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Date: 18th March 2022

Newsletter

Dear Families,

We hope you had a chance to visit the Roving Bookshop in school today which was a huge success, helped enormously by the visit by author Neil Griffiths who has been delivering workshops during the day and signing books—page 3 has more details. Our sponsored “Readathon” raised **£184**. Thank you to everyone who contributed; in addition to the sponsorship money that you raised, Usborne Books will donate up to 60% in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school.

We said goodbye to the chicks today; they will be re-homed on free range farms. It has been a wonderful experience for children and staff alike—here are just a selection of the many photographs we have taken during the week



I hope you enjoy the sunshine at the weekend.

Mrs Dance

Nursery



As part of National Science Week, Apple Tree have been exploring ‘Growth’ this week. We have been enjoying the beautiful weather (most days!) and planting seeds and bulbs outside. We are looking forward to watching them grow in the next few weeks and have been learning that they will need water, sunshine and lots of care and love.



We have also been growing our strong muscles and arms by painting on a vertical surface and exploring different sensory experiences including slimy, sticky dough. Our knowledge of different shapes has grown through the week as we have compared how they look, the number of sides and matching shapes we find all around us to our hungry shape monsters!



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Reception/Year 1

We had a very special visitor come to tell us about the people who can help us and keep us safe. We have enjoyed having the chicks at Badbury Park and have loved doing lots of writing all about them. Year 1's wrote a fact file all about the chicks and Reception children wrote about the lifecycle of a chick.



It has been fun exploring and learning in the rain we had at the start of the week. We put our wellies and water-proofs on and got very muddy outside. For science week the theme has been 'growth'. We enjoyed looking at the beautiful plants and flowers on the tuff tray and making observations about what we could see.



Year 2

This week Year 2 have been fascinated to learn all about chicks. There was a lot of excitement when they hatched!

We have learned a lot of facts about chicks and chickens. Did you know a chicken's closest relative is the T-Rex? We have learned so much new information that we decided to film a news report about it!



Governor Profile: Clare Gately

I have been a parent governor for the school since October 2021 and have a son in year one at Badbury Park Primary School. I have lived in Swindon for many years and moved to Badbury Park five years ago. I am an Actuary and currently head up a pricing and claims department at Zurich. I have a strong finance background, and have experience in managing budgets, analysing data and managing a large team. I am very keen to use my skills to support the school, as it continues to grow and develop.



Safeguarding—Huggy Wuggy

Children have been recreating a game, "Huggy Wuggy" on the playground which mimics a character on the internet hugging and whispering nasty things in the recipient's ear. The name sounds cute and cuddly but is a sinister looking bear with razor sharp teeth that sings worrying songs about hugging and killing. Because of its "cute" name it is able to infiltrate firewalls and filters. Please take a moment to discuss this with your child and be vigilant about what your children are watching online.

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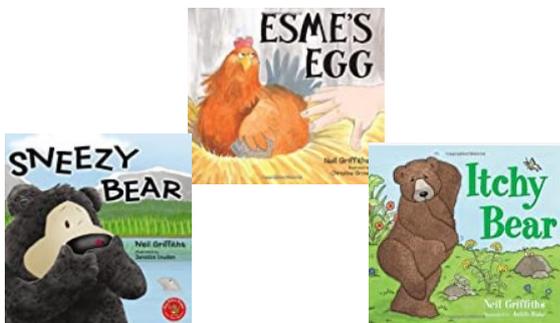
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Badbury Book Day & famous author Neil Griffiths visit

Our first book day has been a huge success. We feel very lucky indeed to have welcomed Neil Griffiths to our school today.

Neil Griffiths, was a Primary School headteacher for 13 years before taking on the role of director of a National Literacy Project for the Basic Skills Agency. He was responsible for the highly acclaimed, and award-winning Storysack® phenomenon and has written many children's books including There's a Spider in the bath, The Journey, Esme's Eggs and Itchy Bear which he has been sharing with the children today.

We are sure your child's time with Neil today is an experience they will never forget!



Children visited the book shop during school to exchange their World Book Day tokens and some were even lucky enough to visit the virtual library in the immersive classroom. What a fantastic end to the week!



