



# BISHOP LOVEDAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER T3-6 22-23

***Be kind, be honest and have courage to live 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)***

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a lovely end to what has been an extremely busy term! The children looked incredible today! We had an amazing house event and with a final push of bottles, we managed to finish our tree (picture and unveiling will happen after half term!).

Thank you to everyone who donated to support Place2Be for the children's mental health charity.

Parent questionnaire feedback from Parents' evening last term:

We had so many lovely comments from parents filling out our 2 Stars and a Wish last term, so thank you to all who took the time to complete it:

Some of the stars included:

- How friendly, helpful, kind, caring and approachable staff are and how well they know the children.
- Children are happy
- Staff are great at supporting and motivating children and thinking of children as individuals
- Range of clubs
- Communication and updates
- Support for the entire family
- Involvement with the church and the Christian ethos
- Inspiring and engaging topics

And some of your wishes included:

- Invite parents to watch assemblies/more parent involvement to share learning/opportunities to come into school.
- Giving parents more notice of events e.g. nativities, parents' evenings, change of clubs etc.
- More trips/enrichment days
- Earlier breakfast club
- More feedback on children's progress and assessment (electronic system?)
- Too many forms of communication in EYFS
- Better communication on pickup if an accident or something out of ordinary has happened.

We will of course take these reflections on board and do what we can to improve.

### **THIS WEEK...**

**Important Changes**  
**Our weeks of learning**  
**Important Dates**  
**Sports News**  
**Clubs**  
**Awards**  
**FoBLS – Rags 2 Riches**  
**Other News**

You will remember that parents also gave feedback, regarding mixing up the classes within year groups. A vast number of parents could see the benefits of mixing up the classes, although many had concerns about their children's friendships. Traditionally, children were grouped into classes as they entered EYFS. Over time, with additional children joining the cohorts, we have many year groups of children where there is a real imbalance of need across the two classes.

We will be **mixing up all of the classes** (with the exception of Early Years who will be put into classes within the summer term) for September 2023. We will ensure that children's friendships are taken into consideration and will be asking children to name a first, second and third choice of friend who they would like to be with. Teachers will be integral to the process as they know your children so well - understanding who they work well with and who they are close to. We will ensure that the new classes have an equal split of boys and girls, and that the classes work well in terms of learning and additional needs. We will not be mixing the classes up again the following year, to ensure that classes have time to settle, but will be reviewing it the year after.

The children have learnt about our plans for September in assembly today and have had an opportunity to ask questions. We know that parent support will be impactful in how well children approach the change and would ask parents to share a positive attitude towards this change. If you have any concerns, please speak to myself at the beginning of next term.

#### **Change of school day for September 2023**

Statutory guidance, from the Department of Education, for the length of the school day is changing. From September 2023, all schools must be open for 32.5 hours a week. For BLS, this means that we must increase our school day by 10 minutes a day. We will be bringing forward the start of the school day by 10 minutes to allow for this. The gate will open at 8:35am to ensure parents still have the 10-minute window for drop off, and will shut at 8:45am, when the bell goes. Children will need to be in class by 8:45am, when the bell goes, as the register will be taken at this point.

We are also taking the opportunity to bring forward the start of breakfast club, in response to many parents' request. From September, 2023, breakfast club will open at 7:45am.

I know this is a lot of information to have at the end of a busy term, but I wanted to communicate this early so that we have plans in place for September to ease transition.

**Parents Meetings** will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – more details will follow on how to book on-line.

**Sports Day** will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, with Friday 14<sup>th</sup> being back up in case the weather turns for the worse.

**World Book Day** This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We invite all children to dress up as an adjective (describing word). Last year we had great fun and very inventive ideas.

We hope you all have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for the start of Term 4.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dee Loader  
**Head of School**  
**Bishop-Loveday CE Primary School**

## Our exciting week of learning:

**Early Years** have continued looking at London's landmarks. Some of the children shared photographs with us of their day trips to London. We have also done bridge making over the River Thames. We told the story of the Three Billy Goat's Gruff using musical instruments. We finished a fantastic week in Early Years by joining the whole school for the House Event.

