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Date: 16th June 2023

# Newsletter

Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome parents of children joining us in September on Wednesday; slides from the presentation will be available on our website if you were not able to attend. We look forward to seeing you again at the remaining "stay and play" sessions.



We also welcomed Pauline Miller, Chair of Blue Kite Trust, this week. She spent the afternoon touring the school and talking to children, parents and staff. She wanted to pass her thanks on to everyone who took the time to give feedback; she will be reporting back to the Trust Board but shared the following with me in the meantime: "Well done to you - it is such a lovely, welcoming, happy school - we loved our visit!" The children also spoke at length about the new dinners and how wonderful they are! Well done Mrs Biggs.

You will have also spotted that we are making some improvements to our outdoor area close to Beech and Pine Tree classes this week. This will provide a safe, bespoke outdoor learning area for Year 1 and a calm, relaxing area under the sail for children needing a quiet space at playtime. This does, however, mean that once the fence is erected there will no longer be a throughfare for parents to access Year 1 from Reception and you will need to walk around the building from the far end of the school (near the main hall). Thank you for bearing with us while the work is completed.

Thank you to Friends of Badbury Park Primary for arranging a pop-up shop today to celebrate the special men in the children's lives—I hope you all have an enjoyable day on Sunday.



Please make sure children have hats, bottles and school PE kits in school everyday (no football kits)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Dance

## Nursery



Apple Tree class have embraced the sunshine with lots of fabulous outdoor learning!

We challenged them to build a bridge in the outdoor area which led to some fantastic collaboration and language – how can we stop it falling down? We have been using our fine motor skills to stick bugs on the spider web and creating 'cool' ice lolly cards. On our welly walk we made journey sticks, adding any treasures we found as we walked. The children found some amazing things!

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**Reception:** This week the children have loved our focus story 'Journey'. A book without words gave the children the freedom to write their own sentences for each page and use the book to create their own castle designs and birds to fly. The children worked together and made some excellent creations!



It has been very hot this week and the children have all been accepting the challenge of finishing at least one bottle of water a day! To keep us cool we have been exploring ice and frozen flowers, how and why ice melts and using washing up liquid, circles and pipe cleaner to create our own bubbles. Another lovely creative week!



**Year 1 & Year 2:** In Pine Tree class and Yew Tree class, we have loved going outside to do some cross curricular learning in the sunshine over the past 2 weeks!

In maths, computing and forest school, we have been busy looking at data. We have learnt how to represent data in different ways, and we created our own pictograms to represent the data. In maths, we have been learning to construct tally charts and interpret data from block diagrams. We have also been learning to recognise money and make small amounts. In English, we have been writing our own stories based on The Little Shoemaker and writing letters, explaining why people should visit the Badbury Park Library grand opening! Finally, in Science we have been learning to identify parts of a plant and what they need to grow.



Year 1 and 2's have also been working hard and having fun in Phonics this week. We've played lots of games to consolidate all of the learning we've done this year, including segmenting, blending and retrieving information from text. All of our teachers are really proud of the efforts we've put in. We've also been enjoying the sun this week, playing with our new playground equipment, having great forest school sessions and taking our learning outdoors. Beech class made some beautiful collages using natural materials such as grasses, petals, wildflowers and leaves.

**Year 3:** Maple Tree class finished off their topic of Stone Age to Iron Age by learning about Roundhouses. We learnt about why Roundhouses were made during this period of history before investigating what they were made of. We were then able to compare this to our very own roundhouse here at Badbury Park! In Maths, we have been learning to add and subtract fractions using real life examples such as pizza and fruit. In English, the children have been using and writing adverbs and looking at the ways adverbs can be applied and the effect it has – how something is done, when etc. For Science we have looked at the different features of a flowering plant and what plants require in order to grow.



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## Playtime

As part of the last teacher training day, staff worked together to revolutionise playtimes. With the arrival of large loose parts, a low level obstacle course, new PE equipment and the introduction of a mud kitchen, our children are now fully engaged in positive play and teamwork. Playtimes are now enjoyed by all!



## What is a School Governor?

School governors can essentially be defined as **overseers** of schools. They work alongside the headteacher and senior leaders to ensure that the school is running effectively, and are accountable to parents, the local community, and the local authority for this.

