



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

With only two left of this academic year, there is no chance of slowing down at Bishopswood! With the Year 2 and Year 6 end of year shows and multiple transition events still left to complete the staff and children are still working hard.

Curriculum

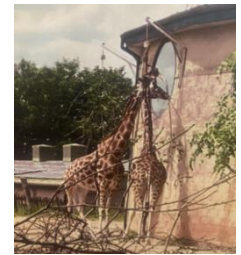
Below is just a flavour of the last few weeks of this half term...

Miss Lees and Miss Creed say...



Last week Year R had a talent show. The children demonstrated many talents from cooking, dancing, football, singing and many more. They performed brilliantly and we were amazed with each performance. Year R also competed in their first school sports day. The children showed brilliant skill and all took part confidently. Well done Year R!

Year 1 have been very busy over the last few weeks. We had an exciting trip to Marwell Zoo and we saw lots of amazing animals! Our favourites were the penguins and the meerkats because we have been learning all about them. We were also very pleased that we saw the snow leopard and tiger! In English, we wrote recounts about our trip and in maths we have been working hard practising our number bonds to 20. As part of our Science learning, we learnt all about different habitats and looked at where penguins and meerkats like to live.



Mrs Hunter and Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have had a busy couple of weeks but enjoyed being in the sunshine! We have learnt a lot more about keeping ourselves and our planet healthy. We can't wait to show you our play which helps teach about ways to save the Earth. It has been hard work practising for the show but we have had fun making props and singing songs.

We loved our trip to 4 Kingdoms this week. It was a hot and busy day but everyone had fun. The tractor



was bumpy, the animals were cute and the donut slide was very high! The children were great jeep drivers through dino land!

Miss Wright, Miss Cushing and Mrs Rolph say...

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Mr Dale and Miss Ralph say...

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We have had a great couple of weeks in Year 3. We have been designing a healthy picnic using what we have learnt about the different food groups. In science, we created our own food chains and labelled them. In writing, we have been working on an explanation text about a robot dog. We used lots of descriptive vocabulary to add more detail to our work. Finally, we had our 'Take One Picture day' based on the artist Pieter de Hooch. We sketched some of his artwork and then created archways out of clay.



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



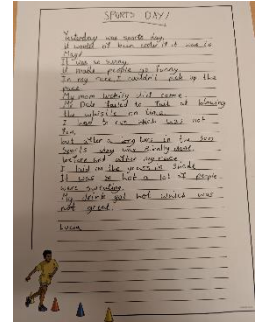
Year 4 has had a jam-packed two weeks with Anglo-Saxon day, sports day, move up morning, on top of all their normal learning. As a team, we were really impressed by their behaviour and curiosity throughout Anglo-Saxon day. They learnt about daily life,

medicine, food as well as playing games and crafting their own pots and brooches. The sportsmanship we witnessed during sports day was amazing, they really seemed to enjoy themselves and gave their all, especially considering the heat of the day.



Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls say...

Our current topic on Ancient Greece has been of great interest to year 5 this term and they have been learning about the early civilisation, Greek timeline, the democracy and we have no doubt the next lessons will equally grip them.



In writing, year 5 have recently completed some great independent writing based on the myth of Perseus and Medusa and have also completed a sports day poem to recap on the successful day they had. In art, the children have been learning about the Parthenon and sketching it ready to create a picture with water colour. We have been lucky to see a warm couple of days and year 5 have shown great resilience coping with the hot conditions in the classrooms!

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

Year 6 have been busy with rehearsals and already time is slipping by this half term. Also in the last couple of weeks, we have been writing about the story The Spider and the Fly, making models of play parks in DT and enjoying a final sports day. As the weather was so hot on Tuesday last week, the children ran their long distance races on Thursday morning when it was cooler. Well done to everyone who took part - some great sprint finishes after twice round the track!



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PTA events

Our brilliant Bishopswood PTA have a number of events coming up for the end of the year including:



- Colour Run – **postponed**
- Year 6 Leavers party - Tuesday 16th July

Without kind and passionate volunteers, our school PTA would not be possible. We are currently looking for helpers. The PTA would like to expand their team, so they can increase the capacity of what they do. Helping can range from as little or as much as you can do. If you are interested in coming part of our PTA please speak to either Mr Morris or Miss Tash. If you wish, you can contact the PTA committee directly on bishopswoodschoolspta@gmail.com

Sports Days

Our school sports day was a great success with over 400 pupils competing in both team and individual events. We always aim to have a balance of ensuring all children take part as well as elements of more competitive events such as the sprints on the track and we are proud of every child that took part. They all participated and competed brilliantly showing levels of sportsmanship and respect that many professional athletes could learn from. Events like this take time and effort to plan, resource and prepare and I would like to express my thanks to all of the staff who helped make the day a success. It's not easy when everyone is so busy with reports, transition meetings, assessments and much more. We really hope your children enjoyed themselves.

