

Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter



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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

Individual school photos Tuesday 9th November

Remote Parents Evenings 9th & 11th November

Sports Day

28th June (Reserve 5th July) KS1 morning & KS2 afternoon

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

20th May to 3rd June 2022

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

This week pupils in year 1 to 6 had the opportunity to recite poetry to the each other during our poetry assembly. The children have worked hard to rehearse their chosen poems, adding expression and actions to engage the audience. It was really wonderful to see the confidence in all our children. During assemblies this week we have been sharing the love of reading and encouraging our children not to judge a book by its cover, they talked about how they could read the blurb on the back or even the first chapter. There was great excitement when we unpacked some new books for the children to bring home. Please encourage your child to read each day as it is wonderful to escape into a story or to build their knowledge with facts. The children were also very keen to find out about Operation Shoebox and they shared the different ways that they could get involved. In the next few days you will receive information about parents evenings after half term, this term we have decided to carry them out via zoom and we are hoping to do the one in the Spring term in person. Finally, it is with sadness that we share with you Mrs Hutton is leaving our school at half term. Although she has not been with us long she has definitely made a positive impact in our school. We will all miss her but wish her luck in her future career. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Pitcher-Scott to our office team next term.



Mrs Wall's Magnificent Marathon

I did it! I achieved my dream of running in the London Marathon and achieving my charity goal. Thank you to everyone who supported my fund raising efforts and all the words of encouragement. It was the most amazing experience and one that I would highly recommend! Mrs Wall

Park and Stride

We have had a great response to our Walk to School Challenge. We understand that some families live too far away to walk...don't forget you can 'Park and Stride'! Bearwood Community Centre have kindly offered our families the use of their car park in the morning as a 'Park and Stride' starting point. There is also plenty of parking in the roads that will enable the children to walk part of the way and qualify for their monthly badge!

Sports Day take 2

Following the unfortunate cancellation of both Sports Days last month due to the awful weather we are pleased to announce they have been rescheduled for the Summer Term. We will hold them both on the same day - Tuesday 28th June - with KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. There is also a reserve date of 5th July.



Olé

We were very lucky to receive a visit from the Mi Flamenco team who treated us to a fantastic flamenco performance with energising music and dancing. The children loved joining in with the stamping feet, clapping and shouting "Olé" very loudly!

Photography Competition

Miss Prince ran a photography competition with the theme "The Healing Power of Nature". Being in nature, or even viewing scenes of nature, **reduces anger**, **fear**, **and stress** and increases pleasant feelings. Exposure to nature not only makes us feel better emotionally, it contributes to our physical wellbeing, reducing blood pressure, heart rate, muscle tension, and the production of stress hormones.



1st Prize
went to
Olivia in
Willow 2
with this
wonderful
hawk moth
caterpillar



2nd place went to Ava-Rae in Willow 2 for her busy bees on the blackberry bush



3rd place went to Sophie in Maple 2 for her glorious sunset

Toy request

We are looking for donations of complete 'Orchard Toys' (in good condition) to help Miss Prince set up her new Lending Library. Donations can be left at the office or handed to Miss Prince at the gate in the morning.



<u>Uniform donations</u>

We would be very grateful for donations of any outgrown uniform that is still in good condition. Please drop off at the school office. Many thanks!



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