



Bassingbourn

Community Primary School

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Bassingbourn Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers

We've had a wonderful start to the year, what a joy its been to welcome all of our pupils back.

Our EYFS children are adapting well to being in school full time. They have particularly enjoyed spending time outside, on the grass area and on the stage. So far children have learnt the S,A,T,P sounds as well as focusing on the number zero.

Year 1 have been reading The Three Little Pigs and the children have been making their own puppets to re-tell the story. They have just started making their own versions of the characters with alternatives such as 'The Three Little Princess Kittens and the Big Bad Peacock'.

Year 2 had a surprise visit from an alien who landed in class with a plate and a spoon. This has lead to lots of discussions with the children and also links into their English learning about spaceman Ray. They have also been enjoying making number lines and working out missing numbers.

Year 3 have been enjoying learning all about the Mayans and have been busy in designing and making their own Mayan masks.

Year 4 have been reading Greek myths and have even begun writing a whole-class version of Daedalus and Icarus! They have even learnt it by heart using our 'talking hands'.

Year 5 have been refining their descriptive writing skills using settings from the text Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. In science, they have been developing their knowledge of life cycles and have begun comparing those of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the year. They have been practicing their atmospheric writing and finishing a story about a hare fighting in World War II. They have also been developing their research skills, looking into what they are most interested in about the World War and what they would like to learn over this term.

Mrs Coles

DATES

29th September

EYFS Breakfast and Read
9-9.45am

3rd October

Reception Vision Screening

5th October

Coffee Morning
9-10am
More details to come next week

6th October

Y1 Breakfast & Read
9-9.45am

12th October

Y2 Breakfast & Read
9-9.45am

Open evening for EYFS prospective parents

Bassingbourn Banquet

13th October

Y6 Duxford Trip

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Headteacher's Awards



Alice S, Dash S, Casey C, Evie W, Joshua K, Henry E, Masie F, Ethan J, Ralph B, Emmie H, Josh E



An update from FOBS

SUMMER TERM FUNDRAISING

School disco raised – £954
Pool party raised - £291
Break the rules raised - £316



FOBS have provided the following:

£1000 – Playground games.
Welcome books for EYFS 2023 intake.

We would like to thank everyone for their support with our fundraising events.

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.

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 manufactures, Estate agents.

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

FOBS

Staff Update

We have recently welcomed the following staff to our team:

Mrs Harris (Office Team)
Mrs Emery (Teacher)
Mrs Titchmarsh (Safeguarding Lead)
Mrs Maddison (Teacher)
Mr Mikleson (Sports and Forest School Lead)
Mrs Fletcher (Teacher)

They are settling in quickly to their roles and we are delighted to have them here.

School Development

Pupils continue to be supported in developing their social, emotional, and spiritual awareness and knowledge by accessing the materials from The Front Room and through the range of assemblies delivered to children throughout each week. Our pastoral support provided is now a significant school strength and an area we are immensely proud of. Among other activities, recently, children have:

- Designed, built, painted and filled large planters now placed in the school grounds.
- Planted flowers in our stone planters by the school entrance.
- Created the names for our 'Four Characters of the Brain'.
- Designed a display in the main hall for the 4 Characters of the Brain.
- Taken part in litter picking sessions.
- Taken part 'Drawing and Talking' sessions.
- Completed bug hunts in the new outdoor eco-zone (which was also an area requested by our pupils).
- Baked cakes in our cookery room.

Safeguarding

Prevent is part of the government's overall counter-terrorism and radicalisation strategy. The aim of Prevent is to reduce the threat from terrorism and radicalisation by stopping individuals supporting terrorism or extremist views.

Sadly, social media is increasingly being used to share radical views. As a school, we are in an ideal position to educate and support our children in debating, challenging extremist views through PSHE, E-safety and citizenship lessons in a safe, nurturing space.

To support at home, please encourage your children to discuss their PSHE learning with you and monitor any social media/videos that they may view. Please contact us if you require further support or information.

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