

Begbrook News

A quick round up of everything we've been doing...

Term 4 started feeling more like it was the summer term! The sun was shining, the temperatures were unseasonably high and we did everything we could to make the most of it, including having outdoor story times at the end of the day. At lunchtime, we were even able to open the field in February (we think this may be a first!) and the children enjoyed using the extra space to roll down the hills, make daisy chains, have wheelbarrow races and play hide and seek. Our lunchtimes have been really exciting recently... Following feedback from Parent Forum, we have extended the Y1 playground and now the children can use the Y1 and Y2 playground space. This has given them lots more space, more things to climb on and we have been able to have Craze of the Week activities such as trikes/bikes and plate spinning happening each week. For the rest of the school, they have been able to take part in some brilliant Craze of the Week activities so far this term, including treasure hunts, limbo, dancing and giant dice games. Have a look at the photo board for some examples of the fantastic opportunities we have available at lunchtime.

This term, our Y5 children have been buddying up with our Y2 children to support with maths learning. It is great to see so much diamond, ruby and amethyst power in action as the children listen and work together to solve problems. The children in Y6 went on a trip to the Life Skills centre this week. Whilst they were there, they worked in small groups to learn how to stay safe in a range of real-life situations. The feedback from the children and teachers is that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot of valuable skills at the same time. We are also pleased to say how brilliantly the children represented the school in terms of their behaviour – well done Y6!

One of the most prominent events of the school year took place this week... World Book Day! We were all so impressed with the costumes – thank you for putting so much effort into this. Whilst the children were in school, they took part in lots of World Book Day related activities, including writing about their chosen characters, painting pictures and of course describing the Gem Power that their character represented. Our photo board is full of amazing photos so make sure you check it out.

We also have some staffing news to share. Mr Barratt, who was Y6 leader last year, has successfully been appointed as the permanent Vice Principal at Evergreen Primary Academy, another academy within the CLF. We would like to offer him our congratulations as he takes up this role. Mrs Shaw has also recently accepted the position of Acting Vice Principal whilst Mrs Hine is on maternity leave. Mrs Shaw will begin this role during Term 6.

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

Football Sporting Success

On the afternoon of Friday 1st March, the Begbrook boys' football team took on the team from Summerhill Academy (this fixture is referred to as the local derby as Mr Munro used to be the Principal at Summerhill!)

We are delighted to be able to report that Begbrook won the match with a score of 3:2. The team used their incredible amethyst power to work collaboratively during the match and they used their grit power to ensure that they didn't give up until the very end. Mr Latham, who coaches the team, said that the team were a credit to the school and we should all be very proud of the way they played. Congratulations to all involved!

Uniform

We have received feedback that the iron-on school badges are sometimes coming loose once they have been worn/washed. We will look into this, as part of our school uniform policy is that children must wear school jumpers with the logo attached. A suggested alternative is that you sew these on whilst we investigate other options. If you would like to purchase jumpers with the logo pre-embroidered, please visit the Price and Buckland website for more information.

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 – 4HM and 6ES 99.3%
2nd – 3DH 98% **3rd** – 6LR 97.9%

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

PTFA Corner

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who came along, cooked, ate, helped and donated to the food fayre last week. It was a resounding success, raising just over £700 along with an incredible amount donated to the food bank. Everyone at North Bristol foodbank were so pleased and thankful for your donations. I think we can all agree that the event was a success, the food was delicious as usual and it has been too long since the last one!

Some dates for your diary:

Tues 19th March 6-9pm Ladies Evening. This event has been organised by a group of mums who would like to invite women from all communities to an evening of fun and entertainment. As it is a ladies only event, Muslim women have the opportunity to not wear their hijabs (headscarves) during the evening if they wish. If you would like further information, please contact Shahda, via the school office.

Thurs 21st March - World Downs Syndrome Day, LOTS OF SOCKS! We would encourage children to wear lots of socks to help raise awareness. Brightly coloured socks, long socks, odd socks, as many socks as they can! Look out for the posters.

Fri 29th March – Mothers’ Day Shop. We have lots of beautiful gifts for mums, grandmas, aunties and we are really looking forward to this event. £2.50 per gift as usual, bring to school in an envelope for the children to do their shopping. VOLUNTEERS needed, as ever! It's a lovely event to help at and most people who help out once come back the next time! All day, or just the morning or afternoon. A PERFECT ONE FOR THE DADS TO SIGN UP AND HELP!

SAVE THE DATE - BEGFEST IS BACK- 19TH JULY!!!

We will be holding an open meeting before the end of term to start organising this years’ event. Please come along if you can and find out what you can do to help. There are so many jobs to do that won’t take you too much time and you can do from home... every little helps!

FINAL REMINDERS:

PTFA are looking for new committee members at the end of this year. Please come and speak to us to find out what's involved and what roles are available. It is extremely rewarding and great fun.

Nursery are still looking for rain suits if you have any that you no longer need and Reception would also appreciate any Julia Donaldson books. If you are mid spring-clean and have any of these much needed items they would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks as always, PTFA

Y6 Leavers’ Fundraising Events

We have a couple of planned events this term to raise money for the Year 6 leavers’ event at the end of year:

- Monday 1st April: Movie Monday for KS1 and KS2
- Thursday 4th April: Easter themed cake sale

We are excited at the return of Movie Monday for KS1 and KS2 children. Tickets will be £3 each and will include a snack and a drink. Tickets will be on sale from next week so look out for letters home for details.



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose Day	Thurs 28th Mar	Parent Forum 9:15am (agenda tbc)
Tues 19th Mar	PTFA: Ladies Only Pamper Evening 6-9pm	Fri 29th Mar	PTFA Mothers’ Day shop
Thurs 21st Mar	World Downs Syndrome Day – Lots of socks	Mon 1st Apr	Movie Monday KS1 and KS2
Fri 22nd Mar	Y5 trip to the Space Centre tbc	Thurs 4th Apr	Easter Themed Cake Sale

Term Dates 2018/19

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

Term dates 2019/20

Term 1: Monday 2nd Sept - Friday 25th Oct 2019
 Term 2: Monday 4th Nov - Friday 20th Dec 2019
 Term 3: Monday 6th Jan - Friday 14th Feb 2020
 Term 4: Monday 24th Feb - Friday 3rd Apr 2020
 Term 5: Monday 20th Apr - Friday 22nd May 2020
 Term 6: Monday 1st June - Monday 20th July 2020

Inset Days 2018/19

Friday 5th April
 Friday 5th July

INSET Days 2019-20

Monday 2nd Sept 19
 Thursday 24th Oct 19
 Friday 25th Oct 19
 Monday 6th Jan 20
 Friday 3rd Apr 20
 Friday 4th Jul 20
 Monday 20th Jul 20

Begbrook Photo Board



Y1 children enjoying the bikes and trike at lunch



February or July? Making the most of the sunshine...



Giant Games - Craze of the Week on main playground...



A packed International Food Fayre - thank you PTFA!



Story time outside in the sunshine for Y1...



Perfecting the limbo with the help of our Play Leaders...



Amazing costumes...



And more brilliant costumes...



And even more...



Harry Potter themed costumes!



Science experiments whilst dressed up!



Principal Team: Winnie the Pooh, Piglet and Tigger!