

Begbrook News

We are a good school...

Recently, we were able to share with you the GOOD news about our recent Ofsted inspection. We are very pleased with the way it reads and feel it is a fair reflection of everything we have implemented. The report recognises that we have introduced a number of new initiatives, which are still in an early stage of development and that the impact of these is yet to be felt as we have simply not had long enough to show this. However, the inspection feedback clearly validates that we have developed the right strategies to move the school forward.

The headlines that we particularly like are:

- *You are ambitious for pupils and committed to developing excellence in the education provided.*
- *You are not complacent.*
- *Together, you are forming a cohesive, forward-thinking team that is determined to ensure that every pupil can 'believe, achieve and succeed'.*
- *(with reference to our Pupil Premium strategy) -This very recent, exemplary work provides detailed analysis of the particular needs and vulnerabilities of this group of pupils which has led you to provide specialised support.*
- *The high morale of staff described in the previous inspection report remains as high now.*

The inspection outcome really does recognise the fact that we are on an improvement journey and we are very excited about what the future holds. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Ofsted presentation and then at the celebration after school last Friday. We would like to thank our incredible staff for the hard work they do on a daily basis for the children in our school and we would like to thank you all for the support you have given us.

In other news, last week, due to extreme weather conditions, we made the decision to close the school. We really appreciated your support, patience and understanding in this. We hope you all enjoyed your extra-long weekend!

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

Parents' Evening Update

Due to the snow day, we have rescheduled Parents' Evening for Thursday 22nd March. The appointment times will stay the same but if you need to change yours, please come and speak to the class teachers. Thank you.

Parking

On Monday morning, Parking Services and PCSOs were outside the school at drop-off time. The reason they were here was to support safe parking practices for example, ensuring that cars are not parked across driveways, up on curbs or on the yellow zig-zags outside the school.

Whilst they were here, 5 tickets were issued because children were in moving vehicles while not wearing a seatbelt.

During this high presence of officers, safe parking significantly improved. We now need your continued support to ensure that this happens on a daily basis so that our children are kept safe.

We remind you that there is a park and stride from Begbrook Community Centre

PTFA Corner

Last Friday, the PTFA held a hot dog and cake sale after school. The event was a fundraiser to raise money for school library books but it also became a celebration of the school's recent Ofsted report. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and it really did feel like a party atmosphere.

We are thrilled to be able to announce that this event raised a massive £735! This is incredible and we would like to thank everyone who supported in making this happen. In particular, we would like to say a big thank you to our PTFA – you did a fantastic job and we really appreciate all you do for the school.

Attendance

Every day, a punctuality check is carried out at school. Last week, **over 70 pupils** were late to school. To help us reduce this number, our Education Welfare Officer will be doing regular checks on the late door after 9am and speaking to parents.

Being late to school adds up to a loss of learning:

5 minutes late every day (after 8.45am) = 3 days lost each year

or

4 weeks out of their total time at Begbrook.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Sutton or another member of the Begbrook Team.

World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March, we celebrated World Book Day. This year, we decided to have a whole school theme of 'ANIMALS'. We were really impressed with all the amazing costumes – the children (and staff) looked fantastic!

In the morning, children did activities linked to World Book Day during their lessons.

If you are receiving this newsletter via email, then look on the photo board for lots of photos of us all dressed up!

Parent Forum

Thank you to those of you who attended Parent Forum last week. At the meeting, we shared and agreed on a new reporting document which details pupil progress. More details of what this will look like will follow shortly.

We also established the role and responsibilities of the Parent Representatives:

- Name to be on classroom window
- Email address to be shared with class community
- Be a presence for your class community
- Email communication to take place with Principal Team
- Attendance at Parent Forum when possible
- Gather suggestions, concerns and questions from class community
- Share suggestions, concerns and questions with Principal Team via email, face-to-face or raise at Parent Forum



