



# Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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& SUCCEEDING  
TOGETHER!

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Autumn Term 1

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## Important Dates

### FOR THE PUPILS

**4th - 8th November**  
UK Parliament Week

**5th - 11th November**  
Anti-Bullying Week

**Tuesday 12th November**  
Individual School Photos

### FOR THE PARENTS

**5th November**  
Year 6 Boys Football Competition

**11th November**  
Odd Sock Day

**12th November**  
Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition

**12th & 13th November**  
Parents Evenings

**Poetry Assemblies**  
**Thursday 6th February**

Willow 1 & 2

**Thursday 18th June**  
Holly 1 & 2

### HOLIDAY DATES

#### 2019-2020 Dates

#### INSET DAYS

Monday 6th January 2020  
Monday 1st June 2020  
Monday 20th July 2020

#### Autumn Term 1

Monday 2nd September 2019 to  
Friday 25th October 2019

#### Half Term

Monday 28th October to  
Friday 1st November

#### Autumn Term 2

Monday 4th November to  
Friday 20th December 2019

'Every child has the right to an education which develops their ability, personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect human rights and their own and other cultures. It should also help them to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.'

### Headteacher's Update

Thank you to all those who joined in with walk to school week and for the overwhelming comments from parents and pupils about how much safer the car park feels. I have raised my concerns about the safety of the car park with the governors who will be sending out a survey in the coming weeks to gather your thoughts and views moving forward. As always, the safety of our pupils is of paramount importance. Thank you to those who follow the car park rules and are working with the school to keep our children safe. Please can I remind you that the staff car park, including the bay marked 'head', should not be used at ANY time to park in as we need to attend meetings throughout the day.

I wish you all a relaxing half term and look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Monday the 4th November.



### Planetarium

Last week, we were incredibly lucky to have our very own Planetarium in the hall to allow the children to explore space. Year 6 had a tour of the Solar System and learnt about the movement of the Sun, whilst Year 3, 4 and 5 focused on Earth and Year 1, 2 and Reception found out about Space Exploration. This was a fantastic opportunity for all children to share their natural curiosity and explore new areas of learning.



### Reading Records

Reading is such an important skill that we ask for children to read at home for 10-15 minutes each night to help the children develop this skill. The children's reading records are a place for reading at home to be recorded and as a school we monitor this to ensure all children are reading. When we hear children read in school, we record this in different ways, but this will not be recorded in the children's reading records. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read and writing in their reading records daily. Thank you for your ongoing support.



### Oak Base Welly Walk

The children in Oak Base recently had their first trip of the year....an autumnal welly walk to the heathland at the end of Wheelers Lane. The changeable weather certainly provided first hand experience of the true meaning of autumn and much fun was had jumping in puddles, searching for autumn colours and collecting leaves ready for art back in school. It was wonderful to see the children's faces as they splashed and stomped - there was no way they were going to let the rain get in the way of their fun!



H A M W I C T R U S T

EDUCATION



### The Charles Causley Young People's Poetry Competition

We are extremely proud to announce that Ethan Bridger, in Willow 2, was presented with Second Prize at this year's poetry awards! Ethan and his family went along to the prize giving ceremony at the North Cornwall Book Festival earlier this month where Ethan's prize was presented by poets Penelope Shuttle and David Devanny, who received an overwhelming number of entries this year. Ethan even stood up in front of the whole audience to read his poem out.

#### **The Hospital—By Ethan Bridger aged 8**

***I leapt into the hospital,  
Ready for the day.  
For exciting adventures,  
Will soon be on their way.***

***I sped into John-Attwell ward,  
Looking my very best.  
But before my operation,  
I have to take a rest.***

***I went to have my cannula,  
Slotted into a vein.  
I thought it would be pleasant,  
But all it was was pain.***

***They put the anesthetic in,  
And in my blood it seeped.  
But what a terrible effect,  
It made me fall asleep.***

***I woke up from the strangest dream,  
Of a pretty little gnome.  
But looking on the bright side,  
I now can visit home.***

***What a busy day I had,  
It gave my head a whack.  
But after all that busy day,  
I'm happy to be back.***



### Kids Invent Stuff

You may have seen on the BBC One Show about the website 'Kids Invent Stuff'. We have already been sharing this website with the children during assemblies because we believe that it could inspire inventors for the future. 5-11 year olds have the chance to get their invention ideas built by real engineers. Children are encouraged to submit their ideas for inventions to solve a different challenge each month. The most creative inventions are showcased on their channel and each month one idea is built and tested on camera, with hilarious consequences. Our children have been shown this month's challenge, which is to make an invention for a hotel room. The children can collect an entry form from school, which they then return to us and we will submit a school entry. We have told the children to use their christian names and age only. Have a look at the website <https://kidsinventstuff.com>



### Maths Workshops

Last week the whole school were lucky to have maths workshops run by Barney at House of Maths. In Maple 1, he taught us to use peg boards and elastic bands to make different sized shapes. We investigated different ways to find half of the shapes, by counting the squares inside each shape to check it was equal. After that, he taught us to find other fractions like thirds and quarters. He challenged us to find the most unusual ways to split the shapes into equal parts. It was quite tricky to do it in different ways but it was lots of fun - Lily H, Maple 1

### Free Parent Course

We are pleased to have linked with WEA, a charity that provides courses and training to parents at no cost. We are hoping to hold a two hour session called "Help your child manage stress and anxiety" in the coming weeks. If this is something that interests you, please leave your details at the Office and Mrs Gunstone will be in touch with further details.



Thank you so much for all those who attended the Monster Mash School Disco last Friday. It was a great success.

**Coming up next month....a Pyjama and Movie Night in school!  
28th November 5:30-7:30pm—details to follow soon....**



### 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.