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SUMMER TERM 2 NEWSLETTER – 21ST JULY 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

This is the end of an era. I have had the most wonderful headship leading Bearwood from strength to strength with the most amazing team, but we wouldn't be where we are now without your support and unity for all the children at Bearwood.

I am thrilled and delighted to have been part of the journey with all the pupils, and each and every one will be remembered.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful gifts that will remind me of my time at Bearwood. I am thrilled that Mrs Smith is taking on the headship, and I know that she will not disappoint. She has the same passion and drive that I recognised in myself 9 years ago.

So, my last words are, simply thank you.

Best wishes

Laura

Holly 1 enjoyed dressing up as pirates as part of our learning about Harry Paye in History. We were lucky enough to be visited by Poole Museum for a drama workshop where we learnt about the life of Harry Paye. As well as learning his story, the children enjoyed learning about the roles aboard a pirate ship as well as holding and learning about some pirate artefacts.



Massive congratulations to Logan from Holly 2 for winning the Season Playmaker award with STARS Football Club! Well Done Logan!



On Tuesday 4th July Willow 1 went on an exciting trip to The Etches Collection and Kimmeridge Bay. At the museum they took part in workshops to deepen their knowledge of fossils, Mary Anning - the famous fossil hunter, rocks and soils. The children were also able to share all of the knowledge they already had to impress Nick who was leading the workshops. They then took part in a range of activities including looking at fossils and rocks under a microscope, designing their own dinosaur and learning about the fossils in the museum. Finally, after lunch we all went down to Kimmeridge bay to hunt for fossils ourselves and we found so many! The children were very excited to show off their finds and they even got to bring them home. We all had a fantastic day - one I'm sure the children will remember for a long time.



On Monday 3rd July, Maple 1 had an Anglo Saxons experience day lead by 'Portals To The Past'. The action-packed, immersive day was lead by Martin, who came armed with a museum's-worth of Anglo Saxons/Vikings artefacts! As well as investigating artefacts, pupils had opportunities to participate in mock battles and added to their existing knowledge of the Scots invasion of England in 400AD and settlement in 450AD.



Well done also to Finlay who collected a **WHOLE** bag of rubbish from along Wheelers Lane on INSET day! Thank you Finlay!



Willow 2 were visited by Poole Museum for a workshop on 'Investigating the Iron Age'. This began with a discussion around what the Iron Age is, why it's called that and how we know about something that happened such a long time ago. Part of this was explaining the importance of archaeology and artefacts. The children were told about primary historical sources and had the opportunity to look at some objects that might have been traded in Poole during the Iron Age, which linked to our local history study of Bearwood. The most interesting objects the children investigated were Iron Age money, an iron bracelet, an animal skull and flint and steel for lighting fires. Children role-played as Iron Age settlers on a long boat sailing to Poole, after being told about the long boat in Poole museum. Finally, children were given the opportunity to make their own Iron Age pots out of clay using the same techniques as settlers from Poole, thousands of years ago.

BEARWOOD PFA NEWS

We are delighted to confirm that we have raised over £4,000 this year!! Thank you to everyone for your support over the last 12 months. Mrs Pitcher would also like to thank each and every volunteer for your amazing help and assistance with our events this year. We simply wouldn't be the amazing group we are without you!

We had this wonderful email come in from a member who is sadly leaving us, thank you for your kind words: 'They are also very lucky to have such an amazing PFA team who are all willing to put in that extra mile to pull off amazing events that put smiles on all of the children's faces and raise vital money for the school. Although I have only been part of the PFA helpers group for a short time I have thoroughly enjoyed getting an insight into how events for the children are planned and executed. It truly is very satisfying to be able to help in this area. To any potential new helpers I would highly recommend getting involved. For some reason the idea of being part of the PFA comes across as a bit daunting but in reality it is a very rewarding experience and the team are fabulous.'

On Tuesday 27th June, Maple 2 went on a trip to Sandbanks beach as part of our Geography curriculum and Water Safety curriculum.

Firstly, we met RNLI Lifeguards who delivered a safety talk and showed the equipment they used for rescues. This included children understanding what a riptide is and what to do if you get into trouble when in the water.

The children then identified local, coastal features using a map such as Old Harry Rocks and the sand dunes. We considered how Sandbanks has changed over the years and how the groyne has been put there for conservation of the beach.

In the afternoon, the children enjoyed themselves playing beach games such as volleyball. We would like to thank the PFA and donations we received to make the trip possible!



The whole school enjoyed a very special music assembly with James from Rock Steady Music. The children learnt about the different instruments within a band and enjoyed singing lots of well-known songs. James even persuaded Mrs Lyster, Miss Pike and Mrs Chesterfield to join his band and perform a song which the children enjoyed singing along to.



This half term Holly 2 enjoyed a fantastic day in Bournemouth. As part of our Geography learning, we looked at the human and physical features of the coast whilst also having a look at the local beach goats! We then spent the morning in the Russell-Cotes Museum where we learnt all about seaside holidays in the past. The morning ended with a great art session where we created these beautiful sea pictures. We then had a lovely picnic in the grounds before making our way back to school.



Linked with our learning across the school in PSHE, each class across the school enjoyed a workshop from Life Education in their pop-up classroom. The children learnt about how to keep themselves fit and healthy in various ways and the importance of looking after our bodies. The children also learnt about different emotions and how to deal with these appropriately.



Over the school holidays, your children would be welcome to send postcards to members of school staff to share their holiday news - we will be in and out getting the classrooms ready over the holidays and would love to hear what they're getting up to and it will also give them meaningful opportunities to practise their writing skills over the long break!

For Maple 2's Activity Day to celebrate their wonderful achievements at Bearwood, we had a company who provided a full day of active fun. In the morning, the children competed in laser-tag on the school field and had the opportunity to practice their sumo skills and bungee running in the afternoon.



This year, the leaver's performance was called 'I'm an 11-year-old, get me out here!' which was based on the well-known T.V. programme, 'I'm a celeb.' The children showed great enthusiasm and dedication to learn all their lines, which included eating challenges and grammar challenges, and all the songs as well. Well done to Maple Base.



2023/24 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM

Friday 1st September to Friday 15th December 2023

(1st & 4th September - Closed to pupils)

Half Term - Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

(2nd & 3rd January - Closed to pupils)

SPRING TERM

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holiday - Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

SUMMER TERM

Monday 15th April to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half Term - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

(3rd June - Closed to pupils)

INSET DAYS

Friday 1st & Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd January 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

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 officers are Mrs Laura Bennett, Headteacher, and Mrs Guarguaglini, Deputy Headteacher, Our Pupil Engagement and Welfare Officer is Mrs Olivia Lyster



BEARWOOD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL PFA

Registered Charity No. 1077429

Full School Panto
'The Best Fairytale
Ever Told' in July

Each class was
given a donation
towards their trips
this year

With your
help, we have
FUNDED
£3,690

To benefit children
at our school

Key Stage 1
Courtyard revamp
and upgrade

With the
continued support
of the school community,
Bearwood Primary &
Nursery School PFA hopes
to fund many more items
of equipment and
education resources in
2023/2024

New Lines in the
playground and
upgrade

THANK YOU!