

BCS NEWS

31st March 2023

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

Head's News

What a celebratory week it has been for the Creative Arts at school. We started the week by waving a group of Year 5 girls off to participate in 'The Great Big Dance Off' in Chatham. The girls competed against 19 other schools from all around Kent. Their lyrical performance to 'Rise Up' was creative, moving and inspirational; mostly self-choreographed and supported by Miss Scott and Miss Decker during their lunchtime Dance Club. Fantastically, the judges were also wowed, scoring the girls 235 out of 300, winning them an exceptionally brilliant 3rd place and meaning they are heading to 'Nationals' in Oxford later in the year.

On Wednesday evening, the school hall was filled with the most awe-inspiring music as pupils from across the school performed songs and pieces of music in front of a jam-packed audience. Every single child showed courage to come out on stage and immerse themselves in the lyrics and notes they were performing, in small groups and as solos. We are blessed to have such a musical community at school, led by a fiercely talented and driven Miss Clare who worked so hard to ensure the concert ran without a hitch. There were few dry eyes left in the house and hearts were bursting with pride as our final event of this whirlwind of a term drew to a close.



Thank you to each and every one of you for your support with all the events we have held this term. It has been a fast paced, busy one, filled with so many rich learning and performance opportunities. As I reflect on the term, it has never been more evident that, as we state in our vision for the school; **Bishop Chavasse School values every wonderfully and uniquely created child and adult; inspiring everyone to fulfil their potential, as we achieve excellence together.**



Key Dates

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

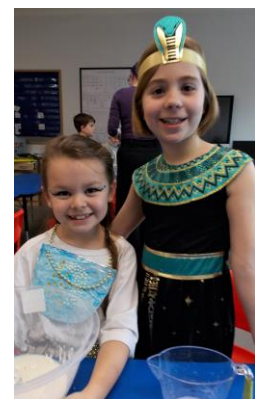
Monday 5th June

Start of Term 6

Friday 21st July

Last day of term

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Egypt Day in Year 3

In other news



Our new classroom continues to evolve under the watchful eye of our hard-working builders. As a growing, busy and dynamic school, we are constantly needing new spaces to accommodate the host of learning opportunities and support we offer the children. We are hoping to open the space for learning after the Easter Holidays.



Shared learning

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers of Early Years and Key Stage 1 children into school this afternoon, and to see all the happy faces as the children shared the learning journey they have been on this term. We look forward to holding more of these events, which help foster a real sense of community, as the school year goes on.



KS1 playground for Early Years

Our Early Years children have had a huge amount of fun enjoying their own EY outdoor learning environment. It is with much delight that we can announce that the children will be graduating onto the Key Stage 1 playground after the Easter holidays. They have been admiring their older peers for a few weeks now, and the highly skilled Early Years team has been working hard with your children to prepare them for the exciting transition. We know the children are very much looking forward to playing with the children in years 1 and 2 and are more than ready to enjoy the KS1 outdoor space.

Outdoor Learning

The latest development in outdoor learning is the new log circle based in the KS2 play area. All the children will get to use this when their classes



outdoor learning slot take place. 1C sat in the circle yesterday. The children will learn how to get into the circle, the importance of not crossing the circle and how and when they should approach the middle when there is a fire present. We look forward to developing this further next term.

Attendance figures

This week's winners are 5C with attendance of 97.8%, with 3P again clinching second place with 96.3%, and 2H in third place with 96.2%. Well done 5C!



School concert

This term the children worked extremely hard to polish their musical talents and skills in order to perform in front of an audience at our first ever School Concert. Despite being nervous about performing - for some performing on their own - the children showed great courage as they flourished on stage. *If your child was inspired and would like to learn an instrument, please email Miss Clare via the office for more details.*

Announcing Bishop Chavasse's Got Talent!

On Friday 26th May - the last day of next term - we are excited to announce that we will be holding a 'Bishop Chavasse's Got Talent' competition. Watch this space for details!



