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**Bassingbourn**  
Community Primary School

# Bassingbourn Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers

Our EYFS have begun their rolling snack by making their own toast and cereal. They have been learning about number 3 and using the colour monster to discuss feelings. They have been continuing to learn their new phonics sounds.

Year 1 have been playing with words to investigate rhyme. They are beginning to work on an Autumn poem which has rhyming words in it. They have also been comparing Bassingbourn with rural areas in Kenya and have even made some models of Kenyan rural houses!

Year 2 have combined their Black History and Art learning creating portrait collages of Lewis Hamilton and Simone Biles as well as using the outdoor environment to create nature portraits using natural materials.

Year 3 have been starting to write their own non-chronological report on their chosen topic. They also created some scarecrows in art ready for the harvest festival.

Year 4 have been learning how to exchange when adding 4 digit numbers. They came up with a stem sentence to help them remember when they needed to exchange. For example, "Oh no, I have too many, I must exchange 10 hundreds for 1 thousand!". They can now find missing numbers within calculations, using their knowledge of exchanging! They have also been learning about the Ancient Greeks and the many gods they used to worship, alongside this they have been studying Hinduism and comparing Hindu gods to the gods of Ancient Greece.

Year 5 have been reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo in English. They have done some drama relating to one of the chapters and are building their vocabulary in order to write the next chapter. In Maths they have been using the column method to help them add and subtract numbers up to one million, they have learnt about using the inverse operation to solve calculations with missing numbers and have been developing their mental methods.

Year 6 have learnt about rationing during WW2, using their rations to make historical recipes such as vinegar cake and carrot biscuits. This week they were transported back to the time of World War II, the children were provided with a ration of different foods and asked to use a war time recipe to create a tasty snack. Some made vinegar cake while others opted for carrot biscuits or potato biscuits. The end result received mixed reviews, but they have all now had a taste of History.

Today we held our Harvest assembly and were joined by our local vicar and Chair of Governors. The children shared poems, songs and work they have been doing about food and Autumn.

## DATES

**19th October**

Bassingbourn Banquet

**23rd to 27th October**

Half Term

**2nd November**

Coffee Morning.  
Supporting Your Childs  
Behaviour and the  
School's Behaviour  
Approach.

**3rd November**

Flu Immunisations

**8th November**

3.15pm Main Hall  
Subject Showcase  
Art & DT

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## Headteacher's Awards

Swordfish class, Demi-Rose, Autumn, Saskia, Ralph, Lizzie, Darcy, Oliver, Tansy



## FOBS

### Christmas Fayre

Save the date!!

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 4.30pm -7pm

If you can help volunteer at this event, please either speak with a committee member - Katy Cooper, Faye Jeray or Hazel Reid, alternatively you can email us on [friendsbcps@gmail.com](mailto:friendsbcps@gmail.com) or message us on our Facebook page – Friends of BCPS .

Timings for helpers: 1.30pm-3pm, 1.30pm-4.30pm  
1.30pm -7pm, 4.30pm - end to help clean up.

### MATCH FUNDRAISING

FOBS are looking for match fundraisers for our upcoming Christmas Fayre, we are looking for those of you who's companies offer matched fundraising. The reason for this is they offer something called match funding which means should you apply on our behalf and volunteer in one of our fundraising activities, we will in most cases receive an additional £1.00 from that company for every £1.00 we raise from that activity, that could be extra 100's of pounds that we could use to enrich our children's learning experience for very little effort. Some companies like Barclays, for example, offers its employees the opportunity to match funds they raise for their chosen charity up to £750 per year. This is available for three activities a year! Our main fundraising project this year is to raise further funds as FOBS contribution towards the school courtyard.

Many companies often offer match fundraising. A few examples of companies that often offer match fundraising - Astrazeneca, Pfizer, Glaxo, Tesco Plc, Sainsbury's, Vodafone, Sky broadcasting, Insurance companies, Utility providers, car manufacturers, Estate agents.

If the company that you work for offer match fundraising, we would love to hear from you. Please email [friendsbcps@gmail.com](mailto:friendsbcps@gmail.com)

## School Development

Miss Lowe, one of our Year 6 teachers and newly appointed Geography Lead, hosted the school's first Eco Club meeting this week. The aim of the club is to help bring together children across the school who want to have a positive impact on the environment – both in and outside the school setting. This initial meeting allowed for children of all ages to discuss what they would like to change across the school and how these ideas could be implemented. The meeting today also gave the children the opportunity to make bird feeders, which will be places on the trees around the KS2 playground.

The club aim to meet weekly. They are looking for support with organising a village litter picking session. If you think you might be able to help with this, either through donations of litter pickers and bags or because you are an Eco Warrior too and would love to share ideas with Miss Lowe and the club, please do get in touch with the school Office.

## Safeguarding

Following a visit from the Local Authority, our children were able to describe a range of different ways the school keeps them safe. They explained the coloured lanyards we use, that there are more adults around at lunchtimes and being taught about online safety amongst a variety of other things. They also spoke about, the staff encouraging them to talk to a trusted adult when worried or concerned. This is an important part of our safeguarding, so we couldn't be prouder of our children.

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