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Date: 29th September 2023

Newsletter

Dear Families,

September has gone in a flash! Children have settled into their classes and are feeling happy and comfortable coming to school. I had the pleasure of visiting all classes last week and the children were highly engaged in the learning.

Another reminder that children in Years 1-4 should be lining up with their class in the playground from 08.40. Once the bell has been rung at 08.45 we ask parents to leave the playground and the gate is shut. Any children arriving after 08.45 need to be signed in at the office and will be taken to class by a member of staff. Please ensure all children arriving after 8.45am are accompanied by an adult.

Thank you to the PTA who have started the year with the cake sale. They are always looking for more support and help so do get in contact if you can spare a few hours.



We would like to invite volunteers into school to help in nursery and hear children read across the school. Please contact the office for an application form and details of applying for a DBS check.

We have held our first Governors meeting this week and our Governors will be visiting the school in the coming weeks. Do contact us if you would like to be a school governor. We are still looking for a Governor with an interest in Finance or Health and Safety.

We are in talks with the highways and road safety department at Swindon Borough Council regarding parking which continues to be an issue; our PCSO is also continuing to monitor the situation. I urge you again to walk where you can or park further away and avoid blocking driveways and paths. The Highways consultation has now ended and we hope to see some double yellow lines and zig zags painted soon. I do not want to be bringing news of an accident in the future. This really is everyone's responsibility so let's try and fix it together.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Dance

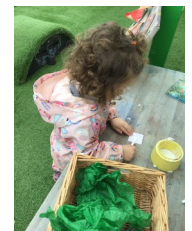
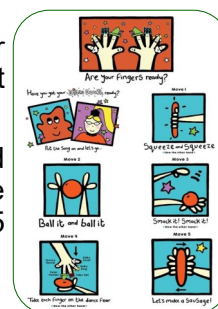


Nursery

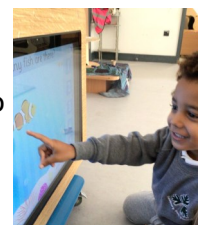


Apple Tree Class are all starting to settle into our class routines and are enjoying our welcome song at the start of session.

We are starting to practise our fine motor skills and we love our dough disco and squiggle wiggle sessions. We are learning to count carefully up to 5 and recognise some numbers.



Outside, the children have been playing music and working together to build cars and buses to take to the beach!



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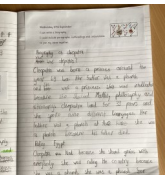
This week we have been talking about our families. We have used loose parts, pebbles and playdough to make ourselves and our family. We have shared pictures of our family with our friends and been very brave by coming to the front of the class to talk about them. We have enjoyed exploring outside, working as a team to create trains, cars and special soup in the mud kitchen. Ash tree and Oak tree have really enjoyed listening to and learning our Badbury Park song - we even made up some actions! Well done for another fantastic week ☺



KS1: Beech and Pine Tree classes have had an amazing learning week! We have learnt to write about our friendship poem and worked very hard in phonics. We have also explored numbers greater than and less than other numbers using symbols, and made seed bombs in Forest School. We have also loved beginning our history topic - Changes in Toys. We've been interviewing our grown-ups to find out about toys from 30 and 60 years ago, and we're beginning to compare them to toys we play with ourselves. We spent time looking at and playing with toys, deciding if they were old or new and using Stem sentence openers to explain our decisions.



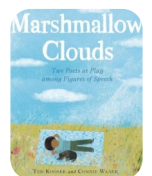
Y2 children have been writing their own biographies about Cleopatra. They have learnt so many facts and are really enjoying the Ancient Egyptians topic; children will edit and improve them next week. In Maths this week, the children finished off learning about place value by comparing numbers using the $<$, $>$ and $=$ symbols. They enjoyed using a variety of resources to represent the numbers and position them correctly on the playground.



KS2 In Year 3 we have been continuing to learn about Ancient Egypt and have learnt some interesting facts about Cleopatra in English. We have been learning Spanish greetings and using these to answer our names on the register. In maths, we have been focusing on place value, with lots of practical and outdoors maths and we are now ready to begin addition and subtraction with 3-digit numbers.



Year 4 have channelled their inner poets and have created some beautiful free verse poems inspired by the collection of poems in the award-winning anthology 'Marshmallow Clouds'. In PE they have been working on their movement fundamentals and looking to move into available spaces to prepare them for playing invasion games. During PSHE we have been looking at healthy and unhealthy friendships and we had some wonderful role-plays this week exploring the behaviours of 'frenemies'. If you would like to talk to your child about healthy and unhealthy friendships see [What makes a good friend? \(kidscape.org.uk\)](http://What makes a good friend? (kidscape.org.uk))



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Friends of Badbury Park Primary School

Thank you to everyone who made and bought cakes for the Macmillan Coffee event today. A huge thank you to our local Co-Op for the cake donations.

