

BEARWOOD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

AUTUMN 1 – 20TH OCTOBER 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 academic year is already racing by so quickly and I am sure the school summer holidays are now just a distant memory. I hope that you and your families had a pleasant summer break and that your children have thoroughly enjoyed their start to the new school year. All the new children in Oak Base have made a super start to their time at school - they have settled in really well and are already demonstrating excellent learning behaviours.

A huge thank all the families who have warmly welcomed me to into the Bearwood family! It has been lovely to meet people on the gate and I have started to get to know all the children's names and faces. It has been great getting to know how well the children are able to practise putting into place all the values linked with our four Bearwood Goals; Global Citizen, Independent Learner, Ambitious Achiever and Confident Communicator. After half term we will continue to have a focus on being a Global Citizen as part of our assemblies.

Already children across the school have undertaken some exciting learning activities; Japanese Day, Sports Day and Harvest were all brilliant events. I know that Maple 2 children loved their time at PGL, Osmington Bay, for their residential trip – a real chance to challenge themselves and their resilience. Our Oak Base and Holly Base children have fully embraced our Little Wandle Phonics scheme to help them with their reading and writing fluency skills. Just a reminder that there is a whole range of information about our curriculum here at Bearwood available on the school website.

I do hope that you all enjoy a safe half term break, and we will look forward to welcoming you and the children back on Monday 30th October 2023.

Best wishes.

Mrs Smith

Maple 2 had a fantastic experience during our residential trip at PGL, Osmington Bay. Despite the challenging weather, the children had a brilliant time taking part in a range of activities such as dragon boating, archery, den building and rock climbing over the course of three days. They all challenged themselves and enjoyed the chance of experiencing new activities.



At the beginning of this half term, the whole school were very excited to experience a Japanese culture day. We welcomed over 20 Japanese students to the school and each class took part in workshops led by them. These included an origami workshop, a game of Karuta (a general knowledge card game) and learning how to produce calligraphy. Great fun was had by all, and the children are still talking about it now!



On Tuesday 26th September, the whole school had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a 'Live and Inspired' music concert presented by a woodwind trio – The Winds of Change. The children were introduced to lots of woodwind instruments - from bassoon to piccolo, piano to saxophone - learning about how they sound and how they can be played together. We were all amazed at the different sounds and the recognisable tunes! Please let the school office know if your child is interested in learning an instrument in school.



Earlier this half term, we were lucky to have Abi in delivering an assembly. Abi is a regular visitor to Bearwood and works on the "Arts by the Sea" festival. She tasked the children to create a dice using whichever medium they would like, and the dice were then displayed at Bournemouth Library. Many of the children have since spoken about the "Arts by the sea" festival and how enjoyed many of the exhibitions there.



Interview with a Karate Expert Eric Munteanu – Maple 2

I was invited to take part in an international karate competition which took place in Italy. Firstly, we travelled to Venice and then onto Rimini where the competition was based. There were many competitors, around 45, and it was a really high standard so unfortunately, I did not win a medal, but I was proud of myself for taking part and trying. By the end of the competition, I fought against 31 competitors from all around the world.

On Wednesday 26th September the whole school walked to St Barnabas Church for our Harvest Festival. The children donated lots of tins and packets of food which were taken to Kinson and West Howe foodbank to support families in our local area so thank you for your kindness and generosity.

On arrival, we were greeted by the vicar, the Rev Peter. During the service the children sang the harvest songs that we had been learning in school. Hannah Tarring the Church's new Children and Families worker reminded them of the meaning of Harvest and talked to them about where the different foods to make a pizza come from. To end the service, they listened to thoughtful prayers written by some of the children in Maple one and Maple two and the service was closed by the Rev Peter.



GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT! BEN SARGEAUNT – CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I am delighted to have been appointed as Chair of Governors for Bearwood Primary and Nursery School. I have been lucky enough to visit the school on several occasions and have been impressed with the student's hard work and dedication, but also the friendly welcome. I look forward to continuing to support the Bearwood School community.

My background is in aviation, as both an air traffic controller and airspace regulator, which requires extensive knowledge and understanding of regulations and processes. I have a degree in physics and enjoy working on coding and robotics projects in my free time. I am passionate about championing STEM subjects and future proof skills for students of all ages.

At home I am married with two young children. We enjoy spending our time out on muddy walks and swimming.



We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Lyster, our SENCO and Pupil Engagement and Welfare Officer, is pregnant and due around Easter 2024. We are working on a plan to ensure that her roles school are covered whilst she is on maternity leave. I am sure you will join us in celebrating this exciting news for Mrs Lyster!

Holly 2 enjoyed parents coming to help make our hand puppets for our DT learning. We had practised the running stitch and over stitch in our previous lessons. We then used these skills to join the 2 pieces of felt together. We followed our designs, and they look amazing!



This week, we were delighted to invite in the parents of Maple Base to watch all classes perform a poem. The whole school did a fantastic job and learnt their poems beautifully. Each class have worked so hard to learn the poem linked to their learning and really lived up to the Bearwood goal of "Confident Communicator". Well done!



2023/24 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM

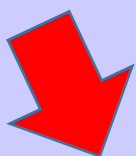
Friday 1st September to Friday 15th December 2023
Half Term – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023
(2nd & 3rd January – Closed to pupils)

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)



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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 Cheryl Smith, Headteacher, and Mrs Lyster, Our Pupil Engagement and Welfare Officer is Mrs Olivia Lyster