

Begbrook News

The story of term 5 so far...

As always, Begbrook Primary School is a hive of activity. In the previous newsletter we told you about the improvements we had begun to do with the learning environment. We are pleased to tell you that our corridor displays are already looking fantastic and are clearly showcasing the high quality, creative learning taking place across the school. You can see some of our displays on the photoboard of this newsletter...

On Monday 16th April, Year Five went back in time to experience Ancient Greece. The children came into school dressed as Ancient Greeks and took part in lots of activities during the day, including making Greek food and learning a Greek dance. At the end of the day, parents were able to come into school to see the exciting learning that had taken place.

Our Year Two children have been busy creating sunset paintings as part of their Africa topic. They look absolutely spectacular!

In Year Three, everyone has been using their sapphire power to focus on learning new skills to help in the current DT project. The children have been sawing wood and joining the pieces to make a photo frame. They will put these skills in practice when they design and build their very own bridges later this term.

Outside the classroom, the Y6 girls' netball team played against tough competition in a netball tournament. They came back to school full of smiles and praising each other for how well they had played as a team. When we asked how they had done they replied, "We came last. But that's because the other schools had practised more." They recognised the value of Grit Power and said that if they wanted to win next time, they knew what they would need to do - practise more. We are so pleased to see how the Gem Powers are having a positive effect on the attitudes of our children. These girls are a credit to the school – well done!

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

PTFA Corner

*BegFest
2018*

BegFest 19th July – 3.30 onwards!

Back by popular demand... BegFest is an end of year celebration for the whole school. It will showcase the talents and skills of our children, families and staff through performances. To make it feel like a festival we will have food/drink and other fun activities for the children and families to be involved in. Think Summer Fayre merged with a mini Festival and that's BegFest! We had a great planning meeting on Wednesday - thanks to those who came and supported and brought some great ideas! If anyone would like to be on the events committee for BegFest or perhaps you can just support by doing some cooking or talking to your friends about the event please do get in touch with us. We will soon be meeting with the teachers and then we will have a more detailed plan.

International Food Fayre

Thanks for your support at the International food fayre. We had an amazing range of food but the curries were the most popular!! Over £500 was raised and the proceeds will be split with ABC refugee charity. Thanks to the cooks, the sellers and the cleaner-upers! Our massive and final thanks to Clare Chislett who has been running this event for several years and this was her last food fayre. Thanks again Clare!

Other activities

The PTFA are organising the Monday Movie night on 30th April for Reception and Year 1's. Ticket sales are now closed. Then we have the Father's Day shop on 15th June and we'll remind you of that closer to the time. In other news we have partially funded trips for the Year 3 for their to the Clifton Suspension Bridge, Year 4 to the Living Rainforest, and Year 6 Lifeskills session.

Many thanks, PTFA

Parent Forum

On Friday 20th April, we held our fourth Parent Forum. This time the main item for discussion was Uniform. During the session, we looked at a range of existing uniform policies from a number of schools in Bristol. Parent representatives gave feedback from other parents about our current school uniform and expectations. We then considered how to make it as accessible as possible for everyone to be able to wear school uniform. The discussion was very positive and helpful in terms of moving forwards. Academy Council will be continuing this consultation as we move towards clarifying and up-dating the uniform policy for the start of the next academic year. We will communicate this with you as soon as possible.

Conservation Area

We are very fortunate to be able to give some of our children the opportunity to work with Rowan and his team from the Outdoors Project. During the recent sessions, the children have been spending time in the conservation area and have worked hard as team to construct a shelter, which can be used as an outdoor learning space. The shelter is made predominantly out of a parachute, which can be wrapped, rolled and stored in the trees. Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning how to create free-standing shelters as well as becoming nature detectives and even learning how to build fires! What an amazing outdoor learning space!

Items to be kept at home:

We do not recommend that children bring in personal items or precious valuables from home. If children choose to bring items in from home, it is their responsibility to keep them safe.