**Year 1** have enjoyed drawing around each other in Science, exploring where parts of the body and internal organs can be found. They have thought about the important role each part of the body plays in helping them move and grow.



**Year 2** have been learning about multiplication, using practical objects to make groups and add them together. We have also written a diary entry about finding a hat in a spooky forest that has creepy creatures coming out of.

**Year 3** have thoroughly enjoyed writing their Newspaper reports in literacy. In Science they were very excited to be erupting volcanoes, with a bit of help from coke and Mentos!

**Year 4** been finishing writing their explanation texts about Ancient Egypt and have been getting messy exploring digestion in a science experiment. They have all worked hard all term and should be really proud!

**Year 5** have enjoyed exploring the lyrics from the Oliver Twist song 'Pick a Pocket' this week. They even acted out some of the lyrics and had a little sing along during the lesson. The children have also continued to build on their Victorian knowledge and have learnt about the Victorian workhouses. In art, they have finished transferring their design onto their polystyrene tile based on the artist William Morris and will be printing these after half term. In PE, the children have worked on their dribbling, passing and control in hockey.

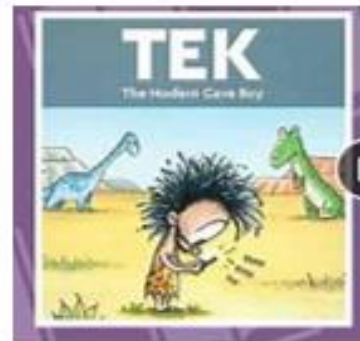
**Year 6** have been coming towards the end of building models of their Anderson Shelters which are looking fantastic. They have also been big write up on

## Safer Internet Day 2023

This year, our whole school took part in a range of lessons and activities to spread awareness about the importance of how to stay safe online.



Year one learned about internet safety during their Guided Reading lesson. They had a story about DigiDuck! Year 2 had a story about Smartie the Penguin and learned a song to help Smartie make safe decisions. They also interviewed each other to find out about each others' online habits. We had good conversations about how we can stay safe online.



Year 3 had a story about Tek, the modern stone age boy, who finds it hard to disconnect from his tablet. They took time to reflect on the moral of the story. Year 4 explored issues that are difficult to manage online. Year 5 and 6 both took part in a live lesson exploring the risks of online gaming.



# BLS Digital Leaders 2023



The Digital Leaders visited all year groups to talk to pupils, fill in online safety questionnaires and spread awareness of their role in our school.

## Important Dates:

FEBRUARY 2023	
Friday 10th February	<b>END OF TERM - 3.15pm</b> <b>(Homework Club and WAC will continue as normal)</b>
Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 20th February	<b>TERM 4 BEGINS – 8.55AM</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	(All) Parents Evenings – booking details to follow
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	(EY's / Year 6) National Childhood Measurement Programme by OUH.NHS
MARCH 2023	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	(All) Parents Evenings – booking details to follow
Thursday 9th March – 4th May inclusive	(5SJ) Swimming Lessons for 7 weeks
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	(Year 2) Living Rainforest in Newbury visit
TBC	(Year 5) Black Country Museum trip
Friday 31st March	<b>END OF TERM - 3.15pm</b> <b>(Homework Club and WAC will continue as normal)</b>
APRIL 2023	
Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>

Monday 17th April	<b>TERM 5 BEGINS - 8.55AM</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	(Year 1) Butterfly Farm visit
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	(Year 4) Hill End Residential
Thursday 27th April	(Year 5) Warriner Open Evening

## Sports News:

Wow - what a busy term for sporting events!

This week we took a group of year 3 & 4 pupils to a multi sports festival at BGN.

The event was organised by NOSSP and activities led by Sports leaders from BGN - many of them ex Bishop Loveday pupils.

