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Be Adventurous Be Ambitious Be Curious Be Kind

Date: 24th February 2023

Newsletter

Dear Families,

We hope you had the chance to enjoy the beautiful spring weather last week.

This term is jam packed full of some exciting events; next week Y1/Y2 are taking a trip to Oxford to visit the castle and we all celebrate World Book Day on Thursday (please see page 3). Later in the term we will be sharing details of a sponsored walk to support schools in Gambia. Our author and friend Neil Griffiths spoke to the children all about the school project this week. Father Roger joined assembly to teach us all about Lent and Easter and Reception team are busy organising a trip to Roves Farm.



Next week, the children will also begin to bring home a 'Badbury Book' once per week, alongside their individual reading book. 'Badbury Books' are for parents/carers and children to read together. They are a collection of carefully selected books designed to develop a love of reading. We ask that you look after these books in the same way as the individual reading books as unfortunately, damaged books will need to be replaced.

We are very pleased to introduce our new parent governor, Aaron Nelson; you can read more about Aaron on page 3 and may see him at morning drop off for nursery. We still have a vacancy for a Finance Governor—please let us know if you think you have the skills we need.

There's still time to have your say about school lunches. Please just click on this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/szLFinfhHw>

Finally, I would like to say how very proud I am of staff at Badbury Park who have been working tirelessly to support children here. Myself and Mrs Christmas have spent time this week with several external agencies who have all expressed high praise for the work that we do in school.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Dance

Nursery:

It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back this week, we are hoping to see some signs of Spring arriving over the next few weeks.

Our book for this week has been 'Superworm' – we have been using our fine motor skills to pick up wiggly worms with pegs and counting how many we could find. We worked together to think of lots of 'wow' words to describe Superworm.



On Tuesday, we celebrated pancake day and made pancakes with all of the children, carefully measuring and mixing the ingredients before sitting down to enjoy them as a class.

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Reception

What a fantastic first week back! Ash Tree and Oak Tree class have had a very exciting few days as we have been making pancakes. The children listened brilliantly and followed the instructions for how to make a pancake. They even had a go at flipping their pancake in the air!



We then had a go at designing a pancake for Mr Wolf, who was very greedy and ate all of the pancakes and his neighbours! Finally we learnt a pancake song and performed it in Recognition Assembly in front of the rest of the school - we were amazing. Well done for a great first week back!



Year 1/2

This week we have begun to learn about castles. At forest school, the children used their knowledge of castle features to construct their own castles with mud and other natural resources. In Maths, Year 2 have been making equal groups; multiplying and dividing and Year 1 have been exploring bar models and using number rods to calculate the missing number.



Year 2 have enjoyed learning about castles this week in preparation for our school trip next week to Oxford Castle. We have been looking at a fact file, a non-fiction text all about castles and in history we worked together to draw our own castles. We had to send one person from each group to go and take a quick look at the castle picture outside and then they had to come back in and draw the part of the castle they went to look at until we finished drawing. Our final drawings are fantastic! We also did a little bit of research about castles on the iPads in our groups.



In maths we have been looking at multiplication and division and have enjoyed our practical learning outside; chalking on the floor and inside; writing on the tables.



Year 3:

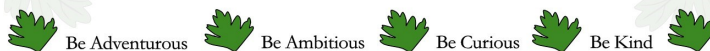


It has been lovely to welcome back Maple Tree Class after our half term break. We have been exploring the book Fantastic Mr Fox, looking at the structure of the story, character descriptions, and building tension in our writing. This has been a really nice link to our topic 'What Lies Beneath' - a classic fiction story focusing on a fox and his family who live underground who have conflicts with three local farmers. Speaking of what lies beneath, for Design Technology, we have begun making 3D models of volcanoes to further link the knowledge gained on the learning journey of this topic. In Maths, we have looked at relating calculations such as $3 \times 2 = 6$ and $3 \times 20 = 60$ which has allowed the children to make links within the maths. Finally, the much-anticipated Forest School sessions have returned. This week the children looked at building nests and other facilities for birds to support them in a nurturing way. Please remember to bring waterproofs and wellies for next week!

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World book day Thursday 2nd March 2023



We are celebrating World Book Day next Thursday and invite children to dress up as their favourite character from a book or favourite word. This year we are encouraging pre-loved and budget outfits rather than buying something new. This link <https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents/> may provide you with some inspiration.



Every child will receive a £1 book token which they will be able to exchange for one of 12 books available during our Roving Booksale (see below) or from supermarkets and bookshops. With books for beginning, early, fluent and independent readers, there is something for everyone to enjoy. The books will be available from booksellers from 16 February 2023 and the token redemption period is from 16 February – 26 March 2023.



