

Begbrook News

Messages from the Principal Team

The end of term is almost upon us. As always, the weeks seem to have flown by. We would like to start by saying how proud we are of all our nursery and reception children, who have settled into Begbrook life so brilliantly. We are also incredibly proud of our Y6 children who have experienced camp this term – they all challenged themselves as you will see in the section below. At this point, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff members who attended the residential camp. The sacrifices they made by being away from their own families for the week, as well as the fact that they technically stopped being paid by Tuesday lunchtime, allowed our Y6 children to have a fantastic experience and I am sure you would like to join us in showing your appreciation for their hard work.

We have had feedback on the use of bikes and scooters in the playground before and after school. To ensure the safety of everyone on site, we will be asking that children walk and push their bikes and scooters whilst they are on the school grounds. This announcement will happen on Monday during assembly and we would like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

This week it is Parents' Evening. This is an ideal time to speak to your child's class teacher and reflect on the year so far. We look forward to seeing you all there!

The Principal Team

Y6 Camp

Residential Camp:

69 children from year six went to Liddington PGL Camp on Monday 8th October. For many of our children, this was the first time they had spent a significant time away from their family. Whilst they were on camp, the children showed incredible emerald and amethyst power as they challenged themselves and worked together to complete a range of exciting activities. Among the favourites were quad biking, giant swing, vertical challenge and raft building. The children spent the week in their own rooms, which they kept surprisingly tidy (nothing to do with the anticipation of the daily Room Inspection!) We are really proud of how well they used their diamond power to organise themselves and take responsibility to ensure they were ready on time for every activity. The children ended the week with a campfire under the stars. Well done Y6 – you have made some incredible memories.

Base Camp:

19 children stayed at Begbrook and experienced the first ever Base Camp! During the week, children took part in sports sessions, went on a trip to Oldbury Court where they built a rope swing and toasted marshmallows, went on a trip to the M-Shed in Bristol and made cakes and sandwiches for a Bake Off Tea Party. The week ended with lunch at the Harvester! It was a fun-filled and adventurous week and all the adults who worked with the children had nothing but praise for how well they represented our school. We are so glad you enjoyed yourselves.

Our New Feedback Policy in English

Earlier this term, we began trialling a new whole school approach way of providing feedback to our children in English. The biggest difference you will notice is that your children's English books will no longer have written marking by the teacher. A letter has been sent out to explain this in more detail, along with some Frequently Asked Questions and Answers. In summary, the teachers now complete a feedback sheet as a result of looking at the books, which in turn informs their lesson planning for the following day. Feedback about specific needs can be given directly to the children, which allows us to challenge everyone at the right level. The children have all been told about this new approach and the teachers have explained that they will no longer be writing in their books. The response so far, from teachers and children, has been incredibly positive. We are pleased that teachers are now able to spend more time planning and resourcing exciting lessons. If you wish to discuss this further, please speak to a member of the Principal Team.

Sporting news

Yesterday, the Begbrook Football Team took part in a match against May Park. The result was that we defeated May Park 3-1! The children really had to use their grit power to keep on going and their sapphire power to stay focused when they conceded a goal. They also used their ruby power at the end of the match when congratulating May Park on a strong performance and thanking them for hosting us. We are very proud of them – well done!

Mr Latham

School Uniform

As you know, we introduced a compulsory school uniform policy at the start of term. The expectation is that all children wear a **navy blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo**. For more detail about the school uniform, please click [here](#). We will be sending out uniform reminder letters for children who are not in the correct uniform. If your child is unable to be in uniform, please inform your child's teacher in writing.

INSET days

This week, the school will be closed to children on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th due to INSET days. A further INSET day is taking place on Monday 5th November. School will restart for children on Tuesday 6th November.

PTFA Corner

We are currently working with the school to decide on some playground climbing equipment that will be bought out of the money raised at BegFest.



We are also busy planning our next fund raisers, including bedtime stories, the Christmas Shop and our biggest event this term...WINTERFEST! See the diary below for dates.

More information about these exciting events will follow shortly. As always, we will be looking to recruit as many volunteers as possible to support in organising and running the events. All money raised will go towards further improve the outdoor learning environment.

The PTFA (ptfa.begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk)

Attendance

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

6LR- 100% (second week in a row)
2AF- 99.0%
4HM- 98.7% (second week in a row)

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

Parents' Evening

Next week we have our first Parents' Evening of the year on Tuesday between 3:30pm and 6pm, and Wednesday between 3:30pm and 7pm. Your children's books will be available to look through before the meeting with the teacher so please aim to arrive ten minutes prior to your appointment so you have a chance to look at the learning beforehand.

English Conversation Club for Parents

Do you know a parent or carer of a child at our school who would like to practise speaking English? Please let them know about our new English Conversation Club, a relaxed and welcoming group for adults who are new to speaking English. The club will be every Wednesday 2.15pm - 3.15pm, starting on Weds 7th November (the first week after the holiday). There is no need to book, just come to the main office.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer a creche for this event. If you have a young child, please arrange childcare with a friend or family to allow you to attend without your child.

If you are a fluent speaker of English and would like to help with the club, please contact Miss Morton:
clare.morton@bpa.cabot.ac.uk

Parking Reminder

Unfortunately, we have received a number of complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. It is important to remind you that **no part of a vehicle should be parked over a disabled space** and it is helpful to keep the junction corners clear of vehicles so that pedestrians can be seen at all times. The Begbrook Community Club car park always has spaces at these times of the day and is just a 4 minute walk from the school. Please try and use this option if possible.