With the School Games value of Determination, pupils really enjoyed trying new sports including: archery, bench ball, dodge ball, boccia and new age kurling. They also had a lovely time mixing with pupils from other local schools from: Orchard Fields, Hardwick, St Joseph's and St Mary's Aston-Le-Walls. Everyone received a certificate for taking part and Logan, Rex, Essa, Amelia, Faith, Riana, Freddie & TJ received a certificate for demonstrating super determination.



**Swimming Lessons** Congratulations to the following for achieving your School Swimming Distance Awards this week...



**Beginners Stage – Sonny C**

**5m – Frankie P, Leo Y, Evie-Faith H, Jade B**

**10m – Issy W, Zarah W**

**25m – Oliver M, Arthur D**


## House Points:

This week's winners are.... **SUN** and this Term's winners are... **FIRE**

	FOREST 'Thunberg'	WATERFALL 'Rashford'	SUN 'Mercury'	ICE 'Ayling-Ellis'	OCEANS 'Daley'	FIRE 'Malala'
						
This Week's TOTAL	109	87	131	74	104	117
This Term's TOTAL	417	454	487	522	460	568

## Brilliant Learning Star Award Winners...

BE KIND, BE HONEST AND HAVE COURAGE TO LIVE 'LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS' (JOHN 10:10)



# Brilliant Learning Star of the week

EY RB	<b>Orla</b>	EY FS	<b>Sophia</b>
1SW	<b>Charlie</b>	1TV	<b>Jonas</b>
2CP	<b>Charlie</b>	2SC	<b>Joseph</b>
3DC	<b>William</b>	3LH	<b>Poppy</b>
4CS	<b>Bella</b>	4RS	<b>Daisy</b>
5JM	<b>Frankie</b>	5SJ	<b>Eva</b>
6PA	<b>Matilda</b>	6WW	<b>Dominic</b>

## Brilliant Learning Behaviour:

This week's BRONZE & SILVER AWARDS go to ....



## Awards:

**Nathan T (2SC)** has received a certificate and medal for achieving his Red Award from Wade Gymnastics Club.

**Abigail C (2SC)** has received a certificate and medal for achieving her Bronze Award at Wade Gymnastics Club.

**Isla M (2SC)** has received a certificate and medal for achieving her Rise Gymnastics Explore Working Together 1.

**Parker H (3LH)** has received a certificate and medal for achieving his Silver Award at Wade Gymnastics Club.

## HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL, YOU ARE AMAZING!!

## FoBLS News:

Thank you to all those who have come forward already to participate in **FOBLS Bodicote Easter trail**.

We have now put together an information pack with further details of the event.

If you haven't yet received this via email, we have attached the document to this newsletter (alternatively, the document is available on our Facebook page too).

Should anyone else wish to participate in the trail by decorating your window, and live in Bodicote village, please feel free to get in touch - [fobls@outlook.com](mailto:fobls@outlook.com).

## FoBLS Important Dates:

Thursday 2nd March	Meeting at The Plough, Bodicote at 7.30pm
Tuesday 7th March	Cake Sale



Monday 20th – Thursday 30th March	Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 28th April	Meeting at The Plough, Bodicote at 7.30pm
Friday 5th May	Coronation Theme Cake Sale
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Rags 2 Riches bag drop off day – please leave in Reception
Wednesday 14th June	Meeting at The Plough, Bodicote at 7.30pm
Every Friday in June and July	Freeze Pop Fridays
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Rags 2 Riches bag drop off day – please leave in Reception
Sunday 3rd December	Winter Fair

Please contact FoBLS at [fobls@outlook.com](mailto:fobls@outlook.com) if you can help.

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## Other News:

### Odyssey Juniors – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Lots of Bishop Loveday children will be rehearsing during half-term & put on this amazing show! It also features former students in lead roles too.

