

BCS NEWS

20th January 2023

Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together

We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision

Head's News

It has been truly wonderful this week at school. While we seem to have avoided heavy snowfall, the crisp dry air has meant the children on the KS2 playground have been able to spend the whole week watching intently and with great excitement as the new trim trail has been installed. The plethora of activity has been the source of much conversation, enthusiasm and suspense as each day a new part of the trail has been revealed.

We were delighted to allow the children onto the trim trail this afternoon for an inaugural run of it. Later this afternoon, Sir Ian Bauckham, our Trust CEO, will formally open the trail in front of KS2 children and parents. We cannot thank FOBSCA enough for their support with the funding. The trim trail will be a long-lasting legacy for all their fundraising over the last year and provide many, many children an incredibly exciting piece of play equipment to use during playtimes and create memories for generations of Bishop Chavasse pupils to come.

For those in KS1, all good things come to those who wait... but we are letting you know that we are in the process of raising funds for a similar trail for children in the lower years across the school and will share news with you as and when we get it.

Being a new school, we are always working hard on establishing new routines and procedures, making positive changes to the interior and exterior of the school to establish an educational environment unique to our pupils. It is seldom teachers, parents and pupils are in such a position to be able to shape a school around them as it grows, and so events like this one feel even more special to everyone involved.



Key Dates

Friday 3rd February
9am
FOBSCA second hand uniform sale

Friday 10th February
INSET DAY – no children

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February
Half term

Monday 20th February
Start of term 4

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

This term we have revisited our year group values taken from the 'Fruit of the Holy Spirit' bible verses found in Paul's letter to the Galatians in the New Testament.

Each week we will share a different year group's value with you. Our vision is that each year group will be able to lead a Collective Worship based on their value. This week, EYFS:

Badger Class – ***"We love because God first loved us"*** 1 John 4:19

Squirrel Class – ***"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."*** 1 John 4:7

BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
LOVE, JOY, PEACE,
PATIENCE, KINDNESS,
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL.
AGAINST SUCH THINGS
THERE IS NO LAW.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

Teacher Strikes

We emailed all parents and carers earlier this week about the forthcoming planned teacher strikes – the first of which is due to take place on Weds 1st February. We are working hard to plan for the planned strike days, focusing on the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and how we can minimise the impact of this action on their education and wellbeing. Our aim will be to continue with the school day as normal or, if there are not enough staff to safely have students, to undertake a partial school closure for some classes. Regardless of the extent of strike action, we will ensure we can welcome vulnerable children and children of critical workers into school. We will contact you again next week with more detailed information about how this is likely to affect our school community.

Nurse Jack's visit to EYFS

Badgers and Squirrels were delighted to receive a visit today from Nurse Jack (Miss Adams' brother), who came in from the hospital where he works in London to talk to the children about his job and all the different things that nurses do!



Miss Pring on Maternity Leave

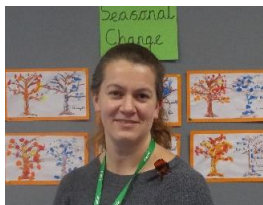


There were mixed emotions in collective worship today as we sent Miss Pring off on maternity leave. Miss Pring is an incredibly creative, warm and astute teacher who has brought so much happiness, passion and support to the children she has taught and the staff she has worked with. Since January, she has been an invaluable support in the

school office, putting many systems and procedures into place and holding us all to account with our admin. Miss Pring will be sorely missed but we wish her all the very best as she starts an exciting new chapter in her life. I am sure she will be back to visit everyone with her baby, once she has had a chance to enjoy those magical newborn moments... and we look forward to welcoming her back after her maternity leave.



Welcome Mrs Reynolds



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Reynolds as our new class teacher in 1P. Mrs Reynolds visited school on Thursday to meet parents and get to know the children, and will be teaching in school from Monday. Mrs Reynolds has experience teaching Year 1 and 5, and is really looking forward to getting started with the children.



Attendance this Week

This week, we are excited to announce that **4A** won the Attendance Trophy with attendance of 96.8%! In close second place was Badgers with 96.2%, followed by 2H with 96%. Here is a picture of the brand new trophy. Well done 4A!

