



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

LEARNING, ENJOYING,
& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Autumn Term 1

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Important Dates

FOR THE PUPILS

**Maple 1 Boat Trip
Harvest Assembly**
20th October

Parliament Week
1st to 5th November

Anti-bullying Week
15th to 19th November

FOR THE PARENTS

Sports Days
KS1 Tuesday 5th October
KS2 **new date to be confirmed**

Individual school photos
Tuesday 9th November

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thursday 2nd September to
Friday 17th December 2021
Half Term

25th to 29th October 2021
INSET Days 2nd & 3rd September

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January to
Friday 8th April 2022
Half Term

21st to 25th February 2022
INSET Day 4th January

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25th April to
Friday 22nd July 2022
3rd May Jubilee Bank Holiday
Half Term
30th May to 3rd June 2022
INSET Days 25th April & 6th June

'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

And just like that we find ourselves half way through Autumn term 1! We have certainly maintained the optimism and excitement that every new year brings and have strengthened our partnerships with you all whilst enabling your children to thrive with us. The children are buzzing with excitement about their learning opportunities as we embrace the freedom of visitors and trips. As always, we rely on your support to ensure that trips are paid for so that we are not in the position of having to cancel. This newsletter celebrates these learning opportunities and we have even made it into the Bournemouth Echo twice in the last week!

<https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/19613980.david-wilson-homes-donate-high-visibility-vests-bearwood-primary-school/>

<https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/19608288.fireman-sam-swoops-help-sandbanks-beach-clean/>



Holly 1 & 2 visit Kingfisher Barn

Holly base had a fantastic trip to Kingfisher Barn along the River Stour. We enjoyed various activities including river dipping, leaf rubbing, making nature bracelets and going on a nature walk. We were very lucky with the weather and enjoyed a lovely picnic in the sunshine.



More outdoor learning space

We are pleased to announce that our fantastic round house has been repaired by a wonderful local thatcher and we are looking forward to using it again in our outdoor learning sessions and hoping it is watertight!



Leaving only footprints

Holly 2 had a fantastic trip to the beach this week. We took part in a beach clean, created some lovely eco-art in the form of sea turtles, and met a special character. It is fair to say the children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and have talked about it non-stop since we returned. Reeva said she was very tired when she got home but had just enough energy left to write this:

"I liked picking up rubbish because I was helping the environment. It was fun making turtles out of plastic bottles. We made happy memories".



Arts by the Sea

Last week Willow Base and Maple Base had an assembly led by Abi from Arts2educate. We have worked with Abi on numerous events in the past and the children are always inspired by her. This time she introduced the children to the Arts by the Sea festival taking place in Bournemouth this weekend from 1st - 3rd October. The children heard a passage from Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree and were then set a challenge. Everyone went home with a cloud within which they can design their very own faraway land. The clouds will all be displayed at the festival within Bournemouth Gardens. Abi is also running FREE Magic Faraway Tree workshops throughout the festival dates so please do pop down and see if you can find your cloud!!

Check out the full programme of events here: <https://artsbythesea.co.uk/events/>

Forest School

Our new Forest School is proving to be a big success with all year groups. Oak Base have loved hunting for Autumn colours and creating leaf art, while other groups have been busy building dens and toasting marshmallows. Forest Schools has definitely created a buzz around the school and it is lovely to see the children so engaged with the sessions. Thanks to donations from the parent community we now have a seating circle made from logs and pallets on the field where the children start each session in a circle! We are still looking for someone to build a mud kitchen so please contact Miss Webster if you think you can help. Thank you for sending the children well prepared for the sessions... with the weather on the turn there will be a need for wet weather gear in the coming weeks!!



Walk to school challenge

We are pleased to have awarded our first batch of badges for the Walk to School Challenge. We have had an amazing 1190 active trips and 135 children have earned their September badge! Let's see how many can walk three times a week in October for the next award!

Sports Day

Making the decision to cancel the Key Stage Two Sports Day was incredibly hard and came after much weather watching. We are keeping everything crossed that the lower school event can go ahead next Tuesday. After this we will review alternative dates and share these with you ASAP.

Children's safety

Thank you for all those who completed the parent questionnaire. Through conversations with governors and parents, as well as using the outcomes of the parent questionnaires, the decision has been made that the car park will stay closed to ensure a safe start and end to the school day. Please can we remind parents that children should not be running around the car park, as we cannot guarantee that delivery vans and other cars will not use the car park on occasion. Please ensure you park safely and considerately in our neighbouring roads. Thank you.



We have been chosen for a Tesco Community Grant!!

The PFA are very excited to announce that we will be in the next round of voting for a Tesco Community Grant, which will help us set up our new **Change 4 Life Club**, which will support our students with their mental and physical health.

Voting will commence in store from 1st October and continue until 31st December 2021.

To vote, simply shop in one of the Tesco Stores listed below and vote using a blue token, found at the checkouts. The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500. Stores taking part are:

Large Stores: Tower Park, Fleetsbridge, Branksome

Express Stores: Broadstone, Lilliput, Ringwood Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth Triangle, Bournemouth Metro, Lycheff, Sandbanks, Poole Quay

Coming up.....we have made the decision to cancel the proposed Halloween disco and will hold a Christmas disco instead. Further details to follow.....



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. Our Pupil Engagement and Welfare Officer is: Miss Olivia Prince