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## SPRING TERM 2 NEWSLETTER – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

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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 Message

We have had so many adventures this half term and made lots of powerful memories together. Whether this be the Easter bonnet parade or the visit from the creature company, or even the pure delight in the children's faces of seeing the chick's hatch and grow.

We are already excited about the term ahead which so much to look forward to, including an EYFS visit to Farmer Palmers, a performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and walks on the local heath.

We also look forward to welcoming you into the classroom to show you how your child learns maths. Further details to follow.

Finally, thank you for your continued support. We wonder what adventures you will have over the Easter holidays!

### Maz Evans Author Visit: 22<sup>nd</sup> February

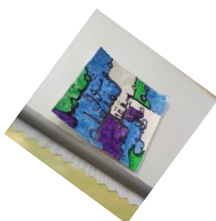
All children in key stage 2 enjoyed an assembly led by celebrated children's author, Maz Evans. She spoke to the children about her book series, and her inspiration for writing them, and lots of children couldn't wait to start reading some of these books.

Year 5 then took part in a special question and answer session in the class with Maz, as they were reading her award-winning book 'Who let the Gods out?' linked to their learning in history about the Greeks. They asked very insightful questions and learnt a lot about Maz herself, what it is like to be an author (including how much money she receives from each book sale!) and her book series.

Finally, Maz was kind enough to do a book signing for the children, where they either purchased books or brought their own, and they now have a special keepsake to remind them of the day.



This half term, Year 3, 4 and 5, took part in an art day with Abi from Arts2Educate. They looked at work by the artist El Seed and then created a collaborative piece of art in Arabic, representing our school values. We were very impressed with their artistic skills and the end result will be turned into a display.



### Bearwood Book Week

This half term we enjoyed taking part in a range of activities during book week to celebrate reading and enjoy reading. We were pleased to invite families to our reading breakfast, and it was great to see books being shared while everyone enjoyed a nice breakfast.

Each class took part in a workshop, and holly base in particular enjoyed one based on the book Dave Pigeon: Bookshop Mayhem by Swapna Haddow. They watched a video in which the author and illustrator discussed the process of writing the book and then drawing the illustrations. The illustrator then demonstrated how to draw Dave the Pigeon step by step, which the children all attempted as a class. Oak base also enjoyed a workshop based around the book 'Lifesize Creepy crawlies' by Sophy Henn, where they got to make their own creepy crawlies.

We were also blown away by the effort that went into World Book Day costumes this year and loved seeing all of the different characters that the children chose to dress up as. We particularly enjoyed seeing everyone take part in the catwalk at the end of the day to show off their costumes. We can't wait for book week next year!



### Careers afternoon

We are delighted to share that the Year 5 and 6 pupils were part of a careers afternoon which aimed to open the children's eyes to the world of future job possibilities and challenge stereotypes.

The pupils were introduced to parents and community members who shared high quality advice to make informed choices on the skills needed for a successful career. This involved a visit from a police officer who shared the diverse role of being a police officer as well as bringing the police motorbike into the hall to inspire the pupils. We were also joined by a parent who shared their experience in the travel industry as well as becoming a swimming instructor. And finally, the local Councillor, Richard Burton, shared how to become a local councillor and represent the community. A huge thank you to all those who took the time to inspire and motivate our pupils to be whatever they wish to be.

In EYFS we have been very lucky to have the job of looking after our chicks. They arrived as eggs, and we carefully looked after them in the incubator until they hatched. We have 8 chicks which we feed, clean out, play with, and learn about every day. We are loving being young farmers!



We are delighted to share the news of our change to the KS1 courtyard. As we secured a grant, we were able to transform the area into a space for pupils to enjoy reading, maths, and science as well as a calm space to learn. We look forward to sharing further pictures once all the resources are in place.



As part of our learning about animals in Science, Holly Base were visited by The Creature Teachers. We learnt about a range of different animals and their diets. The children enjoyed holding and stroking a snake, lizard, hissing cockroach, and a hedgehog! We ended our session by flying an owl across the practical room.



We would like to thank our PFA for their hard work and donations to our school. So far this year, they have donated £2,000 towards the new KS1 Courtyard and the new line markings on the playground. In addition to the above, they have arranged and funded our Easter Bonnet Parade, assisted with parents evening, and have donated an amount to each class towards their class trips this year. They are also arranging a whole school trip to see a pantomime and are funding the pantomime itself!

### Families Together Workshop with stormbreak



You are invited to attend a FREE families workshop, run by the charity Stormbreak.

Our 'Stormbreak Families' workshop is an introduction to stormbreak, a charity that supports children's mental health through movement.

**In this workshop we:**

- introduce you to stormbreak, who we are and our vision
- show you how to access our free resources and activities to explore with children in your family and home setting
- answer any questions you might have

This session is repeated twice on the first Wednesday of the month until July 2023, at either 10am - 11am or 6.30 - 7.30pm.

To sign up for one of these FREE sessions please follow this [link](#) >



For more information about stormbreak and the work we do please visit [stormbreak.org.uk](http://stormbreak.org.uk)



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[Stormbreak Families Workshop Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

### 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