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Tues 23 rd Oct	Assembly to mark Black History month	Wed 7 th Nov	Diwali celebrations
Wed 24 th Oct	Individual School Photos Year 2 Banquet pm	Tues 13 th – Fri 16 th Nov	Book Fair
Wed 24 th Oct	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7pm	Wed 14 th Nov	Reception trip to Snuff Mills
Thurs 25 th Oct	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6pm	Thurs 29 th Nov	PTFA bedtime stories
Thurs 25 th Oct	Additional INSET day	Fri 7 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop
Fri 26 th Oct	INSET day	Thurs 13 th Dec	WINTERFEST
Tues 6 th Nov	RJB trip to Pizza Express	Wed 19 th Dec	Autumn School Reports sent home

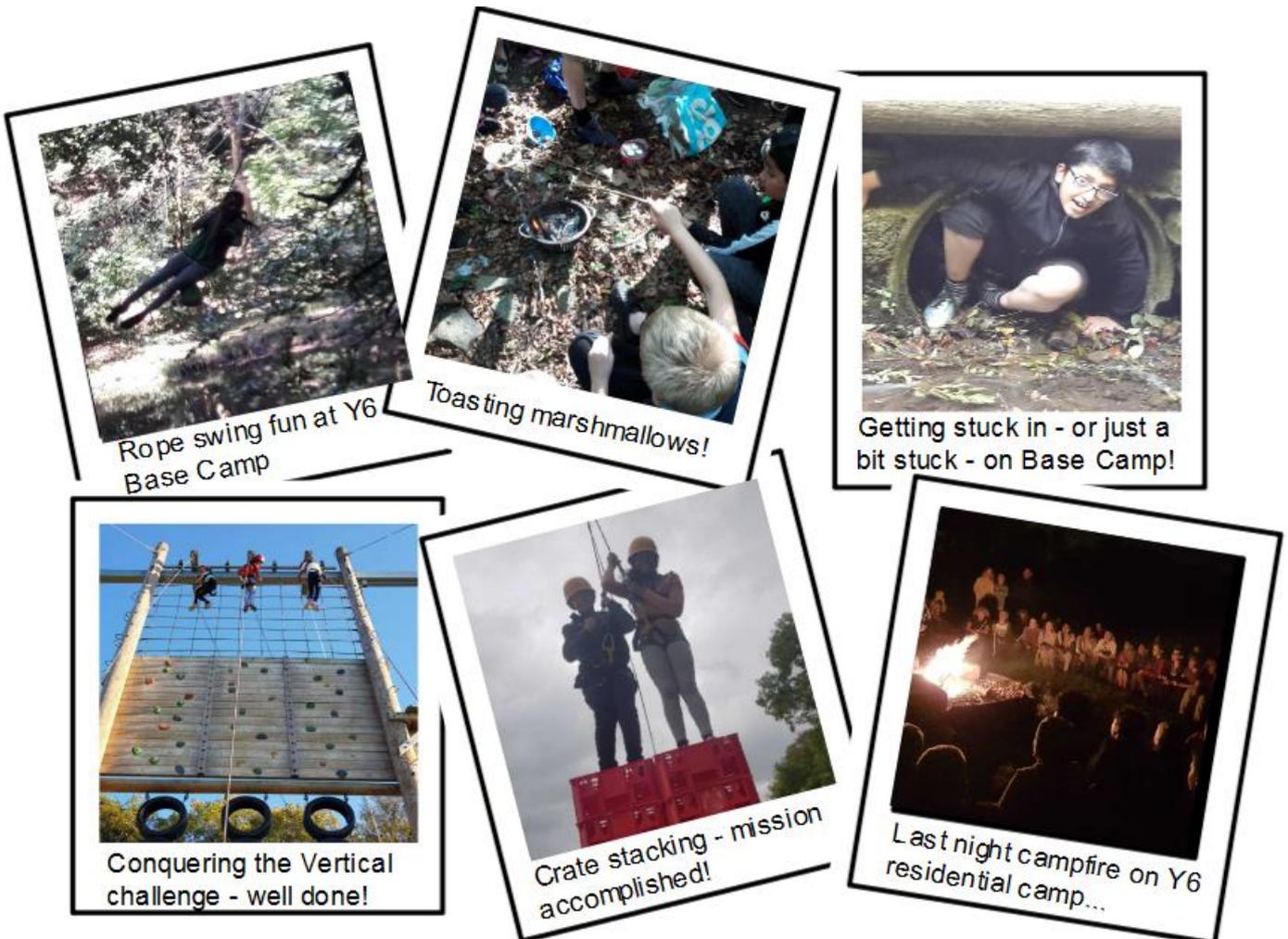
Term Dates 2018/19

Term 1: Monday 3rd Sept – Friday 26th Oct 2018
 Term 2: Monday 5th Nov – Friday 21st Dec 2018
 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

Thursday 25th October
 Friday 26th October
 Monday 5th November
 Monday 7th January
 Friday 5th April
 Friday 5th July

Begbrook Photo Board





Class RRF visit
Pizza Express



Pizza making in
reception - yummy!



Learning all about our bodies
in Y1 - lots of labels!



Teamwork to build a space
ship - great amethyst power!



Half of the certificate winners
for Y4 - Y6...



...and the other half!



Grit power for karate,
skydiving and dancing...



Some of the winners from
Y1 - Y3...



... and the others! Well done
to everybody.



Sincere showed us three
certificates - amazing grit!



Diamond power used to make
craze of week suggestion box



Have a brilliant half term!