



BCS NEWS

16th June 2023

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

Head's News

With the temperatures having soared to record heights for this year, I must commend the children and staff for persevering through the heat, encouraging each other to drink at regular intervals and stay cool, while also focussing on teaching and learning. Outside, the water taps have been constantly flowing as children have refilled their water bottles, and we have made perfect use of the new gazebos which were kindly donated by FOBCSA. We have moved the picnic tables into the shade under the gazebos for the children to sit at, read, draw and keep cool.

The whole community has done an incredible job in the hot weather: showing *wisdom* to facilitate carefully structured hot weather plans, *compassion* to support those who are not so enamoured by the heat and *honesty* when asking to have some time in the shade or a little pause because the sun is too much. This week has been a true demonstration of how our values permeate every aspect of our school provision.



This month's value is **UNITY:**

Finally, all of you, be like-minded,
be sympathetic, love one another,
be compassionate and humble.
1 Peter 3:8



Key Dates

Friday 23rd June

3.15pm Chartwell House cake sale

Friday 30th June

Own Clothes Day – bring a colour tombola item for the Fair

3.15pm FOBCSA Icepole Friday

7-9.30pm Quiz night

Tuesday 4th July

Teddy Tuesday – bring a soft toy donation for the teddy stall at the Fair

Transition afternoon – children visit their new classes

Friday 7th July

1.30pm Bishop Chavasse's Got Talent

3.15pm FOBCSA Icepole Friday

Friday 14th July

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Saturday 8th July

11am-2pm FOBCSA Summer Fair

Mon 17th – Fri 21st July

Sports week (PE kit every day)

Weds 19th July

Sports Day
EY and KS1: morning
12 noon: picnic
KS2: afternoon

Friday 21st July

Last day of term

3.15pm FOBCSA Icepole Friday

ALL [TERM DATES](#) FOR 2022-24 ARE ON THE WEBSITE



In other news

Transition Afternoon

On 6th July, the children will meet the teacher who will be their class teacher for the coming year. During the afternoon of this day, the children will have an opportunity to complete some fun activities in their new classrooms with their new staff team. As a growing school, I am excited to share that we have recruited new passionate, dedicated and creative teachers to our staff team and are in the process of finalising year group and class allocations for them. Parents will be informed of their children's new teachers before 6th July.

Mrs Cochrane

This afternoon Year 5 wished Mrs Cochrane all the very best as she starts her maternity leave today. The children presented her with gifts and cards and enjoyed some goodbye cake; Mrs Cochrane even received her own Headteacher's Hero certificate! We will miss Mrs Cochrane's presence in the school but will be thinking of her as she starts a new exciting chapter in her life.



KS1 Trim Trail

What an exciting week it has been for KS1 children as they have watched the construction of their brand new Trim Trail. The workmen were absolute troopers, digging and building through the heat of the day to ensure the new equipment would be ready in record time. It was no mean feat in this weather. With just one or two small parts left to complete, we hope the children will be climbing, swinging and sliding, achieving new skills and accomplishments before the end of next week. A huge thank you to Mrs Strand and the FOBSCA team for designing, sourcing and funding the exciting new addition to the playground.



Attendance figures

This week's attendance winners are 2S with 99.6% attendance throughout the week. In second place are Squirrels with 99.3% and in third place are 2H with 98.1%. Congratulations 2S!

Headteacher Heroes - this week's Headteacher's Heroes who have shown particular **unity** are:

Alex Mittelstein – Badgers

Elizabeth Marshall – Squirrels

Darcy Murray – 1R

Jude Smith – 1C

Harper Bradley – 2S

Jasmine Ottaway – 2H

Alani Simpson – 3P

Jamie Mannering – 3T

James Newbury – 4A

Olive Burley – 4N

Jessica Tiltman – 5WF

All of 5C - for helping Mrs Cochrane!



Musical instrument lessons

We are pleased to announce there are spaces for musical instrument lessons with the music teaching company Andrew Parry Music. The instruments available to learn are piano / keyboard, ukulele and voice. We are aiming to get these lessons started in September. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.andrewparrymusic.com (NOTE: please make sure you click on the 'Apply for standard lessons' link).

Year 1

In Maths, we have been securing our understanding of counting in tens to 100 by using number squares and numbers lines, identifying different intervals on the number line and identifying missing values. We have compared two digit numbers and numbers with the same number of tens and we have secured our knowledge in finding one more and one less in numbers to 100.

In English this week, we have been focusing on extending our sentences using the conjunctions **and**, **or** and **but**. We have been predicting the next part of our story about what Rapunzel will do when she leaves the tower and how she might feel. The children have produced some incredible ideas and have used conjunctions to write these. The children have also taken part in a conscience alley; they have formed persuasive arguments to encourage Rapunzel to either leave the tower or stay in the tower.



In science this week, we have been learning about different parts of a tree and what the use is of each of the parts. We have been on a walk looking at different trees, identifying what is the same and what is different. The children were extremely observant and were able to identify different species based on the shape, colour and size of the leaf as well as the different textures of the trunk.

Super proud big sister **Poppy Barrow (1R)** was delighted to show off a picture of her brand new little brother, born on Thursday 15th June. Many congratulations to Poppy's mum and all the family!

Year 2

Year 2 had an amazing trip down to Tonbridge Castle last Friday. The children were impeccably behaved and showcased their knowledge. The Tonbridge Castle tour guides mentioned that the children were much more knowledgeable than a lot of older children they have had visit. Miss Scott and Miss Heilbron are incredibly proud of all the children and how they represented the school. A big thank you to the volunteer helpers on this trip - we couldn't have done it without you.



Following our trip, the children have written some fantastic recounts using detail and excellent sentence starters. The children also wrote some lovely, heartfelt thank you letters to the Tonbridge Castle guides.

In Maths, we have focussed on statistics. The children have learnt to read different charts and how to create a tally chart and transfer this into a pictogram.

In Design and Technology, the children have taste tested different fruit muffins and designed their own muffins. We discussed how we could make it even healthier and what ingredient we could use to replace sugar. Some children have designed their muffins using sweeteners, honey or even fruit juice. We are looking forward to making them!



Celebrating student success



Last weekend at the dog show at the Tonbridge Summer Fair, **Sophie Knell (4N)** and Roxie the cockapoo took part in the 'Child's Best Friend' competition, winning first prize! The judges spoke to each of the 15 children competing with their dog, then observed the children walking their dogs to see their relationship and interaction. Well done Sophie and Roxie on your 1st place trophy and rosette!



Chloe Smith (2H) completed her 21st Junior Parkrun last Sunday, earning her marathon wristband. A very impressive achievement!

FOBCSA update



A huge thank you to everyone who brought in a bottle for the Summer Fair tombola table – our cupboard is jammed with clinking bottles and we expect another sell-out on 8th July.

We are getting so excited for the Summer Fair: the Ellis & Co boards are up around town, and our publicity poster will be going up on different community Facebook groups. This is a good moment to send a huge thank you shout out to our FOBCSA graphic designer **Susi Fabry-Crowe**, who designs all of

our amazing posters – nearly one a day at the moment! Thank you Susanna for your incredible talent and all you do for FOBCSA!



Friday 30th June: Get ready for another Own Clothes Day in two weeks' time: bring a colour item for the Colour Tombola Table e.g. clothes, toys, treats. And after school: our first Ice Pole Friday!

