



NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Head teacher

As we are fast approaching the end of May, I was hoping that at this point in the term I would be sharing more information regarding our plans for summer.

Unfortunately however, whilst we have started to relax the COVID rules as a nation, as a school community we are still very much focused on keeping everyone safe by following the rules we have previously put in place.

With many children experiencing mild illnesses and 'cold like' symptoms currently, I would like to thank the many parents who have supported school by booking tests to confirm that the illnesses are not related to Covid.

Whilst we are being cautious, it is wonderful to see that the children are coming to school each day still wearing a smile and excited to be here.

We are fortunate that our children are able to enjoy school – I know that the teachers are very much focused on maintaining normality.

To ensure we keep transmission to a minimum and at this heightened period of risk, can I ask please that parents continue to wear masks, when dropping children at school in the morning at the gate.

As it was the Friday before half term, the children came in to school in MUFTI. Thank you once again for the donations we have received.

It has been a disappointing month for weather; I hope that as we break for half term on Friday 28th May that the sun will start to shine.

Roll out of COVID-19 tests in Wixams after recent surge

COVID-19 tests are being offered without an appointment in the Wixams after a recent spike in infections in the area.

Bedford currently has the highest number of cases in the country, with 128 per 100,000 people so it is very important to make sure you are not carrying the virus.

A mobile testing centre has been set up at Seasons Garden Centre, Bedford Road, Wixams, MK45 3HU and will be open between 8.30am and 5pm until Friday 28 May.

The testing centres will accept people in both cars and on foot.

An additional drop off centre will also be open for the same period at Lakeview Village Hall in Wixams.

Mayor Dave Hodgson, Bedford Borough Council said "I am glad that the Government has agreed to roll out this surge testing.

"This testing across these four areas will help us to identify cases, trace how the virus is travelling through our communities, and help slow the spread.

"We are hoping for as many people as possible to be tested in this first week of surge testing, so please, if you live, work or study in the Wixams, come forward for a test and help to keep your community safe."

For more information on the tests, please visit: www.bedford.gov.uk/news/Latest-News/2021-05-19-surge-testing-deployed-to-control-spread-of-covid/

YEAR 2

This term we are continuing to learn about nocturnal animals and have read the book *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl and the focus for the last three weeks of term is the story of *The Hodgeheg* from Dick King Smith.

The quote of the book is "If humans can, why not hedgehogs?"

We are hoping to know what this means for the main character called Max. We have read the first few chapters and are working towards a story of our own from the perspective of a nocturnal animal which will be written in the way that *The Hodgeheg* is written.

Will Max ever make it to the other side? Will our own characters find what they are looking for? We shall wait and see!

In Maths we have learnt lots about measures which began with length and focusing on the distance a fox could hear or the length of different nocturnal animals.

We even measured the length of our classes combined to see if we could measure longer than a blue whale. We have learnt about mass and then last week we made special potions using lots of gruesome liquids after a week of learning about capacity.

The three farmers from *Fantastic Mr Fox* contacted us, as they have been all term, and asked us to help them create potions that would help them become invisible, nocturnal, have improved hearing and have quick reactions. We reluctantly helped them make these 4 potions and they rewarded us with a special treat.

In PE we have learnt how to play rounders and some of the children in the two classes have proved to have very good hand eye coordination with one child even being successful in hitting a ball out of the school boundaries and over the fence!

We are now adapting these skills and applying them to cricket for the remainder of this term.

We are also learning different movement skills and taking on different challenges ahead of sports day so we can adapt a range of skills to a range of activities.

Within our design and technology learning this term, we have been really excited to create our very own puppets.

In order to create a nocturnal animal puppet, we have spent time learning to sew a range of stitches.

We have absolutely loved the research and the planning and we will be putting the finishing touches to our own puppets that we have cut and stitched.

Now these are nearly complete we will even be performing our very own puppet shows and we hope to video and share these via our Google Classroom accounts.



YEAR 4

In Year 4 this half term, we have been learning about the layers of the rainforest.

The children researched the layers of the rainforest and what animals can be found there and used this research to create a piece of art work.

They carefully sketched the different types of trees and foliage found in each layer, and mixed and selected relevant colours to bring their art to life.

To finish it off, the children added more detail using a fine line pen.

We were amazed by their creativity and cannot wait to share them on a display.

We have linked this learning to complement our poetry unit, the children were able to use their senses to observe, smell, touch and taste fruits of the rainforest.

As you can see in the photos, the children found some of the fruits were not to their taste!

This inspired some powerful vocabulary which we will later use in a poem about the senses.



Speech and language therapy get together

We are having a get together next week with the SALT (speech and language therapy) team and school advisors.

If you would like to attend, you can book a place for Thursday 27 May 2021 at 10:00 using details from the flyer below.

SALT and School Advisors Get Together

Thursday 27th May
10am

Representatives from the Speech and Language Therapy Team and School Advisors will be joining us to talk about their service and also to take your questions. Please join us if you would like to speak to them.

This is a free online event, please book via the Eventbrite link or email us at communications@bbpcf.org.uk to book your place or call us 07943 524553



Books donated to library

A huge thank you for the donations of books we have received so far, we are always blown away by the support from our parents and local community. Currently, we have received nearly 100 books and we cannot wait to get these categorised into our new library ready for the children to find and enjoy! Remember, if you still have any unwanted children's books, we would love to give them a new home. Please bring them to the school office.



27/5/2021
Children leave school for half term

7/6/2021 ▲
Children return to school after half term

1/7/2021
Reception Children New Starters Parents Meeting

5/7/2021
Healthy Lifestyles Week

Nursery morning children & Tadpoles Sports Day

Nursery afternoon children & Newts Sports Day

6/7/2021
KS1 Sports Day

8/7/2021
KS2 Sports Day

16/7/2021
PTA Mufti Day - Donation buckets on gates

Year 6 Leavers' Disco

21/7/2021
Leavers' Assembly

22/7/2021
Last day of term