

Begbrook News

A brief round-up on events in school:

Last week we held our annual Science Week. Throughout the week, children developed their scientific knowledge and skills by conducting a variety of experiments and doing lots of interesting research. The children were also given the opportunity to watch The Hobgoblin Theatre Company (funded by the PTFA), who performed 'A History of Science' for all of the children in the school and they had an assembly presented by the Mad Science company. All of the children's hard work culminated in a Science Fair at the end of the week. Unfortunately, due to the rainy weather, the experiments could not take place under the blue canopy as originally planned. However, the teachers and children were incredibly adaptable and managed to show case their work from their classrooms instead. A huge thank you must be given to Mr Wilcox, our science coordinator, who organised this week for the children.

On Friday 9th March, our Academy Councillors joined us in school for the morning. During their time, they spoke to two of our Year Group Leaders, John Israel and Chris Barratt, who explained the Oracy and PiXL initiatives they have been leading this year. We went on a tour of the school, focusing on our Gem Powers – we saw so many being used and celebrated! Finally, they spent time in lessons and saw the excellent work that takes place every day. The visit was a huge success - the Academy Councillors were very impressed with how polite, confident and keen to learn the children were. We look forward to seeing them on a regular basis in the future.

On Thursday 8th March, the Y6 girls netball team took part in a Central Bristol tournament against. The children played brilliantly and finished top of their group! This means they will now take part in the Regional Bristol Finals. Well done to everyone who took part – we are very proud of you!

This will be our final newsletter in what has been another extremely busy term. We are thrilled to be able to say that 99% of our newsletters are now being sent via email! This was raised as a 'wish' at our first Parent Forum and we are pleased that it is now operational!

All that is left to say is have a great final week of term and a very happy and restful break.

Mr Munro. Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

Parents' Evening Update

Due to the snow day, we have rescheduled Parents' Evening for the majority of classes on 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. The following classes have appointments on different days for various reasons: 6CB, 5JI and 3DH. We would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PTFA Corner

We are pleased to announce the final event of this term will be The Easter Cake Sale on the 23rd March after school. As usual, we need all your tasty cake donations and help if you have time. We will be holding a competition for the best Easter cake or cakes. All entries should be given to us at drop off on the morning of the 23rd (clearly labelled) and the winner will be announced later in the day and receive a special Easter prize. It is a great opportunity to get baking and creating with the kids.

Also to update you on our logo competition entries. Thank you so much for all your hard work, we have really enjoyed looking through your drawings. We have made a shortlist now and a winner will be announced soon!

Finally, by popular demand the International food fayre will be back on the 13th April, usual time, after school in the hall. If you've never been before you are missing out on some fantastic treats. We always welcome new cooks, so if you fancy cooking something you love to share then please look out for more details soon.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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

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Photography competition

Are you a budding photographer? Would you like to be one of 12 winners of a photography competition and have your photograph published in the PiXL Primary Raising Standards Leader calendar for the 2018-19 membership year? If so, you might want to enter:

The title of the competition is 'It's a Wonderful World'. You can interpret this in any way you like - we are looking for really creative and imaginative responses!

Please send entries to: primary@pixl.org.uk.

Deadline: 20th April 2018 (5pm).

We very much look forward to receiving entries from you.

Staffing news

Earlier this week, we held interviews for the permanent post of Assistant Principal. After a tough and rigorous process against a national field, I am delighted to tell you that Jenny Shaw has accepted the role. She was the stand out applicant in all areas throughout the process and I am sure you will all join me in offering her massive congratulations. We have also been able to offer Lydia Fernandez a permanent TA contract after a successful interview this week. Congratulations!

This week we have also welcomed back our business manager Sarah Miedziak who has returned to work after her maternity leave. David Farr, who has been doing the role during this time, will leave us on Friday ready to start a new job at Blaise Primary and Nursery School. We would like to thank him for everything he has done and wish him the very best of luck in the future.

Finally, next week we will be welcoming Alison Coyle to the staffing team. She will be working as a TA in our Reception classes.



Diary
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Mon 19 th , Wed 21 st - Fri 23 rd	Book Fair 8:30-9:00am Book Fair 3:30-4:00pm Location – Study Station	Fri 13 th Apr	PTFA International Food Fayre 3:30pm In the main hall
Thurs 22 nd Mar	Rescheduled Parents' Evening 3:50 – 6:00pm	Mon 23 rd Apr	PTFA Movie Night TBC
Fri 23 rd Mar	Sports Relief Day	Fri 27 th Apr	Y4 Living Rainforest trip
Fri 23 rd Mar	PTFA Easter themed cake sale – 3:30pm	Mon 30 th Apr	PTFA Movie Night TBC
Mon 26 th Mar – Fri 6 th Apr	Atlas Holiday Camp	Mon 7 th May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 9 th Apr	INSET 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 26th October
Monday 5th November
Monday 7th January
Friday 5th April
Friday 5th July

Begbrook Photo Board



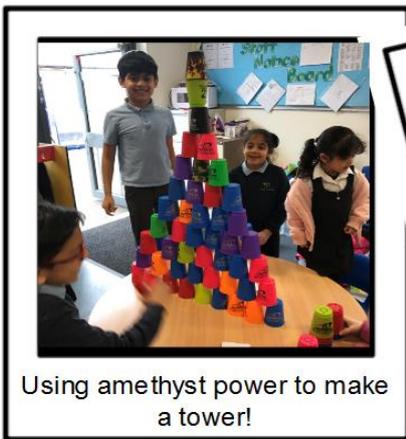
Reading with the Mayor



Earning loads of Gems!



Craze of the week in the Play House - stacking cup fun!



Using amethyst power to make a tower!



Amethyst Power



Amethyst Power



Football stars



Pearl Power!



Central Bristol Netball Champions!



Pearl Power!



Swimming Gala success



Mad Science assembly as part of Science week