

Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you completing the Parent Survey. Your feedback is valuable to assist us with our ongoing development journey. It is heart-warming to hear so many parents and carers recognise the positive changes we have made to date. We know that it is still a long way to go, but we are moving in the right direction as a school.

You have commended us on the progress we have made to support our pupils with SEND needs. We thank you for celebrating the success with us. Whilst some of you are still concerned regarding behaviour in school, we have streamlined the school behaviour expectations so that they are clear for all pupils. The behaviour procedures have also been revised and aligned with the Cambridgeshire Therapeutic Thinking approach. The behaviour policy is being implemented consistently across the school with appropriate consequences. You can access the Behaviour policy on our website:

<u>https://www.bassingbourn.cambs.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Behaviour-Policy-September-2024.pdf</u>. It is an area that will take time to see impact and we are grateful for your continued support.

We look forward to starting our half-termly Coffee sessions with parents next half term. To ensure as many parents as possible accessing these school events, we are in the process of putting a varied timetable together to ensure you have more opportunities to attend whilst juggling your other commitments.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Mrs Clarke Brooks who welcomed her new baby earlier this term and send our very best wishes.

Ms Luu Headteacher

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This Weeks Celebration Awards		
Hamish, Henry, Josh, Ala, Daisy, Levi, Theo, Raya, Fleur, Jake, Finley		
Presentation Award From this week we will also have a Presentation Award. This award will be for celebrating children who have fantastic presentation. The winners this week are: Teddy, Francesca, Mason, Iona, Amber, Katherine, Bethan, Irene, Betty		
<u>ATTENDANCE</u> Congratulations to the following classes who achieved greater than 96% target for attendance: Week Commencing: 23 rd September 2024		
Hepwort Whiteread Moore 9 Cassatt 9 Banksy 9 Wiltshire Hockney Matisse Van Gogh	d 99.26% 98.84% 98.80% 98.21% 97.85% 97.78% 96.36%	

Dates For Your Diary

10 th Oct:	Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day
18 th Oct:	EYFS Stay and Play 2pm
25 th Oct:	Non School Uniform Day (Please bring a colourful donation!)
28 th Oct:	Half Term
Week Com. 4 th Nov: Parent Consultations	
8 th Nov:	EYFS Diwali Colour Run
21 st Nov:	EYFS Trip to Audley End

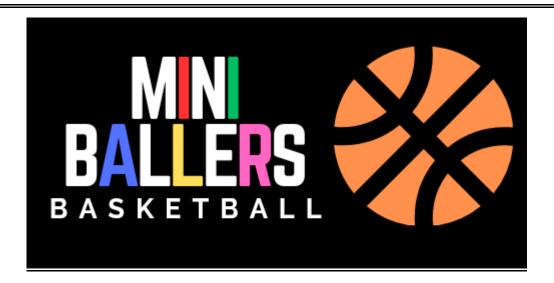
PE ROUNDUP

A massive well done to Grace McInerney on her brilliant park run achievement. Grace received her marathon band at the weekend for completing 21 park runs. She also achieved a personal best time of 10 mins 57 seconds. It is so nice to hear how talented the children are at Bassingbourn Primary School, please continue to share pupils sporting achievements with us!



Mr. Mikelson





My name is Ash, and I am the owner and head coach at Mini Ballers Basketball. We are working to provide the opportunity for primary school children in Royston and surrounding areas to have a platform to learn basketball in a fun and exciting way. We already have a number of local ballers attending.

Our specially crafted basketball-themed classes are designed to ignite a lifelong love for physical activity, teamwork, and fundamental basketball skills. From dribbling and shooting to teamwork and sportsmanship, our expert coaches are dedicated to providing a dynamic and engaging experience that fosters both physical and social development.

Kind regards

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Ashley (Owner)

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Year 4 News

Year 4 are settling into their new classes, routines and a packed curriculum! We have just come to the end of our first English unit on instructions. The children physically created their own mini dens before writing a clear set of instructions on how to do it.



In maths, the children have been working with 4-digit numbers, starting with rounding to 10, 100 and 1000 and moving onto the best strategies for addition and subtraction calculations. They have found that there a lot of ways to complete addition and subtraction before even looking at the column method!



In Art we have embarked upon a wonderful unit of storytelling through drawing. The children have been looking at different author/illustrators and comparing/contrasting the styles. This is in preparation for them creating their own illustrated story. A particular favourite has been the work of Shaun Tan – The Arrival. A powerful story with the complete absence of words!

Our music unit is all around body percussion. They have been finding out all about making music without instruments. Watch this wonderful clip of the Perpetuum Jazzile' Choir performing rain https://youtu.be/29qaN0M000s We are hoping we can create something equally as magical.



The children are being encouraged to develop a love of reading with a weekly visit to the school library and our class reader - The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q Raúf. Many of the children are reading at home and are actively completing their reading records. *Reading books and reading records need to come into school each day!*

There's lots going on in Year 4 - Science, French and PE and more!

Warm wishes from the Year 4 team. Hockney and Lichtenstein Class

Bassingbourn Care and Share Foodbank

Open every Thursday between 2-4pm and 6-8pm

The foodbank is now situated at the rear of the Old School Community Centre building, and we would ask that you use the rear door to gain access.

The foodbank has been fortunate enough to be given a regular fortnightly donation from Tesco/Fareshare. As part of the agreement for this donation, the food bank needs to be "manned". This ensures that the foodbank is fair to all. Unfortunately, there have been cases where people have come from other villages, as well as several items being taken by one person, leaving nothing for other users. We have also been made aware that some people are using the foodbank, who do not actually need it.

The new system is going to make it fair for everyone. You will be asked to fill out a form when you use the foodbank, giving your first name, road name and date of visit. You will then be able to select 8 items from the list. If an item is not available, you will be offered an alternative. The information is completely confidential and will be used as evidence of the number of people using the foodbank and also help us to receive further help in the future to develop the range of items available.

Although we are now fortunate enough to receive a fortnightly donation from Tesco, we would still very much appreciate any donations from the residents of the village. The food bank donations that Tesco distribute are spread out through lots of local villages and Royston, so we cannot rely on these donations alone.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate the foodbank on foodbank@bassingbournparishcouncil.gov.uk