



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Autumn Term 2

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'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

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support and working with us to ensure that your child receives the very best education.

Yesterday the children enjoyed watching the staff pantomime, 'Cinderella', which was written and directed by Mr Cooper. Many staff gave up their time to learn lines, dances, prepare props and take part in rehearsals, which was all worth it to see the children enjoying the performance. They were especially great at joining in with the well-known pantomime sayings and boos! We are pleased to be able to share a recording of the pantomime with you and we hope you enjoy it too.

<https://bit.ly/3BDFhKV>



UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Thursday 1st September to
Friday 16th December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

3rd January INSET day -
School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 3rd January to
Friday 31st March 2023

Willow Base Poetry Assembly
Thursday 9th February 2023

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)

Holly Base Poetry Assembly
Thursday 29th June 2022

Willow Base were visited by Science Zone this term.

Willow 2 had an amazing immersive show inside the dome on volcanoes and super volcanoes. We went on a trip around the solar system and looked at volcanoes on other planets and moons and found out that volcanoes don't always erupt lava. They can even erupt ice! Then we had a practical workshop where we moulded our own volcanoes out of clay and erupted them using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. Children will be bringing these home so you can repeat the experiment there too.



On Wednesday 23rd November, we welcomed the GB Olympic Gymnast Kelly Simm. In the afternoon, she joined each class for an intensive circuits routine sharing many exercises she completes regularly. The children then had the opportunity to ask Kelly a range of questions about her professional sporting career as she showed them a variety of gymnastic moves.

Kelly shared with the children her journey and hopefully inspired the children to take part in sports and stay active. Over the last few weeks, the children have also been fundraising for the sporting event and have raised a fantastic amount of over £2,000! This money will support both the school with sporting equipment and support athletes such as Kelly Simm. Thank you so much for your support with this event.



PEER MENTORS

We are delighted to announce that our Peer Mentors for 2022/23 are:-

- Isabella
- Shennay
- Archie
- Emma
- Lydia
- Lily

Massive CONGRATULATIONS to you all.

A big well done to Lexi



A gentle reminder please that dogs (even carried) are not allowed in the school grounds and smoking/vaping is prohibited. Thank you

Advent doesn't have to mean chocolate

December Kindness 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely.	2. Leave a positive message for someone else to find.	3. Give kind comments to as many people as possible today.	4. Do something helpful for a friend or family member.	5. Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead.	6. Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment.	7. Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about.
8. Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today.	9. See how many different people you can smile at today.	10. Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one.	11. Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day.	12. Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to.	13. Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you.	14. Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving.
15. Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated.	16. Help others by giving away something that you don't need.	17. Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you.	18. Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed.	19. Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness.	20. Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh.	21. Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
22. Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature.	23. Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat.	24. Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy.	25. Turn off digital devices and really listen to people.	26. Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why.	27. Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023.	

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

Also this term, Maple base had a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) day which was led by the RAF. They spent the morning designing, creating, testing and evaluating different gliders - they particularly enjoyed competing against each other to see whose would travel the furthest! In the afternoon, pupils worked in teams to design a 'sustainable aircraft of the future' and the winning group's designs will be entered into a competition to win £100 and 2 Lego® SPIKE™ Primes worth £670.00!



Polite Reminder

All school staff are here to help you. Unfortunately, issues do arise that you may wish to share your concerns around, whether in person, by phone or by email. However, in line with the visitor code of conduct policy, behaviour of an unacceptable nature will not be tolerated. This includes:

- Verbal abuse
- Aggression
- Swearing
- Intimidation

If you display this sort of behaviour, you may be asked to leave the building or area.

Failure to do so will be followed up in line with policy and procedure. <https://www.bearwood.poole.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Visitor-Code-of-Conduct-Policy-2021-2022.pdf>

NEW AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS FOR JANUARY! GYMNASTICS - DODGEBALL - ARCHERY DETAILS TO FOLLOW

We are very excited to have a professional singing tutor taking over our glee/singing club after Christmas. If your child attended glee club this half term, they will automatically have a place within this club after Christmas. This will be funded by the school for Spring 1. The glee club has been a huge success and we are very much looking forward to continuing this after Christmas.

Well done to all the pupils at Bearwood, our attendance this term has been above national average. It has been lovely to see pupils attending regularly and engaging in their learning. It has also been wonderful to see so many pupils improving their attendance.

After half term please expect the release of an updated attendance policy and certificates for pupils. We will be introducing a lates book for the end of the day in January. This will be to monitor pupils that are continually collected late so that we can support families to overcome barriers to prompt collection. The last child left in school can often feel a little forgotten and we want to mitigate this. Of course, we understand that from time to time, traffic or other unavoidable circumstances arise.



Find a warm welcome space

Find friendly, warm spaces in your local community where you can meet others, take part in activities, get a warm drink or meal, or spend some quiet time away from your home.

We understand that this winter is going to be challenging and we are starting to gather a list of welcoming spaces opening their doors to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole residents this winter. Days, times and what is offered varies from venue to venue, but all offer a warm and welcoming space. Please look at the links and information below to find out what's on offer at various venues in your local area. We will add to this list over the coming weeks as we become aware of more venues.

<https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/Communities/Cost-of-living-help/Warm-welcome-spaces/Find-a-warm-welcome-space.aspx>

P.F.A. NEWS

WOW!

A MASSIVE £1,896 raised through Elfridges and The Christmas Fayre! Thank you so much to everyone for their support.



With the festive season arriving we are aware that some of our families may need support, BCP have a few support hubs available over the Christmas break. Please reach out and access the support available and know that you are not alone.

Household Support Fund

This funding is to support residents in BCP with the cost of living situations around keeping warm, reducing energy bills and accessing food across the winter. In addition to the funding provided to schools for the flexible food vouchers, residents can also apply for short term financial help through food and/or energy vouchers through Citizen's Advice BCP here Household Support Fund - Citizens Advice Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole (citizensadvicebcp.org.uk) If residents don't have access to the internet to complete the form you can help them by signposting them to their nearest drop-in or outreach session which can be found here: *Get Advice - Citizens Advice Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole* (citizensadvicebcp.org.uk) These are the current drop-in sessions: Bournemouth Outreach Hub Civic Centre, Town Hall, (BH2 6DX) Monday - Thursday 10am - 2.30pm (Drop-ins only)

Citizen's Advice BCP also has other support and advice available. Their Community Advice Vehicle will be visiting various locations in the BCP area in the coming months. Energy Advice Eligible households can also benefit from a visit from an energy advisor who will support them with ways to reduce their bills, access energy saving advice and in some instances provide a new boiler depending on circumstances. Full details can be found here: *LEAP Home Visit | Ridgewater Energy Access to Food* There are a number of options for accessing community food support and these are detailed on the webpages here *Community support if you are struggling to pay for food* (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Funding for community groups to support with the Cost of Living • BCP Council have provided funding to Dorset Community Foundation for groups to apply for funding for projects that will support our communities with the costs of living situation. This includes funding to set up or develop a Warm Welcome space, funding for community food projects such as food banks and other support as appropriate. Details of the funding can be found here *BCP Food and Warmth Support Fund - Dorset Community Foundation* and the deadline for applications is the 28th November. *BCP Cost of Living support one-stop shop* • For more information please see the dedicated *Cost of Living support hub* on the Council's webpage which details the support available *Cost of living help* (bcpcouncil.gov.uk) • For general non-urgent enquiries please email communities@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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: Mrs Olivia Lyster