



Head Teacher's Messages

I hope you all enjoyed your half term break. The children look refreshed and ready for a long & busy, seven week term.

Tweedy

Thank you to the Burford Festival organisers for inviting all of our children to see Tweedy at Warwick Hall on Tuesday – he was fantastic, and everyone loved it.

Reporting of Absences

As part of our safeguarding responsibility and in accordance with our Attendance Policy, school needs to know the whereabouts of all our children if they are not in school. We have a number of ways you can inform us if your child is absent from school: -

- 1) On the day if unwell or an emergency, leave a message on the school answerphone, but this must be followed up in writing too.
- 2) Via email to office.2251@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk
- 3) Via ParentMail absence facility
- 4) Copy of hospital or medical appointment
- 5) Complete a 'Request for absence due to exceptional circumstances' form, available from the school office/foyer

Whilst we appreciate children cannot help being ill, attendance in school is a very important issue and affects the children's learning quite significantly if they are persistently absent. Absence is currently being monitored by the Local authority Attendance Team; we are aiming for 96% or above attendance for all pupils this academic year - help us to reach this target.

LATENESS - Prompt morning registration required

Recently, a number of families are regularly arriving late to school, after the main gate is closed at 8.50 a.m. I would like to remind parents that the school gate opens at 8.40 a.m. and **registration starts at 8.50 a.m.**, with children carrying out learning activities/reviewing previous work up to 9am, when lessons commence. Please ensure your child(ren) arrives promptly and is in school ready to learn.

PE Kit It is essential that a named PE Kit is available in School everyday

It is extremely important that your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times, which is named. Please bring it in every Monday and take home on a Friday for washing.

For health and safety reasons children must wear the appropriate kit for PE which is:-

- White PE t-shirt
- Black/Dark blue shorts or Girls Skort
- Black/Dark blue tracksuit bottoms for outdoors (no logos)
- Dark blue PE Socks
- Trainers for outdoor use

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher.

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Warwick Class! We would like to thank Mrs Ralphs for putting on the Teddy Bear Picnic for us last week, we had a lovely lunch on the paddock and especially enjoyed the teddy bear cake!

Last Thursday we visited the library in our pyjamas and shared a story and some songs and rhymes and I have to say that the children were a credit to you all as usual, fantastically behaved and so polite.

In Literacy we have enjoyed our learning on the life cycle of the frog. The frogs have now hopped off to our school pond and we have now moved onto learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. This week the children all put their own caterpillars into their own new homes called 'nurseries!' and we can't wait to observe them change and grow.

This week we are also working on a surprise for our daddies to enjoy on Sunday!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

The children in Windrush class had an amazing time at Bristol Aquarium and Science Museum. I was very proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm all day. Thank you to our parent helpers for coming and helping us on the day. Since then we have been recalling information about the trip and writing a recount of the day. In English lessons we have also been working hard on our phonics and playing lots of phonics games in preparation for the Year 1 phonics test.

During Maths lessons we have been working on addition and subtraction. Some of the children have been solving word problems and having to work out which calculation they need to choose to solve the problem. We have now moved on to counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Some of the children are now solving multiplication and division word problems.

During Topic lessons the children thought of reasons why the dinosaurs became extinct and then created a poster. We also thought about what it would be to be a paleontologist and how fossils are formed. They really enjoyed making their own fossils at the Science Museum.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

Tolsey Class have had an exciting couple of weeks back after the break. We got to see Tweedy the Clown, visited 'We the Curious', Bristol Aquarium and supported the ladies taking part in OVO Energy Women's Tour - do ask your children about the different stages.

We used our trip to Bristol as inspiration for diary entries, detailing our thoughts and feelings for the day and what we learnt. After looking at pictures inspired by the fish we saw and chemistry, we created block prints. Maths was also covered, as we created bar graphs showing our favourite fish or activities from We the Curious.

For the rest of the fortnight, in Maths, we continued to look at graphs with a focus on reading graphs and answering questions. English saw us learning about a weaving contest and writing a persuasive letter to Zeus!

Priory Class

Mrs Hilary Connor

Over the last two weeks, Priory enjoyed a trip out to Bristol where they did the school proud and behaved incredibly well. The chemistry workshop was really interesting and all the children were fully engaged and mindful of health and safety issues.

Priory Class cont/d...

In English, we have continued learning about fantabulous beasts and are now linking this to a poetry unit, creating our own mythical creature and using powerful imagery to describe them using poetry.

In Maths, we have been looking at fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. We have also been carrying out some investigations using data, perimeter and finding all possibilities.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 20th June @ 9.00 a.m.

Freya Ladwa for doing some great home learning and for always being a wonderfully kind member of our class. Thank you Freya!

Eliza Ford for making an amazing boat and explaining how it works to Mrs Docherty; she is always willing to help her friends. Thank you, Eliza!

Xanthe Chambers for working really hard on her phonics. Well done Xanthe for moving up book bands.

Oliver Lane for being a phonics superstar! Well done Oliver for moving up book bands.

Lottie Salsbury for creating a fantastic block print of a fish. She made sure her design was big and bold, which allowed the paint to stick in all the right places! Great work!

Harry Chambers for writing a great dairy entry about our trip to Bristol. Good job Harry!

Alex Scepetkov Durston for an amazing effort in the dance session on Monday afternoon. He listened to all the teacher's instructions and followed all of them fully. Well done Alex.

Lottie Philpott for always trying her best and getting on with learning quickly and quietly. She is a great role model for her peers and the other children. Keep up the good work Lottie.

Community News

THE GRUFFALO COMES TO BURFORD

As part of the Burford Festival, Madhatter Bookshop have secured a visit from Julia Donaldson and the Gruffalo himself on Monday 17th June 2019.

Originally visits were to happen between 4-6pm, but Julia Donaldson has now said that they must be allocated in slots. Liz at the bookshop has very generously secured the 4-4.30pm slot for our school, at the Warwick Hall. This slot allows for 25 passes. One pass allows 2 adults and up to 6 children to meet Julia Donaldson and the Gruffalo and have your books signed by her.

If you would like the opportunity to have one of these slots please could you let either Mrs Docherty or the office know asap.

Please contact Madhatter Bookshop to order your books:
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