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Date: 13th January 2023

Newsletter

Dear Families,

The second week of term 3 is already over; children have continued to come to school with a positive attitude to learning and are all working hard. Our emphasis, as always, is on outdoor learning and we will always spend a part of the day outside; with this in mind, and with the unpredictable British weather, could you please make sure that your child has a **named** coat, hat, gloves and wellies in school every day.



Applications for a Primary School Place to start September 2023 close on Sunday. If you have a child with a date of birth between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you need to make an application via the Swindon Borough Council website https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

We hope that those who attended the curriculum meetings this week found them useful. If you were unable to attend, you can find the presentations on the school website by clicking under "class pages" and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

The school immunisation team have now finished visiting schools to deliver the nasal flu vaccination. The flu season continues until the end of March, and there are already high levels of infection and hospital admissions as a result of the virus. We are told that this year's vaccine is an extremely good match to the circulating virus, and it remains of benefit to your child and all the family, to receive the vaccination throughout the flu season.

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

If your child has not yet received the flu vaccination and you would like them to be vaccinated, please use the link below to book into a community clinic in your area. <https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/bookbanes>

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Dance

Nursery:

For this term, Apple Tree will be exploring traditional tales starting with the story of the Three Little Pigs. We have learnt to tell the story and are really good at remembering all of the key words. The children have explored the story in the immersive room, helping to build houses of straw, sticks and bricks.

Outside, we used our den and construction blocks to build a house for the pigs. We took it in turns to huff and puff and blow the house down!

We have also been drawing a new self-portrait; we have been so proud of the progress the children have made in their drawing skills since September.

Amazing work Apple Tree.



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Reception



We have had a very exciting week in Ash and Oak Class! We began learning about people who help us and real life heroes. We had a very exciting visit from the police. The children all listened brilliantly and asked some fantastic questions.



The children became police officers and detectives to find out who stole the treasure and money from Oak Class and who trapped Tricky Troll in Ash Tree Class.

What a fantastic, busy start to the term!



Year 1/2 Pine Tree class began their new geography topic—maps. We looked in the atlases and also found some rivers, mountains and deserts to experience in the immersive room.



In forest school this week, we have been looking for worms and exploring their habitat.



Yew Tree have enjoyed their first forest school session with Mrs B. They made bird feeders and went on a hunt for worms.



We have been busy with our outdoor learning in English and Maths this week. In maths we have been focusing on shape; we drew shapes on the playground with chalk and then drew their lines of symmetry. In English we enjoyed exploring outside for the things relating to Earth to help us with our 'Dear Earth' poems.



In Maths, Year 1 have been representing numbers to 20 and Year 2 have been learning about money.



Year 3: It has been lovely welcoming back Maple Tree Class after the Christmas break. With a new year comes new topics and learning. The class have been exploring and investigating their topic of 'What Lies Beneath?'. The children have had the opportunity to explore this question further in their outdoor learning. As well as this, the class have begun learning about volcanoes and how they are created in their Geography lessons. In Science, Maple Tree Class have learnt about the skeleton, learning different bones in the body and the role of a skeleton to support our bodies. For Maths, we have moved into multiplication learning differences between grouping

and sharing, consolidating knowledge of multiples of 2, 5 and 10, and learning to multiply by 3. Finally for English, the children have started to look at newspaper reports, studying their features and the differences between present and past tense verbs.



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School Council & Eco Ambassadors 2022-23



We are very proud to announce that Badbury Park Primary School have elected their very first School Council. They will meet regularly to discuss and implement ideas that could help improve the school. These might be problems that need to be solved or new ideas. Members of the School Council will be responsible for implementing ideas that have been agreed at the meetings.

Beech	Pine	Yew	Maple
Harley Elsie	Zoraiz Latoyah Thomas	Madison Menorah	Hollie-Marie Adam

In addition, we are also very excited to announce a team of Eco Ambassadors. This group of children will also meet on a regular basis to help promote caring for our natural and school environment. They will look at our role in looking after the world and communicate this to the whole school too. The ambassadors will oversee the need to save energy in the class and will implement ways in which they can reuse or recycle.

