

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support with our changes to the morning procedures. It has really helped with the introduction of our Read, Write Inc initiative in Early Years / Key Stage 1 and reduced the number of pupils arriving late.

A warm welcome to Mrs Clare Silvester who will be working with us as Interim Head Teacher on Fridays when I am not in school. Mrs Silvester is an experienced Head Teacher and has recently been a Parent Governor. This arrangement will be in place until the end of this academic year.

Our School Council continue to work hard and are in the process of planning a "Bunny Run" fundraising event for later this term. More information about this will follow.

There will be the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher on Thursday 26th March. Appointment sheets to book time slots will go up on 12th March.

Assembly Themes

Our assembly theme this week will be based on our school's values of 'Respect', 'Aspire' and 'Achieve'.

Office Messages

We are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday (5th March) a Non-School Uniform Day, with the option of your child dressing up as a book character if they wish and giving a voluntary donation of £1 for the 'The Book Bus' charity.

The Extreme Reading Competition is also happening, with all the entries being judged on Wednesday.

Mrs Ralphs will be cooking a 'themed' lunch for that day too – keep an eye out early next week for the menu!!

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

This week in Maths Warwick Class have been learning about prepositional language and ordering items by length / height using the story Jack and The Beanstalk.

In literacy we have been looking at words that rhyme, supporting this learning we have been enjoying lots of Julia Donaldson stories.

Read, Write Inc phonic learning has begun and I am so proud of how well all of the children are doing, we've been using magnetic letters and whiteboards to build and read cvc words. Sound books will be making their way home shortly.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

In English, we have been using the story 'Tell me a Dragon' as inspiration for our writing. After watching 'news' clips of a dragon spotted in America, we created a list of possible clues that would suggest a dragon was in the area. Using these clues, we wrote warning posters.

The following day, a dragon left some eggs in the classroom. We used these to help us write poems about the eggs and what they might contain.

We also used the book as inspiration for our science lessons. We discussed the habitats of the dragons and, using a variety of painting techniques, created these. The paintings will be used to create a whole class art display which we will fill with dragons later.

In Maths, we have been learning how to partition two digit numbers into its tens and ones. The children have started to think about partitioning numbers into different combinations of tens and ones.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Hilary Connor

Tolsey have been developing settings and characters for fantasy stories, the characters we have made will create a conversation to support the writing of our stories.

In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering numbers up to and above 1000, we have also looked at how to use a systematic approach and find all possibilities.

Thank you to everyone who sent in wool and material for our pouches to support the Australian animals orphaned in bush fires. We are really enjoying finger knitting and are starting to sew the knitting together. We even have one completed pouch!

Priory Class

Class Teacher - Mrs Stephanie Flower

Able supported by Mrs Davis, Priory Class has been exploring the concept of short division in ways that will promote deeper understanding in Maths. During English lessons, we have worked hard to become writers: developing our skills as editors in pursuit of a polished explanation text. We have focused on specific grammatical targets and considered the impact of formal and informal vocabulary. The children have now concluded their homework projects and presented their spy gadgets to the class alongside advertisements to promote their products.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 5th March 2020 @ 9.00 a.m.

We welcome parents and family members to attend the presentation of their child's certificate, which takes place in the school hall.

Dexter Gibney -for an amazing effort with his phonics. Dexter has been using the magnetic letters to build words. Well done Dexter!

Zoe Thompson - for being such a grown-up girl coming into school in the mornings and letting mummy go home. Well done Zoe!

Sophie Crossman for writing an excellent poem about the contents of a dragon's egg. Well done Sophie.

Henley Potter for being a superstar with this phonics – keep up the good work Henley.

Lily Jefferies for being amazing at sewing, she was the first person to complete a pouch for the Australian animals and she has been incredibly supportive to her peers.

Erin Hoare for trying so hard in all subjects, supporting others, having a positive attitude and following advice and using it to help her own learning.

Jack Green for his perseverance and commitment in maths lessons. He has made fantastic use of lesson time – making the most of every minute - and offered fantastic contributions during class discussions.

Ollie Brierley for his wonderfully positive attitude. His behaviour is exceptional, he shows great kindness to others and is a wonderful role model to everyone at BPS. When it came to his spy gadget, Ollie made a sensational marshmallow blaster, which he demonstrated to everyone on the playground.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 5th March 2020 @ 9.00 a.m.

Evan Brierley completed his second skills bout representing Windrush Valley Boxing Club last Sunday. He did brilliantly! Over half term he trained every day. Well done Evan.