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# Bassingbourn Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break. There has been lots of exciting learning going on across the school recently.

Early years have had a fantastic start back, they have enjoyed spending time outdoors and getting the bikes out now that the weather allows. They have enjoyed an engaging secret reader session with Mr Coles where they shared the book, 'Blow Your Nose, BIG BAD WOLF'.

Year 1 have been planting sunflower seeds and they are looking forward to nurturing them and watching them grow. They have also started building a volcano as part of their ongoing dinosaur topic. Year 2 have been learning about instructions; they received a mystery letter in class this week from a dragon and they have been using their learning to write instructions on how they could trap him.

Year 3 have been learning about inventions and have been drawing their creations and trying to make them out of Lego. Dolphins have started their Premier Sports sessions this week and have thoroughly enjoyed them.

Year 4 performed Dr. Dolittle and the Monkey Mayhem to their family, friends and the whole school. A mixture of singing, dancing and acting the children were fantastic. Not only did the children learn their lines, dance routines, songs to sing and how to handle all of the stage directions they did it all with a huge smiles on their faces. Myself and the whole school could not have been more proud of the effort and enthusiasm demonstrated in performing our first Year 4 production a huge success and for saving all of the monkeys!

This week Year 5, have been busy creating comic strips to highlight the importance of online safety whilst using the internet and Year 6 have created some wonderful suspenseful setting descriptions for MacBeth, with Theo producing a particularly outstanding piece of work.

School Development

The excellent work of our staff and children has led to a huge improvement in the teaching of phonics across Key Stage 1. We are already on track to surpass our pass rate last year of 75%. However, for us, it is not about teaching children to pass the screening. It is about equipping children with the early reading skills needed to flourish in all areas of the curriculum and in life beyond our school.

Mrs Coles

## DATES

**Tuesday 25th April:**  
EYFS Phonic Zoom meeting  
4pm-4.30pm

**Tuesday 25th April:**  
Tempest Class photos and  
Y6 leavers photos

**Thursday 27th April:**  
Bikeability Y4

**Monday 1st May:**  
Bank Holiday—school  
closed

**Friday 5th May:**  
Coronation Celebration  
Day — children to dress as  
royalty or in red, white and  
blue.

**Monday 8th May:**  
Bank Holiday—school  
closed

**W/C 9th May:**  
Y6 SATS

**Month of May:**  
Y2 SATS

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### Headteacher's Awards

Charlie D, Henry E, Harry S, Teddy S, Freddie D, Reid H, Wayde Y, Eva P, Richard M, Casey C, Phoebe W, Rory L, Harry S, Ella H, Theo D — Well done to you all!



### **Bassingbourn Banquet**

We had the most wonderful Bassingbourn Banquet on 23rd March! Our second of the year. Well done to our superb role models! We are proud of you.



### **Spirit of the Wild—Wildlife Workshop**

A special wildlife workshop has been booked for Penguins Class to celebrate their hard work and innovative eco leadership this year. Penguins Class have decided to share the prize with Year 1 Turtles class for always recycling in their class, for shutting their windows keeping in the warmth and not wasting energy and for turning lights off when they are not being used.

The practical experience will involve handling the wildlife that they bring with them from their zoo. All of the animals that they will be bringing with them are selected due to their suitability for the given age group, and are all hand reared and tame.



### **Pupil Voice**

This is what some children had to say about the feedback policy:

"We get just the right amount of feedback during our lessons to help us with our work." - Freddie

"My teacher often gives me feedback whilst I work, she knows how to push me" - Sophie

"I think the feedback we get makes me want to do better next time. The feedback during the lesson helps me keep on track" - Nathan

"I struggle with spelling and when the teacher helps me with strategies to spell words it helps me because I know for next time". - Emika

"Our TA is really helpful and talks me through my work when I haven't got it right. She is really patient with me" - Isabelle

### **FOBS**

Thank you to the lovely Alan from Norburys Building & Landscaping Supplies in Melbourn @nblsmelbourn (on Facebook), who has very kindly donated us some supplies to help build our ongoing Art gallery project.

### **Safeguarding**

Prevent is a national safeguarding programme that supports people who are at risk of becoming involved with terrorism through radicalisation. Unfortunately, even primary aged children are at risk of this. If anything of this nature concerns you, please speak to a DSL or contact the police. For more information: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/02/17/how-we-are-protecting-children-and-young-people-from-dangerous-ideologies-including-right-wing-extremism/>

Your designated DSL leads are:

Mrs Coles  
(Headteacher)

Mr Sweeney  
(Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs Remington Davidson  
(Assistant Headteacher)

Mrs Paradis  
(Inclusion Assistant)



### **Staffing**

This was Rachel Reid's final week here with us. We wish her all the very best and thank her for all she has done in her time with us.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Paradis has returned to school after some time away to allow her to support her son.

### **Attendance**

Highest attendance awards since the last newsletter go to: Rainbowfish 97.5%, Swordfish 97.33%

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