The following children have been elected as Eco Ambassadors

Beech	Pine	Yew	Maple
Tom Gabriella	Evie Mai Ezra	Amira Riley	Rithvika Evan

New term reminders



✦ **Uniform:** we have noticed a few "rogue" items of clothing worn to school. Children should wear black trousers or black skirt/pinafore dress with a white polo shirt (with or without a logo), and a grey school sweatshirt with logo. Socks, tights and shoes should also be black. We have a stock of second hand uniform which Friends of Badbury Park are happy to pass on for a small donation.

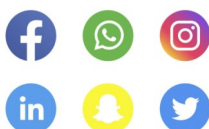
✦ **Water bottles:** please supply your child with a **named** water bottle every day. This should contain ONLY plain water (not squash, flavoured water or juice).

✦ **Watches:** children are welcome to wear an analogue watch but please do not send your child to school with a "Fitbit" or a Smart type watch.



✦ **Items from home** such as cuddly toys, cars, necklaces and bracelets should not be brought into school. Please check your child's bag before they come to school.

✦ **Internet safety:** the age restriction for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube is **13+** and for WhatsApp it is **16**. Therefore none of our pupils should be accessing any of these sites. Please take a moment to read the information on page 5 regarding online safety and gaming and the Internet safety page on our website:



<https://www.badburyparkprimary.co.uk/copy-of-useful-websites-information>

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Online Safety & Gaming



Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.



Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others



Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others



Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support



To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub:
swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/

or scan the QR code



Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content:
reportharmfulcontent.com



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

HICKS SPORTS

Monday Dodgeball! New!

HICKS SPORTS
COACHING FUTURE SUPERSTARS

5:00pm - 6:00pm
 Badbury Park Primary School
 Ages 5-11

Come and join us for Dodgeball every Monday for lots of fun and learning a range of new skills.

Book now for Term 3
 £4.50 per session*
 (Block bookings available)

Term 3: Monday 9th January - 6th February
Term 4: Monday 20th February - 27th March

Free Trial Session!

*If you block book for Hicks Sports Saturday Club you will be offered 10% off of a block booking for one evening class and 20% off of a block booking for two evening classes.

For more information please email Liam at hickssports@outlook.com

[@Hicks Sports](https://www.facebook.com/HicksSports)

Wednesday Multi-sports!

HICKS SPORTS
COACHING FUTURE SUPERSTARS

5:00pm - 6:00pm
 Badbury Park Primary School
 Age 5-11

Free Trial Session!

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

Book now for Term 3
 £4.50 per session*
 (Block bookings only)

Term 3: Wednesday 11th January - 8th February
Term 4: Wednesday 22nd February - 29th March

*If you block book for Hicks Sports Saturday Club you will be offered 10% off of a block booking for one evening class and 20% off of a block booking for two evening classes.

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

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Saturday Morning Club!

HICKS SPORTS
COACHING FUTURE SUPERSTARS

9:00am - 11:00am
 Badbury Park Primary School
 Ages 5-11

Free Trial Session!

Come and join us every Saturday morning for 2 hours of Multi-sports fun!

Including: Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Dodgeball and more!

£9.50 per session
 OR
 Block book* for the whole term and receive *2 sessions free

Term 3: Saturday 7th January - 11th February
 (No session 28th January)
Term 4: Saturday 25th February - 1st April

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

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 Ages 4- 10: 6:30 - 7pm
 Ages 10+ and adults: 7 - 8pm

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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Tadpole Farm CE Academy, Green Street SN25 2QS

Dates: Monday 13th February - Thursday 16th February

Times: 8:30am - 16:30pm

Price: £24 per session

Ages: 5-11 yrs

Additional info: contact.yarting@premier-education.com

PLEASE BRING
 A packed lunch
 Plenty of water
 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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*Valid only before a 1st Feb discount on new bookings only

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School Diary

January 2023

3rd January : TD day—no school for pupils
4th January: Start of term 3. All children return to school
9th January : Curriculum meetings at 5pm Reception-Y3

February 2023

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 word
17th—Comic Relief. Non uniform/red nose for a donation
30th—Open house from 2.30pm
31st—last day of term 4

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

📅 Friday 7th July 2023

School closure day

* Thursday 4th May 2023 (Polling Day)