We will update you on the amount raised shortly.



Harvest Donations

We are again asking for non-perishable, tinned and packet food in support of the Swindon Food Collective who help individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves or elderly people who are unable to access and afford food. You can follow and donate to SFC on Facebook or on their website: <https://www.swindonfoodcollective.org>



MOST NEEDED ITEMS THIS YEAR

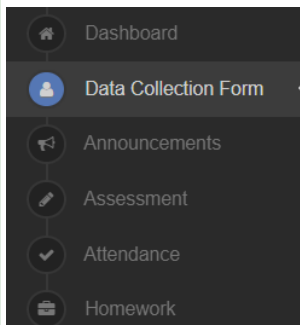
Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea; Small Bags of Sugar; Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"

PLEASE NOTE: pasta, baked beans and shower gel is not needed.

Please bring all donations to the office by 20th October 2023.

Have your contact details changed?



Updating your contact information is crucial to ensure that you are reachable in case of an emergency, and to stay informed about important updates and your child's academic progress.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

You can check that the information we hold is correct by logging on to the My Child at School app and navigating to the "Data Collection Form" on the left hand side. Please check that we have your most current phone number, email address, and physical address and make any necessary changes straight onto the MCAS app. If you are unable to access the app, please let the school office know of any changes.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SWINDON MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB
FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES
HALLOWEEN PARTY ON THURSDAY 26th
AGES 4-12 FUN ACTIVITIES
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB
BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
23rd - 27th October 2023
A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including, Football, basketball, cricket, table football a nature walk, outdoor gym equipment, 2 play areas, and much more.....
www.swindonmultisports.co.uk

Raring 2 go!

The autumn edition of Raring2Go Swindon is available by clicking here:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/swindon/autumn2023/>

The magazine contains fun family activities to try as well as events and visits in our region this autumn

Raring2go! SWINDON
Learn to Read in 30 Days!
Reading eggs
BONUS Rewards Book!
MAGAZINE & WEBSITE THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD
raring2go.co.uk AUTUMN 2023

OCTOBER HALF-TERM
PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMP
Premier Education INSPIRING ACTIVITY

PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU

Mountford Manor Primary School

Thur 19th - Fri 27th October 2023
Age: 5- 11 08:45-16:15 £20.99 Per Day

For more information please contact Alana
aturner@premier-education.com

Our activity timetable can be found on
Facebook - Premier Education Swindon

PLEASE BRING

- Plenty of water
- Lunch box
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

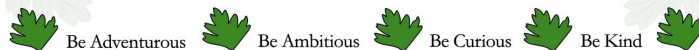
Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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School Diary

September 2023

4th & 5th: TD days—no school for pupils

6th: Children in Years 1-4 return to school

7th: Children in Reception start school (full time or half days if new to Badbury)

W/C 5th: Poetry week

11th : Curriculum meetings for parents (Y1-Y4) from 5pm in classrooms

15th : Poetry Slam

W/C 18th: School Council elections

29th: Macmillan Coffee event at 3pm

October 2023

6th: School tours for parents with children starting Reception in 2024 from 4pm-5pm

17th & 18th : Parent/Teacher consultation evenings

20th: last day of term 1

23rd-27th : school holiday

30th : TD day—school closed to children

31st: Children return to school to start term 2

November 2023

1st: Individual school photos

2nd: Parent reading workshop at 2.30pm

3rd: School tours for parents with children starting Reception in 2024 from 4pm-5pm

13th—17th: anti-bullying week

13th: Odd socks day

16th: Nasal flu clinic in school

17th: Children in Need. Children can wear something spotty for a small donation

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

- ✦ Monday 30th October 2023
- ✦ Wednesday 3rd January 2024
- ✦ Monday 3rd June 2024
- ✦ Monday 8th July 2024

December 2023

6th at 9.30am: Reception Christmas production to parents

7th at 1.30pm : Reception Christmas production to parents

7th: Christmas Jumper day

10th: Christmas Fair (provisional date)

11th : Christmas singalong in playground (Y1 & Y2—Yew Tree)

11th : Christmas singalong in playground (Y2 -Y4)

13th: Christmas lunch followed by class party

14th : “Open house” parents are welcome to come in to see class and books from 2.30pm or 11.30/3.00 for Nursery)

15th: Last day of term 2.

18th December—4th January—Christmas holidays, no school.