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Young Carers

We are very keen to celebrate and support our Young Carers at Badbury Park. If you think your child might be a Young Carer (see check list below), please contact the school and we will put you in touch with Swindon Carers. Swindon Carers organize term time groups which provide young carers a chance to have a break from their caring role and to meet other young carers in a fun environment. Young carers will get to take part in activities such as arts and crafts, cooking and playing games. Each year they also run school holiday trips providing young carers time away from their caring responsibilities.

You're a young carer if :

- you're under 18 and help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem.
- you look after one of your parents or care for a brother or sister.
- you do extra jobs in and around the home, such as cooking, cleaning or helping someone get dressed and move around.
- you give a lot of physical help to a parent, brother or sister who's disabled or ill.
- Along with doing things to help your brother or sister, you are giving them and your parents emotional support, too.



Badbury Park Primary School is recruiting again!

Are you an enthusiastic person looking to work in a friendly school?



We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring Midday Meal Supervisor to join our growing team after Easter.

We are a happy and supportive team, working hard to give the best education and environment for the children. The successful applicant will:

- act as a positive role model, be committed, reliable, motivated
- be someone who understands the importance of playing and sharing, and encourages social skills
- be able to lead safe and happy playtimes and create caring provision at lunchtimes
- be flexible and adaptable to support the growth of our new school

Duties will include:

- setting up and clearing away of the lunch area
- supervising children in the dining area and play area to ensure orderly conduct, welfare and safety of pupils during lunch break
- establishing appropriate manners and behaviour which support the School's aims and values
- assisting with basic first aid (training will be provided)

The hours of work are Monday to Fridays, term time only, from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Salary: £9.50 per hour.

If you are interested in applying, please ask the school office for an application form or call 01793 299101

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Community notices



YOUR INTRO TO TENNIS

Six group coaching sessions for 4-11 year olds including a racket, t-shirt and more for only **£29.99** (+£5 P&P)

Sign up now lta.org.uk/youth/start

We have new LTA Youth Start tennis classes at Swindon Tennis Centre! [Join a Youth Start course today at a time that works for you.](#)

The LTA Youth Start programme is suitable for children aged between 4-11 years old who have never played tennis before and is designed to help build confidence

and skills along the way. We keep kids entertained with various games and activities using different skills and equipment. We want to encourage children to play tennis throughout their lives – and be active too. So, if your child is aged 4-11, why not give it a try?

£29.99 (+£5 P&P) gets you: six top-class tennis sessions with specially trained coaches, a tennis racket and set of balls, a branded t-shirt, Activity cards, a lanyard, stickers and a certificate (provided by the coach)



Wednesday Evening Class



HICKS SPORTS
COACHING FUTURE SUPERSTARS

MULTI-SPORTS!!!

Come and join us for lots of fun at Hicks Sports!

Children will learn in a fun environment, exploring new skills, improving confidence and social skills within a variety of sports and activities.

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Based at Badbury Park Primary School

Block booking (£4.50 per session)**

Ages 5-11

Dates

27th April - 25th May

8th June - 20th July

**If you have had a previous booking with Hicks Sports Saturday Club you will be offered 10% off your first Wednesday block booking.

To enquire or for more information please email Liam at hickssports@outlook.com



First Session Free!



@Hicks Sports

SWINDON MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

Swindon HAF Programme
Swindon Holiday Activities and Food Programme

BROOK FIELD SCHOOL

11th April – 14th April
19th April – 22nd April

Join in on our half term fun!

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including Table Football, Football, basketball, invasion games, nature walk, outdoor gym equipment.....

For an application form and price list please email swindonmultisports@hotmail.com

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School Diary

March 2022

3rd: World Book Day

7th: "Living Eggs" chick hatching project commences

8th: Parent Support drop in session 09.00-11.00

18th : Comic relief (Red Nose day). Cake sale after school

18th: Author Visit and Book fair in school

21st March—1st April : Big walk and wheel challenge

April 2022

5th & 6th : Parent consultation evenings for Year 2

6th & 7th: Parent consultation evenings for Y1 and Reception

8th: last day of term 4

11th—22nd : Easter Holidays

25th: Return to school for term 5

May 2022

5th: School closure day

17th: Walk to school week starts

27th : Open house at 2.30pm and end of term 5

Teacher Training Days 2021/2022

📅 Friday 1st July 2022

📅 Monday 25th July 2022

Whole school closure day

📅 Thursday 5th May
(Local elections)