

Newsletter 02
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Begbrook News

Growing our Ruby Power

This week we have been thinking about Harvest. The children have been learning some Harvest songs in singing assembly and performed these in our Celebration Assembly at the end of the week. We have been overwhelmed by your kind donations of food for our Harvest Collection – we clearly have a lot of Ruby Power in our community! All of these donations will be given to the East Bristol Food Bank, who are able to support families in our local area. Have a look at the photo board to see the table!

Last week, children in Year 5 and Year 6 were told about a job opportunity to become a Play Leader at lunchtime. Children who were interested were asked to write a letter of application explaining why they thought they would make an excellent Play Leader. This afternoon, the children were interviewed by our SMSA team – it really was a rigorous process! We are delighted to be able to tell you that Zahraa, Maria, Yarah, Raeanna, Lizzie, Ahmed and Roma have all accepted the job. They will begin their new role on Monday. You can see our newest team on the Photoboard below. Congratulations!

Our After School Clubs are back in the swing of things and it is great to see the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities that are available at Begbrook. It is really important that children only attend a club if they have been offered a space. If your child no longer requires a space, please let the club leader know so we can offer it to someone on the waiting list.

Staffing news: Mrs Mason has started her maternity leave – we would like to wish her and her husband all the best. Mr England and his wife had a baby girl at the start of the summer holidays. He is now back from Paternity leave. Congratulations to him and his family!

Y5 and Y6 Trip

This morning, 50 children from across Y5 and Y6 went on a trip to 'We the Curious' and took part in an event called 'FUTURES: Create, Imagine, Explore.' The event was a celebration of the research that takes place at Universities across Europe in areas such as science, engineering, humanities, arts and social sciences. Whilst we were there, we saw demonstrations of ultrasonic levitation, robotics at work and how blood-sucking insects are helping researchers with their work. The children were able to talk directly with the researchers and take part in over 30 science experiments. They all had a brilliant time!

Parking

We have a limited number of disabled parking spaces in and around the school site that are required by members of our school community. Please help by parking responsibly and respectfully and ensuring that you keep these spaces available for those who really need them. Please also park in a manner which is safe and considerate when dropping off and picking up at the beginning and end of the day.

Sewing Machines

Our Parent and Carer craft group are planning lots of sewing this year. They are on the hunt for any sewing machines that may be lurking, unused and unwanted, in your homes. If you have a sewing machine in good working order that you would be willing to donate, we would certainly make good use of it!

Attendance - One Big Thing

As you know, we ask 'ONE BIG THING' of you – please ensure that you bring your children to school every day that they are able to be here. If your child is slightly unwell in the morning but they have recovered by lunch time, please bring them to school for the afternoon session.

Our Attendance **HERO** (Here, Everyday, Ready, On time) classes this time are:
2JI- 99.7% **5NL- 98.2%** **1FE** (second week in a row in the top 3!) **98.0%**

Parent Forum

We are really interested in sharing our ideas and listening to your points of view about how we can continue to improve our school. One of the ways in which we do this is by running Parent Forum meetings every term. These are a chance for you to come and find out about the things that are happening in school and to also put forward suggestions for future agenda items. In order to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to participate in a Parent Forum, we run the sessions at alternating times each term – at the start of the school day or an evening event.

Our first Parent Forum of the year will be taking place on Thursday 18th October at 9:30am – 10:30am. We will be sharing our new 'Marking and Feedback Policy' and showing examples of how this will be used to support your children's progress. We will also be asking for suggestions for topics that could be discussed throughout the year at future Parent Forum meetings.

It would be great to see lots of you there. If you are unable to make it but you have some suggestions you would like to put forward, please click [here](#) to complete an online form.

We are really looking forward to working with you again this year.

The Principal Team

Staying safe in a digital age

Talking to your child – openly, and regularly – is the best way to help keep them safe online. You might find it helpful to start with a family discussion to set boundaries and agree what's appropriate. Or you might need a more specific conversation about an app or website your child wants to use or something you're worried about.

If you're not sure where to start then here's the advice you need:

- Explore sites and apps together
- Ask them about things they might see online which make them uncomfortable
- Talk about how they can stay safe on social network sites
- Reassure them that you won't overreact: you are just looking out for them
- Be Share Aware: talk about what's ok, and not ok, to share online

For more information, visit the NSPCC website.

Nut Free School

This is a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that your children's lunch boxes do not contain nuts as we have a number of children who have severe allergies. Thank you for your support.



Diary
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Mon 1 st Oct	Start of Black History Month	Thurs 18 th Oct	Reception end of term celebration
Wed 3 rd Oct	PTFA Open Meeting	Tues 23 rd Oct	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6pm
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th Oct	Y6 Residential Camp week and Base Camp	Wed 24 th Oct	Individual school photos Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7pm
Tues 9 th Oct	RDC trip to Pizza Express	Thurs 25 th Oct	Additional INSET day
Tues 16 th Oct	RRF trip to Pizza Express	Fri 26 th Oct	INSET day
Tues 16 th Oct	Y3 Beebot show 3pm	Tues 6 th Nov	RJB trip to Pizza Express

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 (extra INSET)
 Friday 26th October
 Monday 5th November
 Monday 7th January
 Friday 5th April
 Friday 5th July

Begbrook Photo Board



5 tables full of Harvest donations



Gem certificate winners!



Reception children made their own sandwiches and bought teddies in to have a teddy bears' picnic!



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Congratulations!



Well done everyone!



Our new Play Leaders



Y5 and Y6 children outside
We the Curious



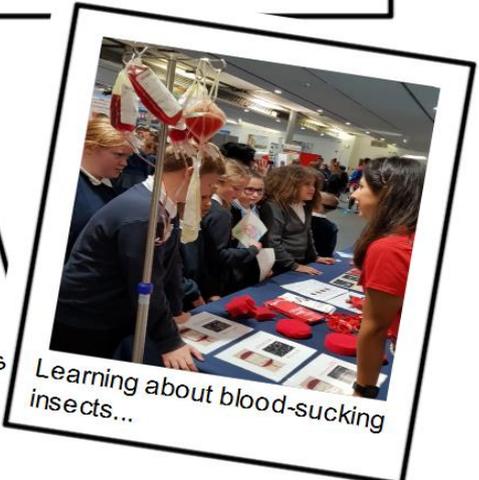
Mrs McCall enjoying the trip!



Levitation experiment using just sound waves...



Chromatography experiments



Learning about blood-sucking insects...