

BCS NEWS

21st April 2023

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

Head's News

Welcome back everyone!

Starting Term 5 with blue skies, daffodils and daisies on the field was a wonderful beginning to this part of our academic year. It was joyous to see our children skip into school in their fresh uniforms, with smiles on their faces, and clearly well rested after the Easter Break. Staff, too, arrived fresh faced and rested, all eager to start their carefully planned lessons with the children. Although this is a longer term, thanks to the brighter, warmer days, we often find energy levels stay high and huge progress is made as all the children begin to make secure links between all areas of their learning. Already this week, children across the school have enjoyed stunning starts to introduce their topics, and we have had a school trip for Year 1 children.

The key to a successful learning journey at Primary school is a solid, trusting relationship built between home and school. We believe children learn best when home and school work closely together. We welcome parents to school to share their children's learning, to meet the teachers, for workshops to share how we teach your child and for conversations and communications that will benefit your child's time at school. Already this week we have had two workshops for parents to support their understanding of the curriculum for children in year 2 and year 1. Next week, parents of Year 3 and year 4 children are invited in to learn about the multiplication check their children will take, and Year 5 parents will soon receive an invitation to learn more about the transition to Secondary School. If there are any areas of the curriculum you would like to know more about, please do let us know.



Early Years learning all about the numbers 10-15 this week

Monthly theme - RESPECT

Our theme for April is Respect: during Collective Worship the children learn the memory verse, and Headteacher Hero certificates are awarded to children who have showed particular respect to others.



Key Dates

Monday 24th April

3.30pm: parents' times
tables talk – yrs 3 and 4

Friday 28th April

3.15pm Knole House
cake sale

Monday 1st May

May Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May

12.30 – 3pm
Coronation celebration

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday for the
coronation of King
Charles III

Friday 19th May

FOBCSA Own Clothes
Day

29th May – 2nd June

Half term

Monday 5th June

Start of Term 6

Saturday 8th July

FOBCSA Summer Fair

Friday 21st July

Last day of term

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



In other news

Mrs Strand

You will have seen the letter this morning from Sir Ian Bauckham announcing that Mrs Strand will be moving on as Executive Headteacher at the end of the summer term to take up a post overseas. We will arrange a farewell nearer the time, and keep you informed of plans for the Senior Leadership Team here at school.

Mrs Cochrane

We are excited and delighted to announce that Mrs Cochrane is expecting her first baby in Term 6. Mrs Cochrane will be leaving to start her maternity leave during Term 6. In the meantime, she remains committed to the teaching and nurturing of the children in her class and across the school.

New learning room

Our new classroom is very nearly finished: just the carpets and final cables to go in!

House Group activities

Over the coming Term, our tenacious House Group captains will be arranging Cake Sales to raise money for their House Charities.

Chartwell will be raising money for Toilet Twinning

Knole will be raising money for Make a Wish

Quebec will be raising money for Diabetes UK

Ightham will be raising money for Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance



First to hold their cake sale are **Knole House**. This will be held on **Friday 28th April** after school and will be located just in front of the school building. We would be grateful for any donations you are able to give (just from families belonging to Knole House). We appreciate both homemade and store-bought cakes, but do ask that you refrain from bringing in any cakes or biscuits containing nuts or hazelnut chocolate spread. Please deliver any contributions to the school office by the end of the day on Thursday April 27th.

If you are a parent or carer of a child in Knole House and are able to help set up and run the cake sale, we would be very grateful. Please let the office know by Wednesday 26th April.

Please come along and support Knole House!

Attendance figures

This week's winners are 3T with an impressive 98.9%; 2S in second place with 97.2%; and 5C in third place with 97.1%.

Water bottles

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure your child/children come to school with a clearly labelled water bottle - it is important the children stay hydrated while at school.

Suncream and sunhats

A kind reminder that suncream should be applied at home before the children come to school and that children can bring in a clearly named, simply styled sun hat to wear at break times.



Trip to Wakehurst Place



Year 1 have had such an exciting start to the term, in particular with their Science topic of Plants.

They went on a trip to Wakehurst Place this week, where they had an amazing day full of fantastic activities.

They learned all about trees: the two types of trees, how long their roots are and compared the texture of their leaves. The children learned to label

parts of a plant and to describe the importance of each plant. They then had the chance to plant their own seeds which we are going to watch grow at school as we look after them in the correct environment.



The children helped the gardeners at Wakehurst Place by planting some lettuces. They had a very busy day exploring the grounds and creating environmental art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. The children developed their team working skills and decided what they wanted their artwork to be and then used different natural resources from around Wakehurst Place to create their masterpieces.

King's Coronation celebration

Bishop Chauvasse

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
Street Party
For the King's
Coronation
FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2023
12.30PM TO 3.00PM

Bring along your own picnic and join our street party celebration!