The Roving Bookshop

Our favourite independent book shop will be returning to Badbury on Wednesday **22nd March**. Most books are sold at publishers' prices and there are a significant number of picture books and novels around half price in the bookshop. Children will all visit with their class to spend their book day vouchers and money

from home should you wish to provide any.

The book shop will also be open before and after school for parents/carers/staff to shop; this year accepting cash and card payments. Purchases from the book shop will also help to raise money for the school to spend on more fabulous books for our school library.

Catering manager



As you may have seen on our social media pages, applications are now open for a Catering Manager to open the kitchen in our school.

If you know anyone who may have the skills we are looking for and is interested in the position, please share this link which will take you to the Eteach site: [https://](https://www.eteach.com/job/catering-manager-1309093)

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Governor profile—Aaron Nelson

My name is Aaron Nelson and I am a new Parent Governor at Badbury Park Primary School. I am always asking my daughter to make sure that she works hard and behaves herself at school. I thought I would lead by example and get involved in the school. She now thinks that she can get involved in governing at home to make sure I am being a good parent!

At work I am training up to be an Employability Practitioner, which can help those who face barriers, overcome them and get the necessary skills to get into paid employment. I work part time for an organisation that provides information, advice and guidance to help those with lived experience and or care experience. I'm also lucky enough to sit in our local fostering panel and volunteer and help raise money and awareness for community projects.

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Badbury Park Nursery— Open House 17th March

We are having an open day on 17th March at 3.45 to showcase our fabulous nursery—please spread the word!

Our pre-admission list for September is already looking very healthy but we do have some 15 hour and 30 hour sessions available. Please speak to the office for an admission form.

Nursery admissions now open for September 2023

Come and join us!

- 30 hours funded places may be available.
- Purpose-built school environment focused on outdoor and child-led learning.

Open HOUSE

Friday 17th March at 3.45pm
Come and visit our creative and inspiring nursery environment.
Meet the class teacher, head teacher and SENCO.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

19th Swindon Scouts are looking for new members



Beavers

Beavers is for 6 to 8 years and is the opportunity to make new friends and have new adventures.

BEAVERS—For children aged 6-8 years old
Meets at Goddard Park School on Monday's in term time
from 6-7 pm
Section Leader: Badger (07786 464983)



Cubs

Develop new skills and soar to great heights with Cubs, for 8 to 10 1/2 years.

CUBS—For children aged 8-10 ½ years old
Meets at Goddard Park School on Tuesday's in term time
from 6-7:30 pm . Section Leader: Nas (Akela) (07828081189) .

New joiners get 3 weeks free, then pay weekly £3.00 subs (or each terms payment), and pay £10 investiture fee for necker, woggle, and badges. Please fill in the joining form so we have your contact details.

You can find more information about the Group on the Group's Website : <https://www.scouts.org.uk/groups/10015420?loc=GL50%202AP§ion=Cub%20Scout&page=33&slug=19th-Swindon-%28St-Andrews,-Walcot%29>

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Moonrakers Junior Chess Club

Junior Chess Club Swindon

Moonrakers Junior Chess Club are welcoming new members.
Would you like to learn or enhance your skills?

Junior U18 chess club (Primary and senior school age).

Training sessions and club tournaments.

Coaching for all levels of experience.

Every 2nd Wednesday evening 18:30 to 20:00 during school term time.
Full season calendar issued showing all training and tournament dates.

Shaw Ridge Primary School, Ridge Green, Swindon, SN5 5PU






Interested? And for further details,
Please contact us via moonchess@hotmail.co.uk

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School Diary

February 2023

8th & 9th February: Parent/Teacher meetings
13th—17th half term holiday (no school for pupils).
27th—Pine Tree class trip to Oxford Castle
28th—Yew Tree class trip to Oxford Castle

March 2023

1st—Beech tree class to Oxford Castle
2nd—World Book day. Dress up as a favourite character from a book or favourite word
17th—Comic Relief. Non uniform/red nose for a donation
22nd—Roving Bookshop in school
28th—Ash & Oak tree classes to Roves Farm
30th—Open house from 2.30pm
31st—last day of term 4.
Easter holidays—no school for children—
from 3rd to 14th April

April 2023

17th—Children return to school for first day of term 5
24th—Parents curriculum meetings for all year groups at 5pm

May 2023

1st—Bank Holiday (no school)
2nd—Parent Workshop 3pm “Parenting in the digital world”
8th—Additional bank holiday for King’s coronation (no school)
29th May to 2nd June—half term holiday

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

‡ Friday 7th July 2023

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

‡ Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023

‡ Monday 30th October 2023

‡ Wednesday 3rd January 2024

‡ Monday 8th July 2024