Summer Reading Challenge 2024



The Summer Reading Challenge 2024 'Marvellous Makers' will be starting on 13th July! As a school, we encourage all of our pupils to take up the Summer Reading Challenge. This UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered through public libraries. Children can sign up for free at any of our local libraries or online. Last year, in Hampshire, over 8.5 thousand children joined the Challenge, how many of you can do it this year?

For children who took part in 2023:

- 80% read more over the summer holidays
 - 70% improved their reading skills
 - 72% felt more confident about their reading
- Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Parent Information Portal

Please find attached a poster from the Southern Health Nursing team asking parents to sign up to their Parent Information Portal. The Parent portal is an online platform where you can access information about your child's health; including appointments, immunisations, Children and Family Services letters, helpful resources and more. The poster explains the advantages to signing up to the PIP and provides information on how to do this.

Sporting Success – Cricket

The Year 6 girls took part in a cricket tournament at Mays



Bounty Cricket Club in Basingstoke with a host of other Basingstoke schools. The girls performed amazingly and won two of their matches, as well as an extra friendly match against Bramley at the end. They all showed great team spirit, sportsmanship and most importantly had loads of fun! Well done girls!

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BPSM Anvil Concert

On the 18th and 19th June, the Bishopswood Junior School choir went to the Anvil to perform with 16 other primary school choirs and orchestras from the local area. They had been working hard since January and gave an amazing performance both



nights. We are all extremely proud of their behaviour and professional attitude during the concerts and rehearsals, as well as their outstanding singing.

End of Year Reports

You will receive an end of year report for your child on **Monday 15th July**. This will include information about the curriculum your child has studied, their current attainment, the progress they have made this year and the effort they put in. Also included with the report is your child's attendance. The children have made a comment within the report reflecting on their year. It has been a pleasure reading the comments the children have written. The children have worked hard, challenged themselves, supported each other and enjoyed their learning. We are all reminded how fortunate we are have to have such a dedicated group of teachers providing amazing learning experiences for your children and supporting and guiding them to continually improve.

As always, the following pages share some flyers for activities in and around Tadley that may be of interest to you and upcoming dates for your diaries.

If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter, please contact the school offices.

Many Thanks
Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Amy Chapman, Mr Mark Morris and Miss Adele Tashdjian

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Dates for your diary:

INSET DAYS

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

4th July – Year 2 to Year 3 Parent Transition Meeting – 6-7pm

5th July – PTA Colour Run

9th and 11th July - Year 6 End of Year Show

18th July - Year 6 Paulton's Park Trip

19th July – Last day of Term

New School Year 2024-205

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - School starts

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Three weekends of free street performances for the whole family
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SATURDAY 13TH JULY | 6PM - 9PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
COMEDY & BBQ

PAMBER HEATH VILLAGE HALL

FUN FOR THE EVERYONE!
MAGIC TRICKS | COMEDY | BBQ | LIVE MUSIC

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES ACCESS TO MAGIC AND COMEDY SHOW


FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION VISIT
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/TADLEYLAUGHS](https://tinyurl.com/tadleylaughs)

ADULT PRICE £10 / CHILD PRICE £5

ALL FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT THE ON GOING WORK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY



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Pop Up Ensemble **FREE** 

Pop Up Ensemble
Winton School, Andover


JMST Theatre, London Road, Andover,
Hampshire SP10 2PS
Sunday 14 July 9.15 - 13.15


Beginner to Grade 4

Back by Popular Demand!

Come and be part of a 'from scratch' orchestra!

Scan the QR code to register your place



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NHS Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust

Today's health, tomorrow's future

Your health visiting and school nursing records all in one place, at your finger tips.

- View and manage your appointments with Health Visitors, School Nurses and Family Nurses
- View your child's vaccination history
- Search a wide range of resources about children's health
- National Childhood Measurement Programme. Receive results of your child's height and weight measurements (Year R and Year 6).

Coming soon...

- View growth charts and add measurements
- The Ages and Stages questionnaire will be available for you to complete electronically before your child's development assessment appointment.

Sign up today, email pip@southernhealth.nhs.uk.

To be eligible for the portal, you must receive your care under Southern Health.

SPOTLIGHT UK

Discounted Events Basingstoke

Half Price

Aquadrome Youth Swim
21st and 28th June, 5th & 12th July
6-8pm - £3.50
Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 6PG

Family Atmosphere Trampoline
19th June, 10th July, 7th & 28th August
6-8pm - £3
Unit B, Daneshill Industrial Estate, Rutherford Road, Basingstoke RG24 8PD

Bowling
9th July - 6pm - £4.50
Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 6PG

Please book via email - activities@spotlightuk.org
For more information visit the events calendar on our website www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

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