Our fantastic dance troupe with their certificates



Congratulations to **Artist of the Month** Isabelle Horner in 4A for her wonderfully intricate drawings of Roald Dahl characters

As Term 4 draws to a close, it leaves me just to wish you all a very Happy Easter. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a much deserved, peaceful break wherever you may be spending it. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 17th April at 8.45am, dressed smartly in the correct uniform with water bottles, reading books and PE kits ready for an exciting, hopefully warmer, term packed with rich learning opportunities.



4A: a class full of night lights

KS2 news

Year 3

In English we have worked on writing speech and settings, which have helped us create final endings to an adventure story for Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx.

In Maths we have been learning to use scales, measuring mass in kg and g, comparing as well as adding and subtracting masses. We have looked at both digital scales and mechanical scales to support our learning. We also practiced measuring in kg and g when we weighed out ingredients to make our hot cross buns.

In Science we have been learning all about forces and magnets. We have completed a range of investigations to learn all about magnets, including about how they attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others, and that magnets have two poles, and can work at a distance. We learnt about how compasses work and made our own compass using a magnet, cork and paper clip.



Year 4

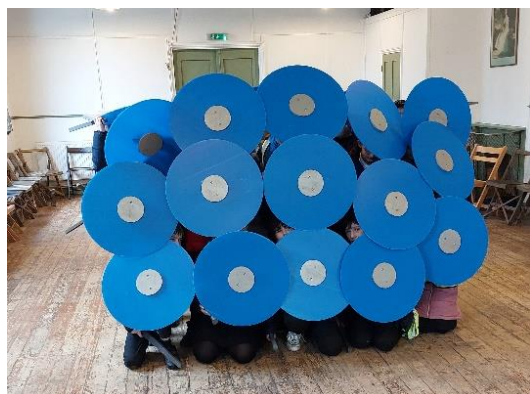
Year 4 have been exploring different writing styles this week and have written diary entries are writing their own next chapter for our current story 'The Wild Robot'. We have experimented with switches in science and climbed Hadrian's wall in History. We have been busily making our DT projects this week, Nightlights, with laminating sheets, string lights and permanent markers. We have prepared and performed our set pieces for the spring concert. Congratulations to everyone who performed, you were fabulous!

Year 5

In English, the children have been able to finish the book of *Floodland* by create a poem about the sea storm using detailed vocabulary, personification, metaphors and similes. The children have also been able to create a story map of what key events happened in the story. They finished off the week by retelling the story of *Floodland* using their own modelled island and boat.

In Maths, the children have consolidated their learning by recapping long multiplication and short division.

This week the children have had a very exciting week with their school trip! The children all enjoyed the numerous activities that were put on by the Museum of Kent life. The children were able to see how swords and arrows worked, defended themselves using shields, learnt to play a Viking game, made a brooch and many more!





Bishop Chavasse pupil on TV!

Back in the autumn, **Bobby Knell from 1R** filmed scenes for TV drama Grace, starring John Simm. Bobby's episode will air on ITV at 8pm this Sunday 2nd April. Tune in to spot one of our own pupils on prime time TV!



Eco news

Next term we will be collecting batteries as part of the Duracell Big Battery Hunt - as a school we send off the number of batteries we have collected as a school and Duracell decide which school has collected the most and award a prize. We as a school we will take the batteries to the nearest recycling centre to dispose of them. So please start keeping your batteries ready for collection next term!



A huge thank you to FOBCSA for fencing in our outdoor classroom so we can now use it in all seasons.

FOBCSA update

Thank you to everyone who bought a hot cross bun, braving the wind and rain. Our Easter Bunny was thrilled to meet the children and gave lots of high fives.

This term we have raised over £1,110 from our Sponsored Read, uniform sale and Krispy Kreme donut sale and look forward to contributing to new outdoor equipment for the playgrounds – including the new water run which will be installed over the Easter holidays.

Next term there will be lots more fundraising fun – including the FOBCSA sponsored walk and preparations for the Summer Fair on 8th July – and there will be special gifts for the King's Coronation for every child.

Have a fantastic Easter break, we hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of chocolate eggs and we'll see you next term!

