

Begbrook News

Growing our Gem Powers

Grit power is all about perseverance, reflection, effort and practise over time. The results of grit power are clear to see in the incredible achievements of our children. In the last newsletter, we told you about the Stages performances that had taken place this term. Since then, we have now been informed that the Y5/6 'Elements' dance has been selected to take part in a gala which will be held on Wednesday 6th June. This is a real accomplishment as Begbrook is one of only a couple of schools in Bristol/North Somerset/South Gloucestershire/CLF to have been selected for every year that we have entered. We are so proud of all the children – well done for using your **Grit Power** to put in the effort to practise and persevere.

Last week it was Outdoor Classroom Day, which is celebrated nationally. Children all around school grew their **Pearl Power** by taking their learning outside and making links to what they had been learning in the classroom. This included Science, Maths and Art. The children had a great time – look at the photos on the photoboard!

Children in Reception have been growing their **Sapphire Power** and talking **Topaz Power** during a trip to Windmill City Farm. Whilst they were on the trip, the children had to listen carefully and follow instructions when pond dipping, completing a mini-beast hunt and tasting plants and they had to concentrate when learning lots of information about all the animals they saw at the farm (**Sapphire Power**). When they got back to school, the children talked about what they had done (**Topaz Power**) and this helped them to write fantastic sentences about their trip. Well done Reception!

One of our parents, Rebecca Collard, is currently undertaking a Masters Degree and is completing a dissertation on the impact of our Gem Powers approach. If you would like to share your opinions with her, please click [here](#) for more information.

We would like to wish you all a very happy half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back for the start of Term 6.

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

Have you
been an
Attendance
HERO?

Here
Everyday
Ready
On time

1 st	100% 5NL 6CB
2 nd	99.2% 4MA
3 rd	98.9% 4LJ

Did you know 95% attendance equals missing a morning or afternoon each week?

PTFA Corner

A huge delivery of books has just been presented to the school! We hope they are stories your children will love as they have been inspired by the books from the Begbrook Reading Spine. The money to fund these books came from the hotdog sale earlier this year so thank you to all who attended. With your support we raised a huge amount of money and that has now been spent on a very worthy cause - improving resources for all of our children.

While we are on a roll, we'd like to let you know about what's coming up next - please save the dates below. If you can help at any of the following events let us know. For BegFest especially, there's a massive amount of organisation required and we need your help to make it happen. We hope to have another parents meeting after half term and after school for anyone who might not have been able to attend the last meeting.

- 15th June - Father's day shop
- 19th July - BegFest
- 12th September - The circus is coming to town!!

We hope a visit from the circus will be a fitting way to start the new school year! The first issue of tickets will be announced soon and will be available to buy in the playground after half term - we will update you all soon. There will be further ticket sales announced during the next few months.

We hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to starting work on Begfest when we get back.

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



Parent/Carer Craft Group

Our group is busy with preparations for BegFest. We are currently making a huge banner and would like to invite you to join in with decorating it. Every little bit will help and you don't have to commit every week – just come when you can. The groups runs from 9am-11am Wednesday mornings in The Expressive arts room. If you can't come to the session but would still like to get creative, why don't you try making pom poms over half term? Take a look at the Begbrook PTFA Facebook page for a tutorial. Once you have made them, please put them in clear separate bags in the wool bin! If you have any spare wool to donate, please leave this in the wool bin so that we can make lots of pom poms at the craft group. Thank you.

School crossing patrol

As many of you are aware, Bristol City Council had to make the decision earlier this year to cut funding for many school crossing patrols. Unfortunately, our school crossing patrol – Philip – was one of the people affected by this change. As a school, we value this role as it helps to provide safety to our children before and after school.

Therefore, we are delighted to be able to tell you that we have made the decision to fund this position as a school. We know that lots of you feel as strongly about this as we do and we hope that you are pleased with the decision that has been made.

Uniform Policy

Earlier this week we sent out a revised Uniform Policy. We are really grateful for the feedback we have received so far. If you have not yet responded, please do so as we would really value your thoughts.

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will be held on Thursday 21st June at 6pm. The topic for this meeting will be to discuss homework. We will be asking Parent Reps to gather thoughts to share at the meeting for those of you unable to make it.

Staffing News

Taiba Hussain, our teaching assistant in Nursery, is leaving at the end of term as she is getting married and is also relocating. This is very exciting news for Taiba and we would all like to wish her the very best for the future. Lauren Hucker, an existing member of our Begbrook team, will be taking on the position of teaching assistant in Nursery. She has already worked closely with the team to get to know the children and routines.



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Wed 6 th Jun	Y2 trip to Wild Place	Fri 6 th Jul	INSET day
Wed 6 th Jun	Y5/6 Stages Gala performance	Mon 9 th Jul	Health and Fitness week
Fri 15 th Jun	PTFA Father's Day Shop	Tues 10 th Jul	EYFS Sports Day
Thurs 21 st Jun	Parent Forum - homework	Wed 11 th Jul	KS1 Sports Day
Fri 22 nd Jun	Y1 trip – Bristol Zoo	Wed 11 th Jul	End of year reports sent home
Wed 27 th Jun	Y6 London Trip – The Lion King	Fri 13 th Jul	Y6 Leavers' Party
Wed 4 th Jul	Y6 performance of Lion King (morning)	Thurs 12 th Jul	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 5 th Jul	Y6 performance of Lion King (evening)	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



Books funded from PTFA hot dog sales!



And more books...



And even more books...



STAGES performers - back stage



STAGES performers - centre stage!



2FE enjoying ice poles after finishing their SATs!



Outdoor Classroom Day



Rugby superstars!



Reception children enjoying a trip to Windmill City farm



Gem Certificate winners



Jaycee - most improved attendance this term!



Gem Certificate winners