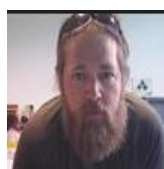
Governors are useful because they are independent from the day-to-day running of the school, and therefore give an **outside perspective** on issues. We have tried to make our Board as diverse as possible, so that everyone has different skills, knowledge, and experience to contribute to discussions. Those working in finance, HR, law, or premises management are often particularly useful governors.

Overall, the role of a governor can be described as **monitoring and evaluating** the progress of the school. This involves being curious, critical, and confident in asking difficult questions. As a governor are prepared to give and take advice. We must also be professional – many of our decisions will be made in strict confidence.



One of our aims this year is to become more visible – you may have seen some of us at morning drop-off - we also aim to attend more school events throughout the year. When you see us, do come and ask questions or just say hello.

Tim Owen Chair of Governors.



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Friends of Badbury Park Primary School

**SUMMER  
FAIR**

Saturday 8th July 2023  
12-4

BADBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

games • hot & cold drinks • sweets & treats • entertainment  
• local small business stalls • yummy food  
and much more!

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## Community notices

**Swindon HAF Programme**

**Premier Education**

Wednesday 26th July Gymnastics  
Thursday 27th July - Football  
Wednesday 28th to Friday 29th July Multi Sports  
Monday 31st July - Friday 25th August 2023 - Multi Sports

Premier Education Holiday camp running this year for children aged 5-12 years from 8:50 to 16:00.

Children will experience Multi skills-based activities with an emphasis on space. A variety of activities including themes of Basketball, Netball, Handball, Football, Tag Rugby, Hockey, Dodgeball, Archery, Fencing, Athletics and more.  
Using a variety of equipment while working on development and working in small teams. Children will also have the opportunity to experience simple, inclusive and fun competitions.

During Lunch times we will be delivering a number of Wellbeing sessions every day with a focus on making healthy choices. Our Wellbeing focus is: Eat Well, Drink Well, Move well, Sleep Well.

Skills learnt during the week: Agility, Balance, Co-ordination, Run, Chase, Avoid, Jump  
Stabilisation skills (maintaining physical stability): Turn, Twist, Stretch, Bal, Bend, Receive, Dribble, stick, Pick up, Carry, Bounce, Kick  
Invasion Games Principles: Attack, Defend, Dribble.

Children will also have the chance to take part in other activities such as: Arts and crafts, creative play and celebrative games, amongst other opportunities.

Please bring suitable clothing for all activities. For more information about what your child will take part in this holiday check out our social media pages for our holiday camp timetable.

If you have any further questions, please contact Jack at jcarling@premier-education.com

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

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**Swindon HAF Programme**

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023**  
**BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**24th JULY - 25th AUGUST 2023**

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS**  
**FUN ACTIVITIES**  
**AGES 4 -12**

**FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2023™**

**FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES**






All the usual fun and games including football, dodgeball, cricket, water games and free play but this summer we will also be celebrating the Women's World Cup with matches and activities supporting our lionesses.

www.swindonmultisports.co.uk

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# School Diary

## June 2023

5th—TD day—no school for pupils  
9th— Stay & Play for nursery and new Reception pupils  
w/c 12th: Phonics screening check (Y1/Y2)  
14th: Meeting for new to Reception parents  
6.30pm  
16th: Stay & Play for nursery and new Reception pupils  
20th : Class photos  
21st: Meeting for new Nursery parents  
6.30pm  
23rd: “Freezer Friday” - ice treats on sale after school  
27th : Stay & Play for nursery and new Reception pupils  
30th: Glamorose cake sale in rear playground

## July 2023

5th: Sports day  
**7th: TD day—no school for pupils**  
8th: Summer fete  
10th: Reports out to parents  
11th : Stay & play for nursery and new Reception pupils  
13th: Last open house  
14th : “Freezer Friday” - ice treats on sale after school  
18th: Induction/class swap day  
W/E 21st July : School disco  
24th: Mama’s Sweet Treat from 3pm  
25th: Last day of term (children return to school on 6th September)

### 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 3rd June 2024

📅 Monday 8th July 2024