



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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Spring Term 2

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Silver Award



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Important Dates

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January to

Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term

21st to 25th February 2022

Parents Evenings – 8th and 10th February – Book via My Child at School

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 – School closed to pupils)

Sports Day

28th June (Reserve 5th July)

KS1 morning & KS2 afternoon

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Thursday 1st September to Friday

16th December 2022

(1st and 2nd September INSET Days – school closed to pupils)

Half Term

24th to 28th October 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

Tuesday 3rd January to

Friday 31st March 2023

(3rd January INSET day – School closed to pupils)

Half Term

13th to 17th February 2023

Easter Holiday

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 17th April to Friday 21st July 2023

(17th April INSET Day – School closed to pupils)

Half Term

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

(5th June INSET Day – School closed to pupils)

'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.'

Article 29, UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Headteacher's Update

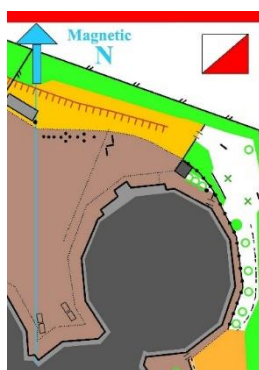
Internet Safety Day 8th February: At Bearwood Primary and Nursery school we began the week with a whole school assembly and activities for children to explore the positives and risks of online pursuits. We know this is a popular way for children to spend their time, however there are ever increasing risks including on-line bullying, disrespectful behaviour to others and children's access and increasing 'thirst' for regularly playing online games that are really targeted for older children. Mr Longland, our computing lead, has carried out pupil surveys and will be sharing this information after the half term break.

Mrs Mitson is sadly leaving us this half term to pursue a new adventure outside of teaching. She will be hugely missed by all and we wish her all the best for the future.

As always, thank you for your continuing support and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely half term break.

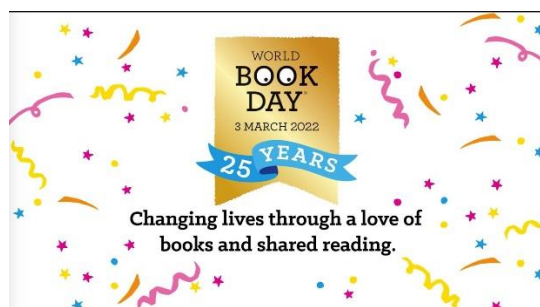
Here is a snippet of the map

Jason has produced, can you work out which part of the school this is?



This week in a virtual assembly Mrs Hunt had the exciting opportunity to share with the children what has been happening recently around Bearwood. Last term, she met with Jason Falconer, the head coach at Wessex Orienteering Club to see how orienteering can be introduced at Bearwood. (Orienteering is an exciting outdoor sport that exercises both the mind and body; the aim is to navigate between control points marked on a special map.) Jason has produced a detailed school map for us and has now erected control points around the school. After half term, all of the children in Key Stage 2 will enjoy being taught the life skill of navigation.

Thursday 3rd March is National World Book Day, and this year is the 25th anniversary. To celebrate this, we will be holding a whole book week starting on Monday 28th February. The week aims to celebrate reading for pleasure and for all children to believe that they are a reader.





Ellie-Mai, in Maple 1 for her amazing achievements over the weekend at Moreton Equestrian Centre. She won both of her rounds with her pony Fifi despite the awful weather!



Yazzy, in Maple 2, who has been given an amazing FIVE Blue Peter Badges for various things since 2018, including roller skating, ice skating and sending in a design for the Diamond Blue Peter Badge.

Daily Echo School Awards 2022

Nominate now for the Daily Echo School Awards 2022

In recognition of all the hard work that has taken place in the education sector over the last few years, we will be holding the Daily Echo School Awards in 2022, in association with **United Taxis**.

The last time these awards were held was in 2017, and we felt that now is the right time to honour the teaching profession again.

Many organisations found themselves on the front line during the COVID pandemic, none more so than our local schools. Education was turned on its head almost overnight as schools and colleges adjusted to a mix of in-school and virtual learning.

These awards will be a great opportunity to acknowledge the incredible work done by these unsung heroes who worked (and continue to work) tirelessly to ensure our children receive the education they deserve.

We are asking Daily Echo readers to nominate in a total of 11 categories as we celebrate all the hard work still taking place in the education sector across the conurbation.

There is simply no better time to acknowledge the incredible work done by our teachers, teaching assistants, school leaders and all the support staff, particularly after the challenges brought about by the pandemic. Many of those working in schools, nurseries and colleges had to adapt to new ways of working overnight, ensuring that our young people continue to receive the best education.

Closing date for nominations – Wednesday 9th March 2022

Those shortlisted for an award will be featured in a shortlist supplement in the Daily Echo on 21st March, with the winners showcased in a feature on 31st March. There will also be a winner's video to share with our readers once the final results have been announced.



The categories are:

- Nursery School team member of the Year (including Early Years Teacher)
 - Primary School Teacher of the Year (Key stage 1/2)
 - Secondary Teacher of the Year (Key Stage 3/4)
 - Online Teacher/Teaching Assistant of the year
 - STEM Teacher of the Year
- Newcomer of the Year (nominees in education for less than two years)
- Supporting Staff Member of the Year (e.g. lunchtime supervisor/office/maintenance)
 - Further Education Award (Key Stage 5/College Tutor)
 - Teaching Assistant of the Year
 - Lifetime Achievement Award
- Leadership Award (Head Teacher or Senior Leadership team member)

Parent Wellbeing

"Parenting is a marathon, not a sprint, and your children need you to keep giving and keep going. We are a single human being with finite resources, so give yourself permission to nourish yourself, treating yourself with the same basic respect we give to our mobile phones as we charge them and our cars as we refuel them. The best way to be there for your child is to nourish yourself - that tenderness, the ability to pace ourselves allows us to be a calm, safe place for our children."

To mark this month's **Parent Mental Health Day**, psychologist and Coach Suzy Reading has written a blog for Kidscape on how to protect your mental health as a parent when your child is having a tough time. Read it [here](#).

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