



# Burford Primary School

*Respect, Achieve, Aspire*

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Newsletter 5

This week, the school council led an assembly, sharing our new school rules. They asked the children to consider how to be safe, what we need to be ready for and why we should be respectful. They also explained how they wanted the rules to be easy to remember, quick to say and make the biggest impact on all aspects of school life for the benefit of everyone. Each classroom now has a copy of the poster the school council designed to help us apply these to everything we do.



Also this week in assembly, we reflected on the idea that each one of us is totally unique, with differences on the outside and differences on the inside. Our school community is committed to valuing and celebrating each of us as equally important individuals with a positive contribution to make to our school community.

Our recognition boards this week have been busy capturing successful team work, where we listen and value each other's contributions and accept our difference of opinions and ideas.



We enjoyed listening to "We are the Shapes" where the squares had very different characteristics to the triangles and neither group appreciated the differences of the other. It took the circles to help them see that when they worked together they could achieve so much more than when they worked alone. The ending of the book was a superb illustration of respectful team work at its best.

You can see lots of great team work in our science learning this week. We hope you enjoy our photos.

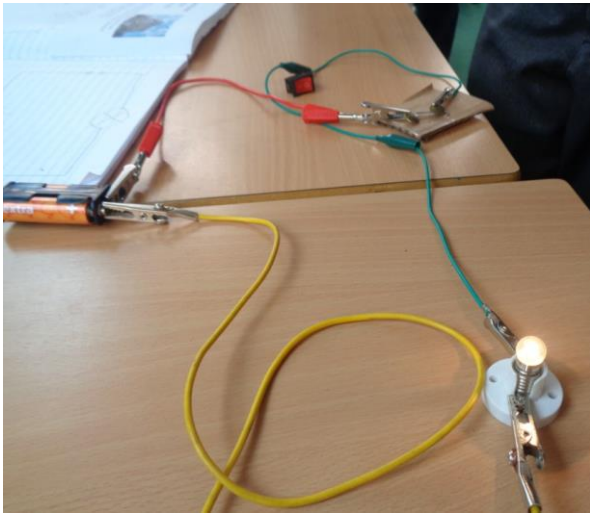
Elizabeth Mason  
(Interim Head Teacher)



## Look what we've been learning about in Science:

This term **Tolsey Class** have been learning about plants and the different habitats they grow in. We have spent time in the outside areas around school, looking to see what types of plants were growing. During our investigation, we found loads of tree seedlings growing underneath the spider frame.





**Wysdom Class** are loving their electricity topic! We have created circuits and investigated switches to control the circuits. We have investigated materials that are insulators and conductors using our circuits. As a final task, we have built minotaur traps, controlled by a press switch. When the minotaur steps on it, it sets off a buzzer or light!



African safari has been the focus of **Warwick Class'** learning over the last couple of weeks. We have been comparing the African savannah to our paddock environment and really enjoyed using National geographic website to go on a virtual tour and see animals in their natural environment.



We have enjoyed sharing the story Handa's surprise and tasting fruits from the story.



The children did some beautiful lion drawings, thinking carefully about their features. They also produced some fantastic writing that I proudly shared with reception teachers at another school.





This week in science **Windrush Class** have been learning about things that are living, dead or never been alive. We went outside and explored our local habitat and found different items. We discussed how we knew whether they were living, dead or never been alive. We then came back to class and grouped other animals into those 3 categories.



**Priory Class** have been really enjoying science this term which has focused on electricity, creating circuits using battery packs, bulbs, crocodile clips and buzzers. Building upon this, the children have then been tasked with answering an inquiry question, for example: 'what impact does it have if you add more battery packs to the circuit?' It is great to see the children so enthusiastic and responsible when we use this equipment; everyone is always ready to give their all. To build on this topic, we are very excited to have the opportunity to visit a local solar farm. We will receive a visit from an employee next week who will lead an in-school workshop. Following this, there will be a guided visit around the site to observe how electricity is converted from light to electricity. We have been advised to bring appropriate clothing as is a possibility of nettles in the site and, depending on the weather, the children may need a coat as there is no cover from the elements at the venue.