MINI SHOW

Ice lollies

Strawberries and cream

Cakes

Planting of the Commemorative Silver Birch Tree

Please remember : no nuts, no smoking, no vaping and no alcohol anywhere on site.

EYFS news



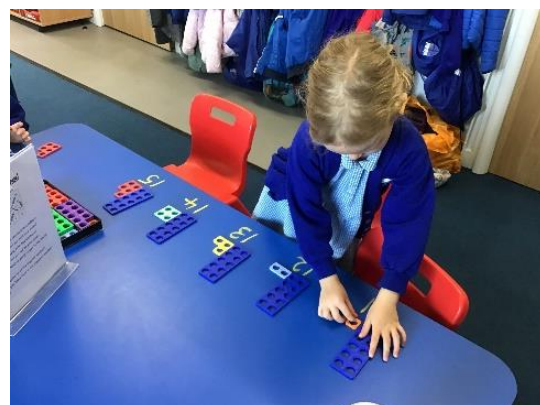
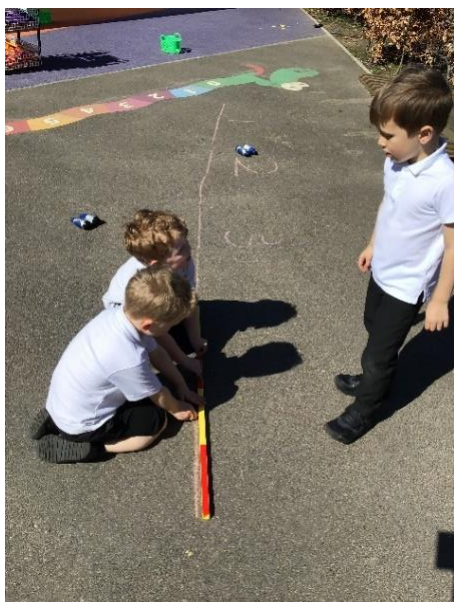
The children discussed in their 'talking triangles' what they could see in each picture, who the characters might be and predicted what the story might be about.



The children then created their own freeze frames to show how they were feeling at different points in the story.

In Maths this week the children have been learning all about the numbers 11 -15. It has been lovely to see the children explore different ways to make these numbers using a range of different manipulatives. The children are beginning to understand the place value of two digit numbers, by using practical resources this helps the children to understand that the '1' in '12', for example represents 10, not 1.

During Rainbow Learning this week, a group of children amazed us with how they linked their prior learning about Space into their play. A group of children were bird watching, when they thought they spotted an asteroid in the sky! We then researched how big asteroids are and found out that the smallest asteroid is approximately 10m in diameter. The children then decided to measure that length on the playground and decided that they thought it was not big enough to be an asteroid, but concluded that it might have been the condensation from an aeroplane! It was fantastic to see this group develop their learning in a range of different areas and work as a team to problem solve!



We are looking forward to learning more about birds next week!





Road Safety – year 5

Year 5 had a lesson with KCC Road Safety today. They learned particularly about pavement safety: how the way that they behave on the pavement affects themselves and others; what dangerous behaviour looks like; and revised their Stop, Look, Listen rules. Two children from each year 5 class will get to take on the role of Junior Road Safety Officers when they start in year 6, responsible for spreading road safety messages through the school.

Rugby tournaments



Over the last month, James Rannard-Lambert and Noah Humphrey (2S) have played in rugby tournaments for Tonbridge Juddians RFC. They have had great fun being part of a team and playing in all sorts of weather. Tonbridge Juddians are holding a free taster session for children from Reception to Year 2 this Sunday 23rd April if your child would like to have a go – 10-11am, email Tonjudd1617@gmail.com (Reception and Year 1) or Rugbytjs1516@hotmail.com (Year 2).



FOBCSA update

We are back with a bang this term with lots of plans and exciting events lined up. We have been working hard with the school to finalise our plans for the King's coronation and the afternoon of celebration on Friday 5th May to which everyone will be invited.

We have a second hand uniform sale planned, a coffee morning for parents of children starting in reception in September, and a parents' celebration event (combining Mothers and Fathers Days).

Plans are well underway for our **Summer Fair on 8th July**. We are looking for volunteers! Would you like to run a stall, or help with the running of a stall, or could you spare an hour to help set up or clear up at the end? Please comment on our [Facebook](#) page, or drop us a line to friendsofbcsa@gmail.com.



FOBCSA members will be taking part in a sponsored walk on 21st May 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!

There will be an **own clothes' day on Friday 19th May** and we will be shaking buckets at the school gates to raise money – every penny will go towards buying new equipment and putting on events for the children.