

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

SATs' week is approaching for our Year 6 children – week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Please **ensure that all children attend school this week** really refreshed and are at school promptly for 8.40 a.m.

Our Year 2 children will be completing their tests during week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos and Year 6 leavers photos – 9 a.m.

KS2 Music Festival (Year 5 children) – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Rehearsals start at 10 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. at Burford School (packed lunch required). All pupils are expected to return to Burford School at 6.45pm for the evening concert, which starts at 7.00pm and should finish at approximately 8.30pm. Children to wear white tops and black skirts/trousers. Tickets (two per family) will be on sale in due course.

Year 2 Music Festival - Weds 29<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 will spend the morning rehearsing at Burford School for 9.15am, then return to Burford Primary School in time for lunch. Parents to return Year 2 children to Burford School at 5.45pm, for the evening concert, which starts at 6pm. Children to wear school uniform. There will be no charge for tickets but a restriction of 2 per family.

We are participating in the 'Race for Life' for Cancer Research campaign this year. The whole school will be running at Burford Recreation on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June in the morning. Sponsorship forms will be in your child's book bag tomorrow.

We hope you all have a lovely extended weekend and enjoy the Bank Holiday on Monday.

Jenny Dyer

## Warwick Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock**

Wow, this term is flying by! Warwick Class has had discussions about recycling, springtime and frogs and we are linking activities to what the children would like to find out about these areas. We are very excited about our tadpoles (thanks to Jack Green's Dad) it is really interesting watching them change every day and devour their cucumber!

In Literacy, we are making 'frog books' and thinking about what a good sentence might sound and look like. In Maths some of the reception children have been learning about number bonds and we have also been using tally charts to record signs of spring. We have used the mini-iPads to search for, open and close images of different species of frog, some of which had some very amusing names and were very colourful!

## Warwick cont/d...

Next Thursday the Reception children will be attending Forest School with the Year one children, as a transition activity, which should be fun and every Thursday' for the rest of this term, the Nursery children will be visiting the Library for 'rhyme-time'.

## Windrush Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff**

We are all getting into our topic, 'Keen to be Green', and nearly have enough bottle tops for our 'reuse' artwork; please do keep them coming in for a while longer!

In Literacy we are having a big focus on handwriting and just launched a weekly competition. Each Monday, Mrs Bennett and I will look out for children who are trying hard to improve their handwriting and put examples of their writing onto our new 'Amazeballs Handwriting' display board! This week's winners were: Harrison, Micheala, Zachary, Isabella & Lewis.

In Maths, the Year two children are working hard on practising their reasoning skills and brushing up on measuring and reading scales. The year one children will have a week all about money.

## Tolsey Class

**Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton**

Tolsey Class are still busy report writing in Literacy lessons. We are producing rainforest posters on our own particular area of interest and learning about dangers which the rainforests face and writing a report about this area. As always, we are working hard on spellings, handwriting and grammar. In Maths, we are continuing to work on sequences, addition and subtraction, use of the inverse and problem solving.

During topic work, we are looking at how different artists represent the rainforest and using observational skills to create our own artwork. In Science the children have finished their Big Science Event posters relating to science investigations and the class winners were Keelan Mackie, Isabelle Lampard and Olivia Bazeley. It was a very difficult decision, as all the children worked hard on investigations and produced their work well to the rest of the class. We have also enjoyed sharing our topic homework this term. I have been impressed by the enthusiasm the children have shown for their homework, their creativity and presentation of work; I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with next.

## Priory Class

### Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

As I write, the countdown to SATs is well underway! There are only five working days until the children sit their tests! So far, I continue to be impressed with the way in which the children are preparing for them; there are many who are obviously revising at home and this hard work is transferring through to the classroom. I have also recently found out that we were not selected to carry out the Science SATs paper.

With SATs around the corner, the focus of Maths and Literacy lessons has been revision. In Maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. Using this knowledge, we have added, subtracted, divided and multiplied mixed number fractions.

