



Newsletter

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26th March 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term it has been! I am so incredibly proud of how all children have continually adapted to the ever-changing situation. We began this term working remotely and it was great to see how dedicated the children were to their learning during this time. As we returned to school, they have amazed us with their positivity - they have settled back to normal school routines brilliantly.

I want to say a huge thank you to our whole school community for coming together as a team to ensure all children have continued to learn and be happy. We look forward to seeing you back on the 13th March.

Enjoy your Easter break!

Mrs S Breslin (School Principal)



In the Spotlight



On Tuesday we reflected on the past year with a minutes silence at 12.00pm. The church very kindly provided us with some yellow ribbons which each class tied to trees in Springfield, whilst reflecting on the past year and focusing on being grateful .

Important Information

- Children return to school Tuesday 13th April.
- **We have had complaints from local residents regarding children climbing the trees in the park that lead into peoples gardens. Please when taking your child to the park can you be mindful of local residents.**
- BAPA have sent home a Smarties tube for each pupil to fill with coins over Easter. This is of course voluntary and only to be done if possible to help raise money for playground equipment.
- The school menu for summer term has been updated on our website.

Aspire



All schools joined our half termly Business Officers meeting on Wednesday. Many different topics were discussed with Operations, HR and Finance team members from Aspire Central Services. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter Holidays, the sunshine continues and you enjoy a lot of chocolate!

This Week's Achievements

This week's Certificates of Achievement went to:

Afam O (Pearl class)

Grace T-D (Opal class)

Georgia W & George L (Moonstone class)

Grace R & Victor O (Diamond class)

Benjamin C & Samuel M (Ruby class)

Keira T & Leo L (Garnet class)

Lennon C & Sam P (Jade class)

Jamie L & Fredrick D (Emerald class)

Riva K (Citrine class)

Yasmin S (Amber class)

Grace C & Henry C (Topaz class)

Elle H & Oscar J (Turquoise)

Summer-May M & Samuel F (Sapphire class)

Eleanor D (Aquamarine class)

Moyo O & Joshua M (Tanzanite class)

Connor B & Amelie WB (Amethyst class)

These certificates are given to pupils who have shone in class during the week for any number of reasons including being brave, kind, well-mannered or hard working.

Attendance Award: Citrine 98.7% and Amethyst 99.3%

Punctuality Award: Ruby 98.5% and Topaz 98%



Farewell Mrs Ward!



We would like to say a huge thank you and farewell to Mrs Ward. Mrs Ward started her teaching career here at Bovingdon when she joined as a student teacher nearly seven years ago. Since then, she has had such a positive impact on so many children's lives. Her cheerful nature, creativity and passion for performing has influenced children and staff across the school. She has led countless choir and school productions which have been enjoyed by the whole school community. Mrs Ward will be greatly missed but will always be part of the Bovingdon Primary Academy family.

Quote of the Week

"We all must face the choice between what is right and what is easy" Albus Dumbledore

Nursery



In Nursery this week, we thought about how lucky we are during our Springfield time. We made a circle of kindness and talked about how grateful we are for having our friends, families, play, learning and love in our hearts and food in our tummies. As it was also reflective day, our children tied yellow ribbons to the branches whilst thinking of lots of good thoughts! We would like to wish you a happy and relaxing break over the Easter period.

Reception



Reception have had an egg-stroinary week learning about subtraction in Maths. They used Easter eggs to help them to count backwards and takeaway. They sang number songs, solved the Easter bunny challenges to find how many eggs were missing from the egg boxes and even went on an egg-cellent egg hunt in Springfield too.

Year 1



We have loved studying Zog and the Flying Doctors and we have been writing letters as another character that needs help. We have finished studying castles and have been testing our knowledge of the different parts. In Springfield we had a competition to build a natural castle.

Year 2



This week the children have really been enjoying their history topic 'The Great Fire of London'. They have brought to life London in 1666 by making their own Stuart houses and writing eye witness accounts of the start of The Great Fire of London.

Year 3



What time is it?! Year 3 have been learning all about time this week. We have been so impressed with their resilience as they learnt about AM/PM. They also learnt about how to timetable their days using hourly slots and even started to learn about the 24 hour clock. We hope they all take the 'time' to rest and relax after working so hard this term.

Year 4



To investigate how sound travels across distance, we made our very own string telephones. We then observed and discussed how the sound travelled from one cup to the other. We used various lengths of string and used both plastic and paper cups to see if there was any difference.

Year 5



Year 5, celebrated the end of their history and geography topics by taking part in a Greek theme day. We

enjoyed making Greek pots, competing in a mini-Olympics, trying Greek food and debating whether life was better in Athens or Sparta. It certainly was a fantastic way to end the term!

Year 6



This week, in science, we investigated how shadows are formed. In groups, we put on a puppet show and explored how to increase or decrease the size of the shadow. We had lots of fun!

Well done Year 6 for all your hard work this term.

French Phrase of the week

"Joyeuses Pâques" Happy Easter