# Dates for your diary

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| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May   | PTA AGM 3.30pm in Windrush Class  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Class and Leavers Photos  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  | Solar Farm visitor workshop for Upper School<br>(see parentmail 16.05.23)   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | Warwick Class visit to Cotswold Wildlife Farm<br>(see parentmail 11.05.23)  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | Upper School to visit a Solar Farm<br>(see parentmail 16.05.23)   |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May   | Non-school uniform day (for a donation)<br>– fundraising event for Burford Playground<br><br>Break up for half term (no After School Club on this day)            |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June   | Back to school for Summer Term 2  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June   | Re-scheduled Footy Kids Taster day for all the school   |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June,<br>Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June                        | Year 6 cycling proficiency (letter to follow)   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July<br>(Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July reserve date<br>in the event of bad weather) | Sports Day (letter to follow) – also see invite in this newsletter  |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Upper School Production, Burford School<br>(more details to follow)   |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July  | Year 6 Leavers Assembly at school 9am<br>Year 6 Leavers Social event 6 – 8pm on the paddock for<br>children and their families also see invite in this newsletter |

## Attendance



| Our whole school attendance<br>Week beg 15.05.23 | Our school target |
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| 95%  | 97%               |

Please could we politely ask that children do not wear watches with games and sound effects to school. They are distracting themselves and others from their learning. Thank you.

## Library Book Returns

We are keen to make the most of having a public library so close to school. Each class visits the library alternate weeks. In order for the children to be able to select a new book, they need to return their borrowed book first.

Their days are:

**Warwick:** Thursday – library books stay in class

**Windrush:** Thursday from wk beg 05.06.23

**Tolsey:** Wednesday from wk beg 19.05.23

**Wysdom:** Thursday from wk beg 05.06.23

**Priority:** Friday from week beg 19.05.23

Thank you very much

## Leave of absence request

Today, you will have received a statutory letter from OCC County Attendance Team regarding Penalty Notice for Term-Time Holidays.

A leave of absence can only be granted to a pupil during term time by the Headteacher, if they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. The school defines 'exceptional circumstances' as extreme, unplanned family emergencies where all efforts to support school attendance have been considered in the first instance. The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant context behind the request. Any request should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated and, where possible, at least 2 weeks before the absence. You will be asked to complete a Leave of absence request form which is available from the school office. You can find our attendance policy [here](#)

## Year 6 Leavers' Events

Parents of our Year 6 Leavers are warmly invited to join us for a special assembly, led by the children on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am in the school hall. We hope you will be able to join us for this event as we say goodbye and wish them well on their journeys to pastures new.

We would also like to invite Year 6 children and their families to a Leavers Social event also on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 6 – 8pm on the school paddock. There will be games and hot dogs for the children and refreshments for all.

There will be more information about both events to follow.

## Non-school uniform day: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on the last day of half term in exchange for a donation towards the new Burford playground project. I will have a basket on the gate at the beginning and end of the school day, for children to drop their donations in here.

Thank you in advance for your support.

## Online Safety for Parents and Carers

Barnardos have produced some helpful, well explained answers in response to a set of [Parents questions](#) on the topic: "Is my child safe online?"

There is something here for parents of all age-children, with links and resources for further support.

## Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on the school paddock on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July with a reserve date of 11<sup>th</sup> July if wet weather means we have to postpone. We warmly invite parents from Lower School to join us from 9am and parents from Upper School from 1.00pm. There will be a picnic lunch for all children on the paddock and parents are very welcome to bring their own nut free lunch and join us on this lovely community occasion.

## Safeguarding Children – what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

**Immediate danger** – if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999

**Immediate concern** – if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666

A special helpline is available if you are concerned that a child you know is being **sexually exploited**, contact the Kingfisher Team on 01865 309196  
[Concerned about a child / OSCB](#)

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# SUMMER FESTIVAL

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This year marks Daylesford Organic Farm's 20th anniversary and to celebrate they are hosting a two-day festival on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June, which is free for children to attend. Full details can be found [here](#) also.

It will be the biggest event ever hosted on the farm, with an abundance of delicious food and drink, special guests, and live music, JCB Dancing Diggers, cooking demonstrations and hands-on creative workshops for all the family.

The festival is a wonderful activity with discounted tickets for locals (simply select 'Local ticket' if you live within the OX7 & GL56 postcodes. If you are not within these postcodes, please use the code – DAYLESFORDFESTCOTSWOLDS.)