Geography

We are currently looking at ways to raise the profile of Geography teaching and learning within the school and would love for the children to have opportunities to use real-life resources to support their learning. We are therefore asking for any of the following resources or resources relating to the following topics to create exciting curriculum boxes for the children to explore within their Geography lessons:

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| Rivers | Globalisation (Migration) |
| Mountains | The Polar Climate |
| Volcanoes | Introduction to North and South America |
| Settlements & cities | Rainforests/The Amazon |
| Agriculture | Our local area (Tonbridge) |
| Coastal Processes | Oceans |
| Population | Earthquakes |
| Climates and Biomes | Polar regions |
| Rhine & Mediterranean | Weather |
| Tourism | Continents, oceans and the Equator |
| Africa | Australia |



If you have anything that you would be able to donate relating to the above areas, please send them into school with your child to be given to Mrs Upton (3T).

FOBCSA update

We were delighted to welcome parents to school for our coffee morning today, to get to know some new faces, and chat through our plans for the coming year. All agreed that shading for outdoor areas and playground equipment for Key Stage 1 should be our priorities. We will be publishing a calendar of 2023's fun and fundraising events soon to note for your diaries: highlights include World Book Day, Mother's Day, Easter and of course the summer fair and looking ahead the Tonbridge Dragonboat race in September. **Please note for your diaries our next second hand uniform sale: after drop off on 3rd February.**

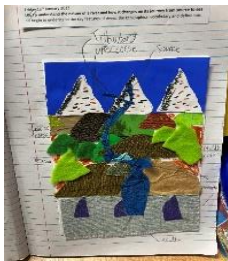


Key Stage 2

Year 3

In English we have been using the text 'Pebble in my Pocket' to create non-fiction pieces of writing, culminating in the creation of posters explaining the sedimentary process of rocks. In maths we have started to tackle dividing two-digit numbers by a one-digit number. The children have shown great perseverance in their learning.

In R.E we have been thinking about baptism and the different symbols and reasons for baptising babies, children, and adults. In History we have found out about different food Ancient Egyptians ate as well as what they would do in their leisure time, having looked at the types of jobs they did last week. In Geography the children have enjoyed learning about the nature of a river and how it changes on its journey from source to sea, using maps to support their understanding. They have learnt the key features of rivers and have set up an experiment to begin learning all about the water cycle! In Science we have identified that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. We are now going to start learning that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement, and will be creating our own dancing skeleton puppets!

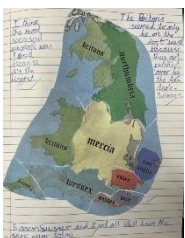


Year 4

This week has been packed with activities and learning. In maths, we have tackled multiplication and division, in English we have completed further learning about the story 'The Singing Ringing Tree,' including story mapping and diary entries. Our afternoons have involved our Changing States of Matter topic with water and ice (very relevant for this time of year), learning about how volcanoes are made and why they erupt and learning about Augustus and the Roman Empire. In PE lessons we have been further developing Netball skills and we have even learnt about the basic structure of the face when we have drawn our self portraits. We hope you have a lovely weekend, and return on Monday ready for more learning!

Year 5

This week in Year 5, the children have found out a lot more information about their interesting creature, Skellig. The children were able to write a description about him using lots of interesting vocabulary to develop their writing further. In Maths, the children have finished off their topic of multiplication and division and have moved onto fractions, where the children are beginning to learn to multiply an integer by a fraction. In Geography, the children have looked into earthquake and what causes them. In Computing, the children finished off their topic of spreadsheets and understanding how to make a formula. The children are enjoying their History topic of Anglo-Saxons and were able to create an Anglo-Saxon Village as well as identify the kingdom of the Anglo-Saxons.





Kent Police – New Community Interactive 2 Way Messaging Service: www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

My Community Voice is a new and exciting two-way messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts sent by Kent Police, share information and most importantly, it allows you to tell the police about issues that are affecting you.

You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as being kept up to date with what is happening in your local area. Unlike social media, My Community Voice is a secure and personal messaging system that allows you to determine what type of alerts you receive and how.

If you are passionate about your neighbourhood and want to have your voice heard, then sign up to My Community Voice via the QR code below.



My Community Voice allows you to comment by clicking the 'reply' link within a message. This will be sent back to the person that posted the alert. All emails are read and actioned. This service should not be used as a crime reporting tool. Please use www.kent.police.uk/report or in an emergency, if a crime is in progress or life is in danger, call 999.

Sign up today to start getting alerts about the matters that mean the most to you such as community safety, anti-social behaviour, including speeding and many others. Kent Police are committed to engaging with communities, **understanding what's important to them**, increasing trust and confidence and helping to protect people from harm. Police, partners, and the public working together can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime. Sign up to My Community Voice now to keep up to date with what is really happening in your area.
