

Begbrook News

Exciting Curriculum Opportunities at Begbrook

We are proud to offer the children in our school the opportunity to experience a broad, balanced curriculum that is full of learning opportunities that go beyond what you would expect to see in a normal classroom. Here are just some of the things our children have been enjoying over the past couple of weeks:

Year 4:

On Friday 27th April, Year 4 went on a trip to the Living Rainforest in Newbury. We saw lots of rainforest creatures including poison dart frogs, a sloth and lizards. It was very hot inside the glass house, where bananas, coffee, cocoa, ginger and vanilla were growing. We were given a tour by experts who talked to us about the amazing adaptations that animals and plants in the rainforests have made. Everyone had a fantastic time! Thank you to the PTFA for part funding our trip.
Miss Jones (Y4 lead/teacher)

Year 3:

On Wednesday 2nd May, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Clifton Suspension Bridge where we learnt the fascinating history of the bridge and the competitions that took place to design it. The children loved finding out that the bridge was originally meant to look Egyptian! They also worked together to build a bridge of their own, thinking about different structures they could use in order to support up to 10 kg. The day finished with some sketching of the incredible Clifton Suspension Bridge under the sunshine. Blissful!
Mr Lawrence (Y3 teacher)

Reception:

Our children in Reception have been reading 'What the ladybird heard' and the children have been writing their own stories. As part of their learning they have been following instructions so the children practised this skill by following a recipe to bake their own biscuits and later decorated them. The entire school smelt of delicious biscuits for the whole day!

We are proud of the opportunities provided at Begbrook and we are thrilled that the children are enjoying the experiences we have on offer. Our final message goes to our Y6 children who have SATs tests next week. They have put a huge amount of effort into their learning and we know they will be amazing!

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

PTFA Corner

Winner of Begbrook PTFA logo – SEREN PINE Class 3DH

Thanks to everyone who entered the logo competition. We had an amazing number of entries from the wacky to wonderful. We were so pleased that the children wanted to get involved. The committee had a hard time deciding but selected the winner based on the beautiful drawing, colours and attention to detail. We thought it represented the fun and friendship shown at Begbrook. We then worked with a Begbrook parent who is a designer - they created the winning entry into a workable logo. We hope you love the new logo as much as we do! Thanks to all of you who submitted an entry and congratulations again to Seren.



Can you help us with any of the following upcoming events?

Father's Day Shop

Can anyone help with the Father's Day shop on Friday 15th June? We are looking for people to commit to either 9am-1pm or 1pm-3pm slots or if possible all day. Please email the PTFA on PTFA.Begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk

Begfest

If anyone wants to be involved in Begfest organisation please email the PTFA on PTFA.Begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk

Happy's Circus

Save the date - Wednesday 12th September – ticket information coming soon.

Many thanks, PTFA

Parent/Carer group

Every Wednesday for the last couple of terms, a group of parents/carers have been meeting and taking part in craft activities in the Expressive Arts room. They have recently had two projects on the go. The first was to make Meerkats for each of our Y1 classes to support with their whole class reading of Meerkat Mail. The second project was to create a display for the Y3 children about their whole class reading book – The Green Ship. The results are spectacular! Have a look at the photo board to see for yourself. Well done to everyone who has been involved and a special thank you to Rachael Hewitt and Shahda Aslam for organising and leading the group.

Menu Change

Next week, we have a change to our usual menu order with the Monday and Thursday meal options swapping. The details below show what the options for each day will now be:

- Monday: Chicken curry or cheese and tomato pinwheel
- Thursday: All day breakfast (meat or veggie)

Stages Dance Competition

A couple of weeks ago, lots of our children took part in the annual Stages Dance competition. Lots of schools and groups took part. We had two groups that performed – one group led by Miss Roe and Miss Mowlem and the other group led by Mrs McManus and Mr Lawrence. The children's performances were absolutely fantastic. They showed incredible team work and confidence on stage. They have put in a huge amount of effort into their rehearsals and we are very proud of all them. Well done to everyone who was involved.

Nursery Mud Kitchen

Nursery and Reception are looking to improve the mud kitchen as part of their outdoor provision. If you have any plastic kitchen units and you would like to donate them, please take them to the nursery door at the start or end of the day. Thank you!



EYFS team

Staffing News - Bristol 10k

Earlier this year, colleagues across the CLF were asked to join together as Team CLF and run the Bristol 10k. As well as being a great motivator to get some exercise, it also gives everyone a great excuse to support amazing charities. A record-breaking 81 colleagues will be running in this event, including members of staff from Begbrook. If you are there, please look out for the orange t-shirts and cheer us along. Good luck to everyone taking part!



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Mon 14 th May	Traffic works start on Broom Hill	Wed 4 th Jul	Y6 performance of Lion King (morning)
14 th -17 th May	Y6 SATs week	Thurs 5 th Jul	Y6 performance of Lion King (evening)
Tues 15 th May	RSE consultation Y1/2	Mon 9 th Jul	Health and Fitness week
Wed 16 th May	RSE consultation Y3/4	Tues 10 th Jul	EYFS Sports Day
Thur 17 th May	Outdoor Classroom Day	Wed 11 th Jul	KS1 Sports Day
Fri 18 th May	Science lecture for parents and children	Wed 11 th Jul	End of year reports sent home
Wed 23 rd May	RSE consultation Y5/6	Fri 13 th Jul	Y6 Leavers' Party
Wed 6 th Jun	Y2 trip to Wild Place	Thurs 12 th Jul	KS2 Sports Day
Fri 15 th Jun	PTFA Father's Day Shop	Thurs 19 th Jul	BEGFEST Summer Celebration

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



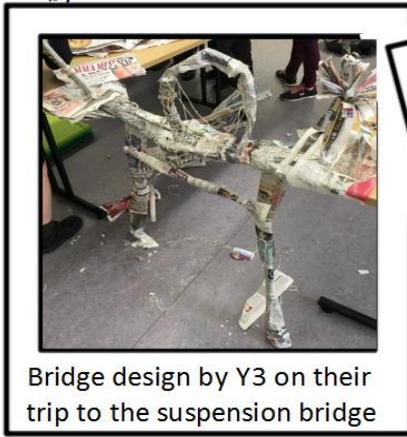
The Green Ship display made by our Parent/Carer group



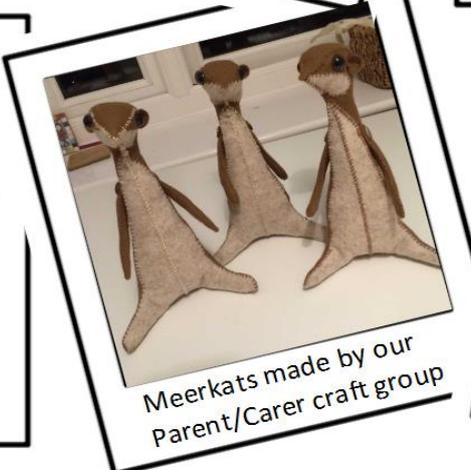
PTFA logo competition winner and runners-up



Y6 looking after the school by litter picking!



Bridge design by Y3 on their trip to the suspension bridge



Meerkats made by our Parent/Carer craft group



Y4 on their rainforest trip!



Zac presenting Miss Mowlem and Miss Roe with a thank you card for Stages



Delilah achieving a certificate for music



Ashal earning a certificate for karate



Gem certificate winners - Ruby Power!



Y1 proudly picking their first school grown potato



Olivia earning a certificate for her swimming