

Dream...Aspire...Achieve

Termly Newsletter – Thursday 30th March

Dear Parents,

As another term draws to an end, its time to take stock and reflect on the wonderful things the children have experienced and achieved during the last 6 weeks. At the start of term, we embraced a love of reading and celebrated our annual book week in style. Parents came in, teachers shared their favourite book and everybody had great fun dressing up as their favourite book character at the end of the week. As always the costumes were simply fabulous and very creative.



As soon as book week was done and dusted, we wasted no time and launched into a celebration of Science week. This is something we have not done in a while, but after all the new equipment, paid for by FoBs, we felt this was the ideal year in which to really embrace British Science week. The children spent three afternoons in one week really focusing in on their science learning, carrying out investigations and experiments all linked to their termly topics. On the following Monday, we held our whole school science day where the children spent the day in a mixed aged group and visited every classroom to take part in more science investigations. From inventing a new astronappy from a visiting alien, to blasting off rockets into space, the children had a great day and enjoyed taking their parents around after school to show them what they had been doing throughout the day.



It has been a very busy term and we can not thank you enough for all your support and for coming into school to play a part in your child's learning. As we start to look forward to next term, we already know we have two residentials booked in, two class assemblies, French visitors from Oudon and a Summer concert plus two bank holidays, Year 2 and 6 SATs test and a whole load more. I think its going to be another busy term.

Living life in all it's fullness – John 10:10 – Parents giving us a helping hand!

Through our vision of “Dream...Aspire...Achieve... underpinned by the biblical quote from John 10:10 of living life in all its fullness, we are keen to encourage the children to be the best version of themselves and live their best life. We do this by offering the children lots of different experiences both within the classroom and outside of the school. This term has been no exception. We absolutely love inviting our parents into class to share their knowledge and expertise with the children. Willow class had a great afternoon learning all about Japan, its language and its culture. Emmi was a great inspiration and the children loved dressing up in traditional clothing and writing their name in Japanese.



Cherry class also enjoyed welcoming a special visitor into school. As part of their work on senses, they enjoyed a visit from Pip who demonstrated his strong sense of smell to the children. I am sure he also enjoyed all the petting he received after. Thank you Pip and Kate for joining us.



Apple class were enthralled when Vimal joined them for their Celebration of Holi day. They designed and created Holi cards and created a huge Rangoli rice pattern which really summed up this beautiful festival of colour from the Hindu faith.

Diya joined Cherry class to help them learn about the Holi festival. They discussed the significance of Holi, painted a bright Holi tree and also created their own Rangoli patterns. You can tell by their faces how much they enjoyed their learning.



Sadly, despite two attempts at holding a whole school celebration of Holi, the weather has been against us and we had to postpone. Never mind these things happen and we may try and organise something in the Summer term.

We were also thrilled to welcome Jeff into school this week, who spoke to Cherry class about his home country of New Zealand. The children particularly enjoyed learning how to do the Haka!

A big thank you to all our parents who joined us this term. Your time and support is very much appreciated.



Out and about – beyond the school walls

We always enjoy taking the children out beyond the school walls to enhance their learning and to make special memories. Whether this be out and about in the local community or taking them further afield out on a school trip. Apple class took their first trip out to Bath City Farm earlier in the term and had a super time feeding and petting the animals. Nikki and Jon and all the adults who helped out were so impressed with the children and despite the mix up in the morning of where to meet the coaches, they coped really well and came back with lots of wonderful memories of their first school trip.



Our lovely choir went back up to the new village hall to join in with the big community lunch earlier this term. They performed a few songs and then had lunch with the local community. Feedback from the organisers have told us how much the residents of Batheaston enjoy seeing and mixing with the children and its just another way for us to make even stronger links with the community we serve. A big well done to the choir and thank you to the organisers for inviting us back once more

Maple class had the absolute pleasure of joining lots of secondaries and primary schools for the Bath Music Festival. After travelling to Hayesfield Girls' school, the children listened to a range of



music played by a full orchestra and then joined in with their boomwhackers. At the end. Needless to say children came back inspired and wanting to play a range of different instruments.



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And last but not least, Elm and Hazel class wanted me to mention that on Wednesday they survived the miserable weather and trooped off to Bathampton Primary School for their annual Tagtail festival and won overall! Despite having to cut their visit short, they all come back with big smiles on their faces. Well done Batheaston. With recent wins against both Bathford and Bathampton, we are certainly getting a name for ourselves in the local world of sport.

A big thank you to all our staff and volunteers who work so hard to organise and support the children on all these visits that take place outside of school.

Easter Eggtravaganza!

Nothing can brighten up my day more than seeing a parade of extravagant Easter Bonnets skipping past me as the children made their way through the gate on Wednesday morning. Despite the dismal weather, it was like a ray of sunshine bursting through the grey clouds as bunnies, chicks, eggs and even dinosaurs caught my eye on what has to be the most creative Easter Bonnet parade ever. Every child who had made the effort to wear an easter Bonnet was awarded one of my special smelly stickers. Later that morning we held an Easter celebration in the hall to remind ourselves of the true meaning of Easter and to show off all our amazing creations. A lovely video of the day will be found on our website. Well done to everyone for making such a great effort.

Our Class Winners



The children also enjoyed a special Easter Lunch which was delicious! A big thank you to our brilliant kitchen staff who cooked a perfect roast dinner alongside a delightful chocolate cake. I also need to thank FoBs for providing fruit shoots and chocolates which the children all went home with.



Message from our our Chairs of Governors

Just like the seasons, our governing body has a bit of a spring in its step with the addition to our team of 4 new governors, Reverend Laretta Wilson, Steven Wadley, Tim Davies and Erica Whitfield. They bring with them differing backgrounds and skills to bolster our ability to govern and support the school and we are delighted to have their help. We are taking this opportunity to reorganise our roles in the governing body to align more with the needs of the school leadership and the duties delegated to us from the Trust.

It has been a pleasure for some of the governors to attend events in school again this term, and to have a relatively new teacher Georgie Brown from Y1 join us at our committee meeting in March to discuss the improvements in delivery and assessment of foundation subjects (looking at Art and Design specifically). We would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff for their hard work this term.

Finally, we are very open to any dialogue, be that questions or feedback, so please do get in touch if you have any queries around Governance, through emailing either the school office for our attention, or Wendy or I directly.

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A link to the governors page on the school website <https://www.batheastonprimary.co.uk/our-school/governors/>



*We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 17th
April.*