- **Slime** – as a result of damage to school carpets, we are unfortunately having to ask children to no longer bring this into school. However, some children may use slime or other materials as part of specific learning interventions. This will be under the supervision of a school adult. If children have slime in school that is not designed to support their learning, we will be asking them to put it away. If the class teacher is allowing slime during Gem Time, then it is under the supervision of an adult and this is ok.
- **Pokémon cards** – the loss of these cards has caused some children considerable distress and so we strongly recommend that these are not brought into school.

When items from home are lost in school, it can have a negative impact on the rest of the day. Our motto is this: "Don't bring to school what you don't want to lose."

Staffing News

We are delighted to be able to announce that Mr Chris Barratt and his wife have just celebrated the birth of their second child, a beautiful baby girl! We are sure you would like to join us all in sending the whole family our very best wishes.

Mr Barratt is now on Paternity leave. He will return to school in the next two weeks. During this time, 6CB will be taught by Miss Harvey.



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Sat 28 th Apr	STAGES performance	Mon 9 th Jul	Health and Fitness week
Mon 30 th Apr	PTFA Movie Night	Tues 10 th Jul	EYFS Sports Day
Wed 2 nd Apr	Y3 Suspension Bridge trip	Wed 11 th Jul	KS1 Sports Day
Mon 7 th May	May Bank Holiday	Wed 11 th Jul	End of year reports sent home
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th May	Y6 SATs week	Thurs 12 th Jul	KS2 Sports Day
Tues 29 th May – Fri 1 st Jun	Atlas holiday camp – main hall	Thurs 19 th Jul	BEGFEST Summer Celebration
Fri 15 th Jun	PTFA Father's Day Shop		

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



Y4 corridor display



International Food Fayre



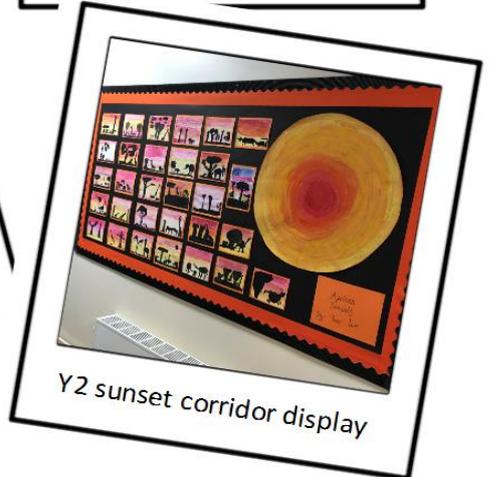
Diamond Power certificate winners - Y4, Y5 and Y6!



International Food Fayre



Diamond Power certificate winners - Y1, Y2 and Y3!



Y2 sunset corridor display



Congratulations to Charlotte for her music certificate!



Y5 dance for part of their Ancient Greece WOW day



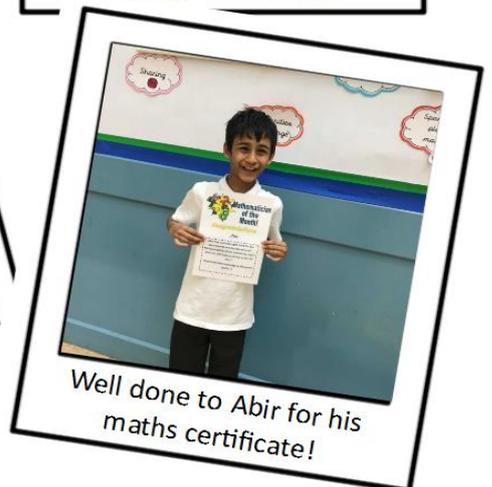
Evan showed us his rugby medals - well done!



Y6 Netball Team - we are proud of your attitude!



Jarrell looking proud of the Greek Food made in Y5



Well done to Abir for his maths certificate!