Please click here for tickets: [Odyssey Theatrical Productions event tickets from TicketSource.](#)



**odyssey Juniors**

Friday 17 February 2023 – 7.30pm  
 Saturday 18 February 2023 – 2.30pm and 7.30pm  
 North Oxfordshire Academy, Banbury

Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)  
 available now at [www.odysseytheatre.co.uk](http://www.odysseytheatre.co.uk)

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**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG JR.**

# activeCamps

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## WE ARE HIRING!

We need enthusiastic and reliable staff to work in the school holidays and all year round.

Working 10 hour shifts from 8am - 6pm, we need:-

**Camp Managers £120 - £150 per day**

**Activity Leaders £82 - £105**

**Sports Lead £109 per day**

**Early Years Lead £109 per day**

**Breakfast Club/After School Assistants**

**£8.53 - £10.52 per hour**

February Half Term (13th - 17th), Easter (3th - 14th April), May Half Term (30th May - 2nd June, Summer (10th July - 31 August)



[www.active-camps.com](http://www.active-camps.com)

## February Indoor Football Holiday Camp

Jointly run by  
Oxford United in the Community &  
Easington Sports FC  
in Banbury



ALL CHILDREN 4-13 YEARS OLD  
£55 FOR 3 DAYS  
£25 PER DAY  
9AM - 3PM

Tuesday 14th February  
Wednesday 15th February  
Thursday 16th February

### Venue:

Easington Sports FC  
Addison Road  
Banbury, OX16 9DH

Book Now: [ouitc.org/our-courses/](http://ouitc.org/our-courses/)



## 5th Banbury Guides



Adventure, fun and  
friendship starts  
here!



Spaces available



Girls aged 10-14

Monday Evening



Contact

[5thbanburyguides@gmail.com](mailto:5thbanburyguides@gmail.com)



# Banbury United



**Football for Girls aged 5 to 11 of all abilities**  
 Thursday - 5pm to 6pm

**North Oxfordshire Academy Astroturf, Drayton Road, Banbury OX16 0UD**

**Lead Coach: Mark Andrews**  
 (Uefa B Coach and manager of Banbury United Women)

**Cost: £2 per session (Free First Taster Session)**  
**Contact: mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk**




## TRAIN TO TEACH INFORMATION EVENT

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 5:30-6.30pm

Are you looking for a **new challenge**?  
 Do you enjoy working with **young people**?  
 Have you thought about a **career in education**?

**Join us to find out how we can help you become a teacher!**



SCAN ME

**BOOKING ADVISED**  
 Reserve your place by contacting us, visiting our website or scanning the QR code!

**LOCATION:**  
 The Warriner School  
 Bloxham, Banbury  
 Oxfordshire  
 OX15 4LJ

**OXFORDSHIRE TEACHER TRAINING**  
 School Centred Initial Teacher Training

info@ott-scitt.org.uk | 01865 518209  
 www.oxfordshireteachertraining.co.uk



# Half Term Football Camp

@ St Johns Catholic School  
 Avocet Way, Banbury OX16 9YA

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**



Don't forget YOURS

**In our 21<sup>st</sup> Year!**  
 Our **FUN** Camp is located within the safe & secure gated environment of St Johns RC School

Our games have been specifically designed for **Boys & Girls of all abilities** aged 4 - 12

Kick Off: 10.00am  
 Final Whistle: 3.00pm  
 (Drop off available from 9.30am)

To Book: Call/Txt/WhatsApp/Email Mark on  
**07952 579358**  
 mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk

**1 Day : £20**  
 Thereafter  
**£15 per day**  
**All 5 Days - £70**



**Payment Details:**  
 M Andrews  
 Cash/Cheque on the day or alternatively by  
 Bank Transfer to 40-09-02 / 21588257



**Bodicote Church Youth Drama Group present**



**GUYS  
— AND —  
DOLLS**

**16th – 18th  
February  
2023 7.30pm  
18th Matinee  
2.30pm**

**Tickets £8.00 (concessions £5.00)  
available from:**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bodicotechurchyouthdramagroup>

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