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Mon 5 th Mar	Science Week	Fri 23 rd Mar	PTFA Easter themed cake sale – 3:30pm
Tues 6 th Mar	Y6 samosa fundraising sale 3:30pm in main playground	Mon 26 th Mar – Fri 6 th Apr	Atlas Holiday Camp
Fri 9 th Mar	PTFA Mothers' Day shop – for children in Studio all day	Mon 9 th Apr	INSET day
Wed 14 th Mar	Whole school class photo day	Fri 13 th Apr	PTFA International Food Fayre 3:30pm
Thurs 15 th Mar	Y3 Beebot Dance Show	Mon 23 rd Apr	PTFA Movie Night TBC
Mon 19 th , Wed 21 st - Fri 23 rd	Book Fair 8:30-9:00am Book Fair 3:30-4:00pm Location – Study Station	Mon 30 th Apr	PTFA Movie Night TBC
Thurs 22 nd Mar	Rescheduled Parents' Evening 3:50 – 6:00pm	Mon 7 th May	May Bank Holiday
Fri 23 rd Mar	Sports Relief Day	Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th May	Y6 SATs week

Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 4: Monday 19 Feb – Friday 23 March 2018

Term 5: Tuesday 10 April – Friday 25 May 2018

Term 6: Monday 4 June – Tuesday 24 July 2018

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 2017/2018

Monday 9th April

Friday 6th July

Inset Days 2018/19

Monday 3rd September

Friday 20th October

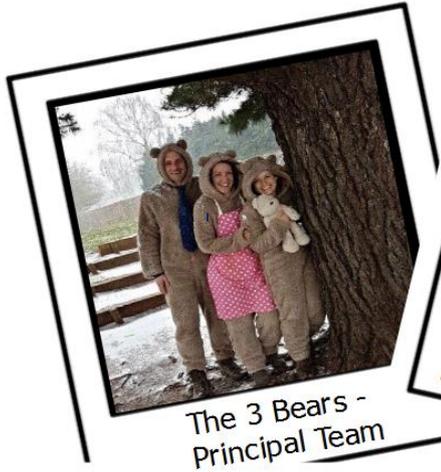
Monday 5th November

Monday 7th January

Friday 5th April

Friday 5th July

Begbrook Photo Board



The 3 Bears -
Principal Team



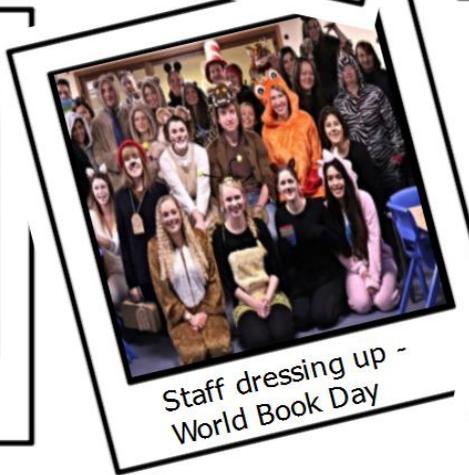
Read Aloud month -
Dan Edozie (Bristol Flyers)



Y3 costumes - amazing effort!



Outdoors Project - making
a log circle



Staff dressing up -
World Book Day



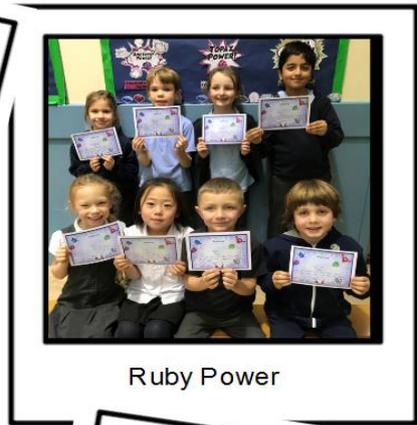
3DH - 100% attendance stars!



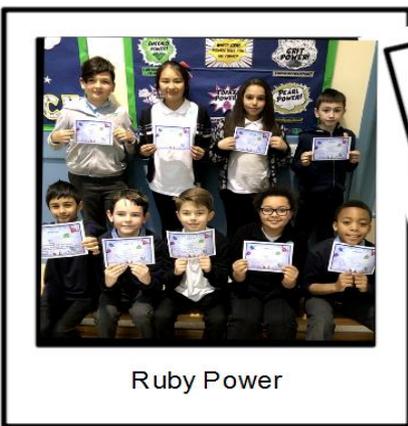
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