses.

One of our New Year Resolutions has been to try to improve the communication we send out via Twitter. We are hoping to send a tweet per day to showcase the incredible learning opportunities that take place in school on a daily basis. We have also asked our staff for book recommendations that we can send out via Twitter so if you are in search of inspiration for your next reading book, keep an eye out for these tweets (@BegbrookAcademy).

We are holding our next **Parent Forum** on **Thursday 7th February at 9:30am**. The main agenda item this time will be about Behaviour for Learning. If you have any questions that you would like to pose or comments that you would like to make, please complete the survey by clicking on this [link](#). It is helpful to have as many questions as possible prior to the event so that we can answer them in the most appropriate way. If you are unable to attend, you can also share your thoughts with your class Parent Representative. You will find their name displayed in your child's classroom window. We still have some vacancies for Parent Representatives in 6KW, 6ES, 5LM, 5CC, 4CW, 4HM, 3DH, 3AB, 2ER, 2JI, RRF, RDC and Nur. If you are interested in this role, please click on this [link](#) to register your interest.

Over the last two weeks, our children have made the most of their learning time. In Reception, children were introduced to 'Everywhere Bear'. Unfortunately, Everywhere Bear got lost in the school... Luckily, the children used their Diamond Power and wrote posters to describe what he looked like and they were able to find him! In Year 5, the children have been learning the Greek Myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. They were so inspired by this myth that they are now writing their own. We have been very impressed with the quality of writing we have seen and their attitude to writing. Well done Year 5! The children in Year 1 discovered a dinosaur egg this term. They have been asking questions about it in order to find out where it came from. What a fantastic start to the year everyone!

Y3 Trip

Year 3 really enjoyed their trip to the Roman Baths on Tuesday 15th January!

In the morning, we had a self-guided tour of the Baths with audio guides. We particularly enjoyed seeing the hot water bubbling out of the ground, as well as seeing artefacts that the Romans had left behind including coins, shoes and 'curses'!

After lunch, everybody had the opportunity to participate in workshops about the Romans. There were three activities and everybody had a go at all of them. First, we tried on Roman clothes including togas and tunics. Then, we made our own mosaics on magnetic boards and finally, we were able to touch some real Roman objects that would have been used in cooking.

We all had a fantastic time and will have lots to talk about in our topic lessons this term!

Trim Trail Update

We are sure you will have all noticed our new Trim Trail, outside the Y3 classrooms. You may have also seen that it is currently out of use. We are working with the installation team to ensure that it is back up and running safely as soon as possible. They are coming in to look at it early next week and we will let you know as soon as the children are able to make use of it once again. The children have shown an incredible amount of Emerald Power as they manage their disappointment about not being able to use it. We hope to give you a positive update really soon.

Attendance

We ask just **ONE BIG THING** – please get your children to school every day they are well enough. When they are here, we can support their learning. Here are the top three **HERO** classes for attendance:

1st - 6ES and 2ER- 99.6% **2nd** - 5NL- 99.5%

3rd - 3DH- 98.8%

If you need support in getting your child to school, please speak to Miss Sutton.

PTFA Corner

If it's not too late to say it, Happy New Year!! Many thanks again to everyone who supported WinterFest; it was a lovely end to the term and has meant we are in a good position to move forward with further playground improvements. So to the new term. Here are some important dates for your diary... As ever, if you can help, please do get in touch as we are never short of things to do.

7th February - Chinese New Year school disco.

KS1: 3.45pm- 4.30pm KS2: 5pm - 6pm.

Full details to follow so please keep an eye on the usual communications, as we will be selling tickets in the playground very soon.

14th February - Valentine's Day hotdog sale.

After school in the playground.

Ladies pamper evening - date tbc for March

A lovely group of ladies have asked to arrange a ladies only pamper evening at the school. It will be a free event and you'll be able to sign up once the date is confirmed. Bring a dish and come and relax and enjoy some pampering. If you have any particular skills such as massage, manicure/pedicures or similar and you'd like to be involved please get in touch. More details to follow.

29th March - Mothers day shop

We all love the shops, especially the kids. It's a fantastic event to help at if you never have before, so let us know if you think you can spare a few hours.

International Food Fayre - Date tbc

Another favourite and long overdue. We hope to be able to confirm a date very soon, so as with all the above events, please join our Facebook page and make sure you check your school emails and texts regularly for updates. We are also trying to keep the notice board by the main gates as up to date as possible so please take a couple of minutes to check this at drop off or pick up.

Finally BegFest - date to be released very, very soon!

Hopefully everyone knows what BegFest is all about now. Last year was a mammoth task and so we have learnt from this and are starting the planning early. We will be asking for volunteers to help as soon as we can confirm the date, which won't be long!

PTFA Committee Member Opportunities

We would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that there are a number of committee members stepping down at the end of this year. So we'd like to give as much notice as possible and ask that if you are interested in being part of the main committee that you speak to us about what roles are available, what's involved and how to put your name forward. It's a great organisation to be involved in, so if you are curious to find out more, speak to us or look at the ParentKind website (www.parentkind.org.uk) which will give you a general overview of what a PTFA is all about.



Diary
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Wed 6 th Feb	Y2 trip to the Aquarium	Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd Feb	Half Term - Atlas Holiday Camp
Thurs 7 th Feb	Chinese New Year PTFA Disco KS1: 3:30 – 4:30pm KS2: 5 – 6pm	Thurs 7 th Mar	World Book Day – dressing up theme to be confirmed
Tues 12 th Feb	Parents Evening	Fri 8 th Mar	Y6 Life skills Trip
Wed 13 th Feb	Parents Evening	Fri 15 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Thurs 14 th Feb	Valentine's Day PTFA hot dog sale 3:30pm	Fri 22 nd Mar	Y5 trip to the Space Centre tbc

Term Dates 2018/19

Term 3: Monday 7th Jan – Friday 15th Feb 2019
 Term 4: Monday 25th Feb – Friday 5th Apr 2019
 Term 5: Tuesday 23rd Apr – Friday 24th May 2019
 Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Inset Days 2018/19

Friday 5th April
 Friday 5th July

INSET Days 2019-20

To be released soon

Begbrook Photo Board



Y3 children dressed in Roman Togas on their trip to the Roman Baths



Y3 children learning how to make Roman Mosaics as part of their workshop



These Y3 children asked great questions to discover more about Roman artefacts



The children loved having a go on the new Trim Trail - open again soon!



The staff also loved it!!!



Miss Earle's book recommendation - a story KS1 children will love!



First KS2 gem certificate winners of 2019!



William and Mercy have used their Grit Power outside of school!



And our first KS1 gem certificate winners of the new year...



Congratulations to our KS2 gem certificate winners this week!



Well done to our KS1 gem certificate winners this week!



Amy has been inspired by her learning and created this poster at home