In Literacy, we have been working hard to consolidate grammar and punctuation knowledge, learning how to use dashes, brackets and commas, to add extra information and how apostrophes work.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Blantz, who acquired a number of large boxes. We still need more, so if anyone has any large cardboard boxes Priory Class would appreciate them. As our topic is 'Keen to be Green' this term, we would also appreciate any clean materials from your recycling boxes.

## Burford Stars

Last week's star was Jade **Mapplethorpe**. This week's stars are **Camille Duff & Eve Blantz**.

## Gold Book Certificates

**Awarded Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 9 a.m.**

**Siân Lewis** for wearing her 'yellow hat' and being able to work independently during learning time; well done Siân you are a star!

**Logan Brimblecombe** for trying really hard to do the right thing in class and for getting on the rainbow twice; keep it up Logan, great work!

**Jack Green** for being a super enthusiastic member of our class. Jack is trying really hard with his writing which is improving all the time. Great learning Jack!

**Benjamin August** for showing a more grown up attitude to learning and displaying excellent listening skills and taking great care over your writing. Good Job Benjamin!

**Keelan Mackie, Isabelle Lampard and Olivia Bazeley** for their Big Science Event poster. They showed excellent team work, great independence and worked hard to include scientific language and presented their work well to the rest of the class.

**David Pittaway** – for having a fantastic and mature approach to revision sessions. David always listens attentively, taking on board any information given. He understands the areas he needs to improve and works hard to achieve this. Brilliant work, David!

**Kyla Mackie** – for creating an amazing piece of art work inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

## Golden Post Box

**Awarded Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 9 a.m.**

Congratulations to **Henry Moore** who has completed stage 4 swimming and moved up to stage 5. Keep swimming Henry!

Congratulations to **David Pittaway** for completing an examination for his yellow belt in kick boxing. Well done David.

Congratulations to **Faith Warren** for passing Grade 3 in musical theatre performance with the highest grade – a distinction. Well done Faith.

Congratulations to **Jessica Blantz** for completing Stage 3 as a strong swimmer. Jessica is building her confidence brilliantly! Well done!

## Sainsbury's Active Kids

Last chance to collect your Sainsbury's vouchers as this promotion is stopping on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, after which we can start counting how many we have in total and place our order. Please search your purses, wallets, handbags etc to see if you have any vouchers at home & pop them in the box outside the office – thank you.

## FOBPS

### Cook for Books

The next Cook for Books will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May and is the turn of Windrush Class. Please look out for the reminders in your child's book bags this Friday. If you would like to help with the cake sale, please let Lizanne Harris or any other member of the FOBPS team know. Thank you.

### Summer Fete

Our annual Summer Fete will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> July. We are looking for any ideas or suggestions of stalls, games, food, or anything else you would like to see happen on the day. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.

### Upcoming Dates

Cooks for Books	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Windrush 3pm veranda
Cooks for Books	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Tolsey 3pm veranda
Cooks for Books	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Priory 3pm veranda
Bags 2 School	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Veranda
Non Uniform Day	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	£1 donation or a bottle
Ice Cream Fri	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	3pm veranda
Summer Fete	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2016	Paddock & whole school
Ice Cream Fri	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2016	3pm veranda

### **Next FOBPS meeting**

The next FOBPS meeting will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April and all are welcome. The meetings are extremely informal and anyone is welcome. If you would like more information about the meetings or what FOBPS do, then please feel free to contact Lizanne Harris at [lizanne@pingthing.co.uk](mailto:lizanne@pingthing.co.uk).

### **FOBPS on Social Media**

Our Facebook page has now been deleted and replaced by a FOBPS closed group. If you have not yet been invited to join the FOBPS Facebook group, then please inbox Lizanne Harris and she will add you as a member. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you

## **Community News**

On Saturday this week (30<sup>th</sup> April) there is a table top sale taking place at Burford School from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in aid of the Burford School Australia Sports Tour 2016. Entry - £1 for adults, children are free. Tables are also available for £10.

To book a table please contact Mr Williams on 01993 823303 or email on [cwil5891@burford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:cwil5891@burford.oxon.sch.uk)