



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are all hoping that now the evenings are beginning to get lighter and the Spring flowers are starting to appear that warmer and especially drier weather is on its way!

Curriculum

Below is just a flavour of the last few weeks...

Mrs Benjamin and Miss Creed say...



Year R loved celebrating World Book Day last week. They created fantastic puppets based on their costumes and were very creative when

making bookmarks and book covers. This week we were lucky enough to have a visitor, Leanne Edney, an author of Gigi and the Giant Ladle books. She read a story and the children came up with some brilliant questions to ask. We then spent time creating masks based on the characters and children were inspired to have a go at writing their own stories.

Miss Wright and Miss Lees say...

Year 1 have been busy with our Science learning and have been investigating how plants grow. We did an experiment and found out that plants grow best when they have water and sunlight. In Geography, we have been finding out all about



Tadley and Basingstoke and the things they have to do there. We wrote a letter to our grown-ups to tell them all about what we found out and had an exciting (but wet!) walk to the post box to post the letters. We hope they arrive with you soon!

Mrs Hunter and Miss Okey say...

Year 2 had a lot of fun hunting for bog babies in the woods last week and we even thought we spotted one! We wrote letters to the author Jeanne Willis to tell her all about what we found. World Book Day was fun and our costumes were all great. We had fun making puppets and putting ourselves on the cover of a book! We have also enjoyed learning more facts about the Titanic and we are looking forward to our Titanic day at school next Tuesday (19th March) and our museum trip to Southampton the week after (26th March).



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Mr Dale and Miss Ralph say...

We have had a fantastic two weeks in Year 3. We have continued learning all about the Mediterranean, finding out about physical and human features of geography and comparing the United Kingdom to different countries in the Mediterranean. We also have had a great time celebrating World Book Day, doing lots of fun quizzes and doing some lovely 3D character portraits. In maths, we have worked really hard learning about angles and using different skills to add and subtract 3 digit numbers.



Mrs Buchan, Miss Price and Miss Frost say...



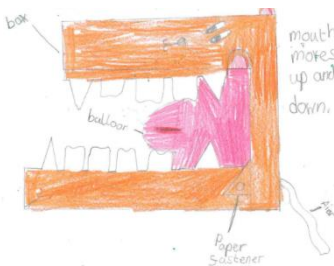
Over the past 2 weeks year 4 have been building up to book week, judging books for the Hampshire Information book awards, taking part in the Illustrated book

showdown as well as creating artwork for their favourite books. The children have also had fun experimenting with what happens if eggs are left in different liquids, with some surprising results.

Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls say...

Year 5 have returned to the spring term positively and have embraced their topic of force, learning about gravity, air resistance and friction. This has seen the children starting to plan and design their

moving monster in design technology thinking about pneumatics and hydraulics. They have also keenly embraced their new writing



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focus, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and we have already been impressed with what they have produced.

Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Dreelan & Miss Dadral say...

Year 6 have started their revision weeks for SATs with gusto and have impressed us with their attitude to revision homework. They have been working in teams in the afternoon on a "chocolate project" and enjoyed the opportunity on World Book Day to create some original artwork as book covers, having listened to the first page or so of the books - to inspire their artwork.



World Book Day



Thank you to everyone for a hugely successful World Book Day. We had a week full of exciting events. The children (and staff) looked amazing in their costumes on World Book Day and it was great seeing so many children explaining which famous book character they were.

Charlie P Brooks, the author, and his dog Sammi came in on Friday to talk to the children all about his books and what inspires him as a writer. And the Mayor of Baisngstoke, David Leeks, came in to present the prizes for the Extreme Reading competition.

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Thank you to all those who took part and congratulations to the winners...

Summer L- Overall Bishopswood Winner

Kieara D- Juniors Winner

Teddy W- Infants winner

Runners up- Desi H, Archie A, Camden M and Poppy

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Red Nose Day

Today we have had a 'non-uniform' day to support Red Nose Day. We invited the children to 'dress for joy'. Pick a theme, don the best home-made costume ever, go red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest socks! In return we have raised over £380 for Comic Relief. By donating to Comic Relief you support vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally.



Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind you all to ensure your child is in the correct school uniform. PE kit should be worn to school on PE days. Please can we ensure that children are wearing a school jumper or cardigan over their PE kit, not a tracksuit top.



Also, children should not be wearing anything other than **stud earrings** in their ears and **no necklaces to school**. If a child is wearing hooped or dangly earrings or a necklace, they will be asked to remove them and put them in their bag.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all your child's uniform and other property – especially water bottles and lunch boxes – are clearly marked and that you check them on a regular basis. Many items that make their way into lost property have clearly been marked at

some time but have become illegible! We are once again seeing a build up of items in the cloakrooms and offices. All named items will be returned, but a reminder any unclaimed and unnamed items will be recycled or disposed of at the end of each half term.

Anxiety Workshop for Parents

On Monday 25th March, Silchester School will be holding a workshop for parents of children who suffer with anxiety. It will be an information/strategy sharing session taking place between 6pm and 7pm and led by our Educational Psychologist, Sara Freitag. This is open to all parents who wish to attend and no booking is necessary.

PTA

Easter

This year the PTA will be running an Easter 'eggstravaganza' during the Easter holidays for all children and families on Wednesday 10th April from 11:00am – 3:00pm. More information to follow soon.

As always, the following page shares upcoming dates for your diaries. If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter please contact the school offices.

Many Thanks

From the Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Amy Chapman, Mr Mark Morris and Miss Adele Tashdjian

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Dates for your diary:

INSET DAYS for 2023-24 Academic Year:

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Monday 18th March – Year 4 Legoland Trip

Monday 25th March- Year 4 Roman Day

Tuesday 26th March 6pm- Year 5 Parents residential trip meeting

Tuesday 26th March – Year 2 SeaCity Museum Trip

29th March – 12th April- EASTER HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 10th April- PTA Easter event (more information to follow)

15th April – First day of Summer Term

Monday 22nd April- PTA Movie Night

Monday 6th May – May Bank Holiday

Sunday 12th May- PTA Circus

13th -16th May- Year 6 KS2 SATs Week

Friday 17th May- Year 3 Living Rainforest trip (more information to follow)

Tuesday 21st May Year 5 Coelho class residential trip

Thursday 23rd May Year 5 Rundell class residential trip

27th -31st May- Summer Half term break

Monday 10th June- Class photos

Friday 5th July- PTA Colour Run

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Churches Together Around Tadley are pleased to have tickets available for their annual holiday club looking at the theme of “Mission Possible”. This year it is being run from 29th July – 2nd August, 10am – 3pm. Tickets cost just £30 for the week and tickets are limited so it’s best you sign up as soon as possible! Sam, our local Children and Youth Community Pastor, who supports our school on a weekly basis will be hosting the week of fun, challenges and crafts! To sign up head to www.ctat.org.uk/tadleyhc

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY PRESENTS

TADLEY HOLIDAY CLUB

29TH JULY - 2ND AUGUST
10AM - 3PM
TADLEY COMMON METHODIST CHURCH, RG26 4HN

MISSION POSSIBLE

JOIN AS WE EXPLORE PAUL'S MISSIONS FROM THE BIBLE

LIMITED SPACES - BOOK ONLINE
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