

Begbrook News

“The standard you walk past is the standard you accept.”

On Monday 9th April, we held an INSET day for the staff. The day began by looking at this quote from Chief of Army, Lt Gen Morrison: “The standard you walk past is the standard you accept.” The agenda for the day was to improve the school’s learning environment so that it is as effective and supportive for the children as possible. We looked into various strategies and conducted our own research into the type of learning environment we want here at Begbrook. This is what we have decided:

Vision

We recognise the crucial role the school environment plays in developing excellence in children’s learning. At Begbrook the learning environment will be purposeful, organised, safe and inspiring. While reflecting the school community, the school environment will support and celebrate the learning. Subtle muted colour schemes will allow children’s own learning to be the focus. Throughout our school, there will be a coherent approach to the learning environment. Every member of the school community is responsible for maintaining and using the learning environment to its fullest.

Throughout the INSET day, staff worked tirelessly to re-back boards, filled a skip with out-of-date or damaged resources and generally tidied the school to make sure it was clean, clear and organised. We are delighted with the improvements already. As you walk the school, you will notice that displays in classrooms are purposeful and support the children with their learning; in the corridors we are able to showcase the product of their amazing learning in what we are now calling the gallery displays. The boards are beginning to be filled and we look forward to being able to invite you in over the coming weeks to see the difference for yourself.

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

Lost Property

As we are sure you have all seen, our Lost Property box is overflowing! We will be sorting the contents and all named property will be returned to children during the school day. The unnamed items will be put out on tables under the blue canopy at the end of the following school days: Friday 13th and Monday 16th April.

Please ensure that you label all items belonging to the children before they bring it to school. This allows us to return items that become lost more easily.

Sports Relief

At the end of last term, we took part in activities to support Sport Relief. The Year 6 P.E. committee ran lunch time challenges including hula hooping, speedy circuits, tennis challenge and ‘Beat the Goalie’ featuring Mrs Hine, Mr Munro, Mr Israel and Mr Barratt!! On Friday, the children came into school in non-uniform and also took part in a sponsored ‘Buddy Mile’ on Friday afternoon. The younger and older children were ‘buddied-up’ with a partner from a different year group and they completed the course together – it was a fantastic demonstration of ruby and amethyst power! We also had some incredibly generous sponsors – thank you.

In total, the school raised a huge **£1447!** We would like to thank everyone who took part and contributed to this total. We would also like to say a big thank you to Miss Troughton for organising such an action-packed week.

Adults Learning English Course

An opportunity to:

- Improve your English writing and speaking skills
- Gain confidence to help your child with English work
 - Find out how English is taught in school
- Discover ideas to make reading and writing more enjoyable at home

Join our new, FREE, 9 week course at Begbrook!

Tuesdays 9.15 – 11.15am starting on 17th April

Really friendly tutor and small group support
Email clare.morton@bpa.cabot.ac.uk to sign up or
come and chat to Miss Morton in Year 4.

Course provided by Bristol Learning Communities

Parent/Carers Craft Group

Every Wednesday from 9am —10:30am, we are running a free parent/carers craft group. At this group, we work together to complete craft projects for the school for example creating resources for the children to use in classes and displays around the school.

The sessions are fun and relaxed and it is a nice opportunity to get to know members of the school community. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

Sessions are run by Shadha Aslam and Rachel Hewitt. If you are interested, please feel free to drop in and try it out. We look forward to seeing you there.

Book Fair

The recent book fair was a huge success! Lots of people used their World Book Day Vouchers to help them to buy really exciting and interesting books.

Our school has earned nearly £400 in commission. This money will be used to improve the number and range of books in our book corners and the library – thank you for being such great customers!

Mrs Symons

Attendance

Last week, **41 pupils** were late to school. This is an improvement from 70 late pupils in the previous week.
Thank you for your efforts – please keep it up!

Being late to school leads to a loss of learning.
5 minutes late every day = 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 teacher, Miss Sutton or another member of the Begbrook staff.



Diary
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Fri 13 th Apr	PTFA International Food Fayre 3:30pm In the main hall	Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th May	Y6 SATs week
Fri 27 th Apr	Y4 Living Rainforest trip	Mon 9 th Jul	Health and fitness week
Mon 30 th Apr	PTFA Movie Night	Thurs 19 th Jul	BEGFEST Summer Celebration
Mon 7 th May	May Bank Holiday		

Term Dates 2017/2018

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

Friday 6th July

Inset Days 2018/19

Monday 3rd September

Friday 26th October

Monday 5th November

Monday 7th January

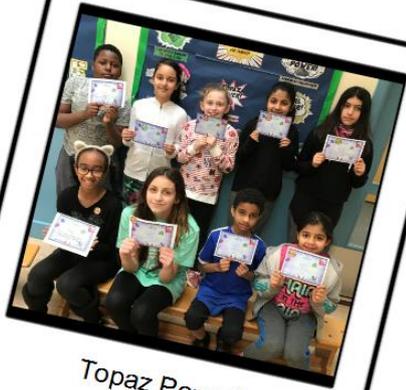
Friday 5th April

Friday 5th July

Begbrook Photo Board



Easter bonnet parade
and cake winners



Topaz Power!



'Beat the Goalie' - Mr Munro...



'Beat the Goalie' - Mr Israel...



Great save Mr Israel!



Off the post... so close!



Y1 Gardening Group



Y1 planting seeds



Hector - gymnastic success!



Gem Certificate Winners!



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Year 1 dressed up as animals
top launch their new topic.