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Bassingbourn Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a joy to welcome all our children back this term. As ever, there has been lots of exciting learning going on in school. Our EYFS and Year 1 children have been learning outside, in all weathers in our (developing) outdoor classroom spaces. Year 2 children have been spending money in their classroom shops and calculating change. Year 3 built their own volcanoes which they will get to erupt outside, once they further develop their knowledge about this process in class. Year 5 have been using a parachute outside to learn more about forces and our Year 6 children have been enjoying creating 3D representations of Ancient Egypt.

On this occasion, I invited Penguins to take over this newsletter page to share something very important to us - the ways in which they have been demonstrating their respect for the environment. We are very proud of all of our Penguins for the leadership they are demonstrating and for the rest of the children in our school who have very quickly got behind these important ideas.

Year 4 have been interested in the environment and what we can do to make it better for everyone. We have been particularly focused on our local community and how we can change it for the better. Could we Reduce, Reuse and Recycle more?

It started with us talking about recycling in class and what we could and couldn't recycle. From there we started to come up with ideas which we could do as a class to help. To learn more we virtually attended conferences through Transform our World and the Climate Summit in 2022. Once we had come up with a plan we presented our ideas to the school leaders. They agreed to look at our ideas and help us to make the changes we wanted.

The first thing we wanted to do was educate the school on what could be recycled. Certain crisp packets can be terracycled (a special form of recycling). Sam, Tansy, and Grace walked around KS1, KS2 and EYFS telling them about our recycling crisp box idea. We put the crisp box in the lunch hall at lunchtime and the children put their empty crisp packets in for us to collect. Since we started last half term we have recycled over 1,000 crisp packets. Penguins class have packaged and counted all of them.

In the Spring term, we are going to create a no-mow zone on our school field. To help make this happen we spoke to Mrs Reid (our school business manager). Our school council members went outside with her and looked at where a good place for the no-mow zone could be. We want to bring children and nature together.

Our next plan is to encourage children to reuse our whiteboard pens by refilling them rather than throwing them away or recycling them. Glue sticks that are empty can be recycled in our normal recycling bin, but this is only happening in some classes. Penguins have recycled 50 glue sticks, almost 100 pens and have started refilling those we can reuse.

By helping educate our school community we are making a little change in everyone. A little change can have a big impact!

By, Tansy, Grace and Reggie, Penguins

DATES

1st Feb: Y1 Parent
Phonic Zoom meeting
4—4.30pm

7th Feb: Safer Internet
Day (TBC)

9th Feb: History Day

w/c 27th Feb: Road
Safety Week

2nd Mar: World Book
Day

14th Mar: Parents
Evening via Zoom

16th Mar: Parents
Evening via Zoom



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Headteacher's Awards

Evanna G-M, James W, Ailbhe M, Curtis B, Darcie D, Irene A, Sophie O-B, Prajna D, Summer P, Jenifer S,
Grace B, Seth D



Entrances and Exits to Our School

There has been some confusion over which entrances can be used for pick-up and drop off times. We have a one-way system around the school at these times.

As you stand facing the front of our school, the double gates to the far right of our boundary should be used **to enter** our site.

To exit the school site, the double gates to the far left of our boundary (nearest the pre-school) or the wooden-stable gate (in between BOSC and EYFS) should be used.

Parents/carers not following these routes will be directed to the correct exit or entrance.

A small number of children have been invited to follow a route specific to them as part of an agreed plan with a member of the leadership team.

Safeguarding

COUNTY LINES is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks.

This activity can happen locally or across the UK. No specified distance of travel is required. Children and vulnerable adults are exploited to handle illegal substances. Sadly, primary aged children are often a target of this. For more information, please see the attached poster.

If you have any concerns about a child you know being at risk of exploitation or you have any other safeguarding concerns, please contact us or the police if a child is in danger.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

School Development

What have we been doing this term to improve opportunities and outcomes for our children?

In assembly, we recently announced the launch of our

'Bassingbourn Banquet'

taking place each half term.

Two children from each class will be invited to this very special event if adults in the school believe they have worked hard to demonstrate the things we value most :

- **Being a 'real learner'** and trying hard to make small improvements. (This could be linked to school studies, attitude, hobbies or interests.)
- **Togetherness** (collaborating with others or helping the school or community in some way).
- **Showing self-respect and respect to all people and the planet.**
- **Valuing wellbeing** (for example, managing feelings such as anger, in a positive way/making steps to go to bed at a good time/making healthy food choices/taking part in hobbies or activities which bring joy).

Each Bassingbourn Banquet will take place in the school day with delicious food and drinks. Each will be hosted by staff from across the school and children will be invited to wear their party or banquet-worthy clothing! The first round of invites will be given out soon!

Attendance

Highest attendance awards since the last newsletter go to:

Week beginning 05/01/23: Rainbowfish and Orcas 100%

Week beginning 09/01/23: 99.33%

Week beginning 16/01/23: Penguins 99.23%

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