

BCS NEWS

10th March 2023

*Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together
We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision*

Head's News

After the most amazing week last week, we have been treated to yet more surprises this week... waking up to a blanket of snow on Wednesday morning took so many of us by surprise just as we thought hats, gloves and warm boots could be put away and the crocuses have started to bloom.

Today we have had another fabulous day, celebrating Science Day across the school. Children have engaged in scavenger hunts looking for information about world famous Scientists and creating fact files, carried out a wide range of 'awe and wonder' inspirational practical experiments and worked within house groups on other science-based projects. These off-timetable 'WOW' days are invaluable when it comes to helping the children develop their curiosity about the wider world they are growing up in, but also serve to inspire and motivate the children to engage in their learning... who knows, one day, a Bishop Chavasse pupil may be so taken with what they did on Science day that becoming a world-famous scientist is a dream they start to follow.

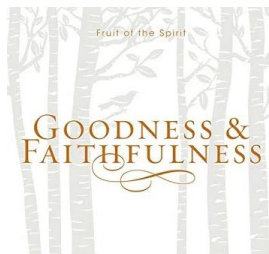


Fruits of the Spirit

This term the children are learning more about our year group values taken from the 'Fruit of the Holy Spirit' bible verse found in Paul's letter to Galatians. Year 5 have chosen these bible verses for their year group; their values are 'goodness' and 'faithfulness'.

"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6

"God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear." 1 Corinthians 10:13



Key Dates

Tuesday 21st March
3.30-6.30pm parent consultations

Thursday 23rd March
4.30pm-7.30pm parent consultations

Weds 29th March
School concert 5.30pm

Easter Holidays
Mon 3rd April – Fri 14th April

Monday 17th April
Start of Term 5

Monday 1st May
May Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

29th May – 2nd June
Half term

Monday 5th June
Start of Term 6

Friday 21st July
Last day of term

ALL [TERM DATES](#) FOR 2022-24 CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE



In other news



We celebrated **British Science Week** today with a theme of 'Connections' and the whole school enjoying a full day of Science. The children have carried out a range of practical science activities, learned about important scientists through history and enjoyed an afternoon in their Houses working on engaging STEM challenges. EYFS and KS1 were challenged to invent a method of protecting an egg as it fell from a height, considering the properties of a range of different materials and using their knowledge to choose the best ones. Their creations were then tested to see which were successful.

KS2 worked in groups to design and build balloon powered cars, considering forces and how to make their cars travel the furthest. The children's vehicles were tested to find out which travelled the furthest.

It has been wonderful to see all of the children around the school learning about different aspects of science practically and we hope they'll enjoy telling you all about what they have learned.

Don't forget the British Science Week Poster Competition: children are asked to create a poster with the theme of 'connections in science' and bring it in to school by Monday 13th March. Children could explore how our body parts are all connected and work together, the connections between our actions and the impact on our environment, how internet connection has changed the world or any other connection with Science they can think of. The five best entries from EYFS, Yr1-3 and Yr4 & 5 will then be submitted to the National Competition in the hope of winning some fantastic prizes! Posters should be created on A4 or A3 paper and will be judged on their creativity, content and effective communication. More information can be found at britishscienceweek.org.



Parent consultations

Parent consultations are coming up: Tuesday 21st March 3.30-6.30pm and Thursday 23rd March 4.30pm - 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity for teachers to share your child's progress and answer any questions you may have about your child's learning journey at school.

Appointments will be for 10 minutes and one appointment will be available per child.

Booking will go live on Arbor at **5pm on Monday 13th March under 'Guardian Consultations'**. Booking will close at midday on Monday 20th March for the Tuesday slots, and at midday on Weds 22nd March for the Thursday slots.

Mrs Cherry

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cherry to the school office as our new receptionist – many of you will have met her over the last couple of weeks. Mrs Cherry has worked for many years in a preschool, as well as in admin, and comes to the job with a ready smile and fantastic organisational skills. She is looking forward to getting to know as many of the parents and children as possible.



Attendance figures

Well done to this week's winners of the coveted Attendance Trophy: **1R with attendance of 97.3%**. In second place are 2S with 96.5% and in third place are 3T with 95.9%.

Year 3



This week Year 3 has gone back to the wonderful world of *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx* by Joe-Todd Stanton in English and have been planning new adventures for her father inside a cave, many of which include monsters and a lot of imagination! The teachers also hope the stories include adjectives, similes, and metaphors, with wonderful phrases to describe what is happening and the mood of the story.

Linked to *Marcy*, the children have had a chance to share their homework of treasures that they have collected from a journey or adventure they/someone close to them have been on. We saw some memorable minerals and fossils, a wonderful roller-skating stick, a piece of history from Germany, and some beautiful shells from different beaches. Everyone spoke really well and had prepared what they wanted to say carefully.

The children's creative writing skills have been transferred really well this week into R.E because they had to imagine how they would feel if they were Mary, Jesus' mother, on Palm Sunday at the start of Holy Week.

Today's British Science day saw us enjoying a whole day of scientific fun. We have been carrying out experiments and sharing them with other children and we also been finding out about well know scientists.

As a year group we are continuing to read *Charlie and the Chocolate factory* and it is wonderful to see every child in the class enjoy being read to as well as reading by themselves, so please continue to read with your child every day.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have been working very hard on our term 4 assessments. We have been exploring character traits in English, looking into equivalent fractions and mental arithmetic skills in maths. We have looked at the rise and fall of Cartacus in History and understanding different types of tourism in Geography. In P.E we have been honing our marking skills and improving our dribbling. We have worked hard in D.T this week designing our idea of the perfect night light with special features such as music and scents. In science this week we are going to be exploring many wonderful things including Ooblek and balloon powered cars.



Year 5

This week in Year 5 the children have completed different assessment to review their learning. They have all worked fantastically and have all worked very hard. In Maths, we have begun our new topic of perimeter and reminded ourselves what perimeter. In English, we have continued to read our new book *Floodland* and wrote a setting description of the cathedral. In History, we continued to learn about the Viking invasion and about the camp of Torksey.



In Art, we have begun our new topic of weaving. The children all had a go at weaving with paper. They are very excited to create their class project with weaving in the next few weeks.

During today's Science Day, the children completed lots of fun experiments to develop their scientific knowledge and skills. The children look at Fibonacci Numbers and had a go at creating their own Fibonacci spiral. In the afternoon the whole school joined together in their houses to complete science-based activities.

FOBCSA update





Thank you all for your super reading efforts for our Usborne Sponsored Read – together with the Book Fair we have raised in total – drum roll... **£1,538** of new books for the school! Thank you so much!

Many congratulations to the two winners of our 'reading in unusual places' competition chosen by Mrs Hood: Lily Rose Glenister Mills and Jonah Crowe. And an

extra huge well done to Tommy Donaldson for raising £140 in sponsorship money. They each win a £10 token to spend on Usborne books.



In other news, FOBCSA members will be taking part in a sponsored walk this spring to help the school celebrate turning 6. We will be walking 6 miles to raise money for more playground equipment for KS1. Please sponsor us by donating through our [JustGiving](#) page!

Kent Children's Centres  

Building Blocks

@ Woodlands Children's Centre

16th May & 23rd May
9.30 -11.30am


For parents or carers of children with additional needs such as ASD/ADHD who may be at the start of their journey to diagnosis and would benefit from an overview of Autism and ADHD, along with strategies, tips and ideas that will support you to support your child.

We will give you an understanding of Schemas, behaviour and support strategies, positive communication and discuss supporting your child's sensory needs.

Small groups, with other parents who can understand and support 'your world'.

Booking required

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