



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

LEARNING, ENJOYING,
& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Important Dates

INSET DAYS FOR 2017-2018

Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Friday 9th February 2018
Monday 4th June 2018

Thursday 19th October 2017

Maple Base Poetry Assembly at
9:05 am

Half Term

Monday 23rd October 2017 to
Friday 27th October 2017

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 7th November 2017
3:40pm to 6:00pm

Thursday 9th November 2017
4:00pm to 7:00pm

School Photographer

Tuesday 14th November 2017

Poetry Assemblies

Thursday 8th February 2018
Willow Base
Thursday 7th June 2018
Holly Base



French Words of the week

This week's phrase is:

Devant/derrière/à côté
(in front/behind/next to)



Headteacher's Update

We have had yet another busy week at school. It started with Monday's Celebration Assembly and it was fabulous to hear from all the teachers that our pupils have such a positive attitude to their learning.

Clubs have started this week and there is a huge range on offer to meet the variety of interests that children may have. It was great to hear the children describing the fun that they had at windsurfing and watching the focus of pupils during sketch club. I'm excited to follow pupils skills and confidence growing as they tackle new learning.

There was an air of excitement in school Wednesday morning as our year 6 pupils left for their three day residential to Osmington Bay. For some children this is their first experience of being away from home, we're not sure who were the most nervous, parents or children!!

All the staff continue to explore new opportunities to excite pupils' learning and this week Miss Locke worked with Dorset Cultural hub to explore joint projects with Poole Museum and Warner Film Studios.

Children's University

Last week, we were pleased to welcome Sarah Smith into school to re-launch the Children's University at Bearwood. All Key Stage Two children have a passport and are able to earn learning hours that allow them to graduate at Bournemouth University at the end of Year Six. We are very fortunate to be one of only five local schools who are running the Children's University. It opens up fantastic learning opportunities for our children.

Bournemouth University regularly hold exciting learning events at the weekends and in the holidays. During the last year they have organised puppetry, drama and crazy creature workshops to name but a few! During this year there will be opportunities for our KS2 to visit the campus to participate in learning activities and the BU Student Ambassadors will be coming in to school to run after-school workshops.

The children were very excited during the assembly and I am hopeful that this year we will see many children embracing the opportunities that the Children's University presents. If you would like more information about the Children's University, please see the tab on our school website or join the BU Children's University Facebook page. Sarah is keen to make direct links with parents so she can offer places at workshops so it is definitely worth dropping her a message via Facebook!

On the 7th and 8th of October, Bournemouth University are holding their Visual Effects, Animation and Games Festival. BFX has been designed to celebrate and promote the visual effects, computer games and animation industry, inspire the next wave of talent and share the latest practices and knowledge found in today's Digital Economy. BFX will have a fantastic line-up of speakers, screenings, workshops, master classes and family activities, with content from across the globe. I have a limited number of free family passes for Key Stage Two. Children can earn two hours for their Passport by attending. If you are interested in attending, please complete the reply slip emailed out earlier this week. Passes will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. Children's University are offering a 50% discount for families at Bearwood. Using the online discount code **FW50**, you can cut the cost of the Family ticket by 50% on the website (to just £5!) <http://www.bfxfestival.com/about-bfx/family-weekend/>

The following children have been celebrated this week

	For Learning	For Respect	Whole Class
Holly 1	Mayleene	Shennay	Remembering the new routines
Holly 2	Lucas	Grace	Being independent
Willow 1	Lily	Lucy	Settled into Year 3
Willow 2	Milly	Dixie	Everyone focussing on their learning
Maple 1		Isaac	Settled into class routine
Maple 2	Lily-Ann	Leo	Positive start to year 6

Best Attendance: Week beginning 4th September Oak 2 and Willow 1 100%
Week beginning 11th September Oak 1 100%

Marvellous Me

After another busy week in school, we hope you have enjoyed the 'Marvellous Me' insights in to your child's learning. We now have 79% of parents signed up. Did you know there is a simple way to share your child's Marvellous Me information between family members? By tapping in the 'Settings' option and then tapping 'Share your app', you can enter the email address of the person you would like to share with. The app then sends an email with a link to the app and your child's unique join code, so they can instantly start seeing receiving the Marvellous Me messages. Please keep hi-fiving your child's teacher so they know you have seen the messages. Many thanks for your continued support!

Times Tables at Bearwood

At Bearwood, we are aiming for children to develop quicker recall of multiplication and division facts and encouraging children to become more enthusiastic about learning their times tables. The 2014 National Curriculum states that, 'by the end of year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table.'

Learning multiplication facts does not have to be boring and repetitive; at school we will be encouraging the children to recall facts in different ways through games, challenges and investigations as well as a times table quiz that will be held regularly in each class.

During the weekly times table quiz, if the children are able to prove that they know their current times tables well then they will earn a times table WRISTBAND to keep. They can collect these wristbands all the way up to the 12x tables. These will be celebrated in assembly on a Monday.

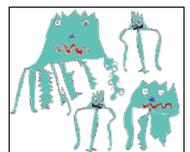
We hope that you will join us in supporting your child to learn these important facts in order for them to make rapid progress in their maths learning.

Maths Puzzle Challenge!

It's back! Have a go at this week's puzzle. All workings out and answers to class teachers who will pass them on to Mrs Mitson. Entries will be entered into a draw and one lucky winner will be picked next week. Good luck and happy puzzling!

Zios and Zepts

On the planet Vuv there are two sorts of creatures. The Zios have 3 legs and the Zepts have 7 legs. The great planetary explorer Nico, who first discovered the planet, saw a crowd of Zios and Zepts. He managed to see that there was more than one of each kind of creature before they saw him. Suddenly they all rolled over onto their backs and put their legs in the air. He counted 52 legs. How many Zios and how many Zepts were there? Do you think there are any different answers?



Secondary School Meeting for Year 6 Pupils

Thank you to the parents that attended the information evening this week. For those parents that didn't attend the information can be found on our website.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Bearwood Primary and Nursery School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you have any concerns, please contact the following people through the school office:

The designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Laura Bennett, Headteacher. The deputy designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Sally Wall, Deputy Headteacher. The Family Support Worker is: Mrs Katy Bray