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Date: 12th May 2023

Newsletter

Dear Families,

What a weekend of celebration! I hope you all enjoyed time with family and friends watching the various Coronation events. We had such a fun day last Friday with our own celebration—see page 2 to find out more.



There is some important information regarding changes to lunch and club bookings on page 3. The changes will come into force for term 6. Please take time to read the information on this page and do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Our Project Gambia fundraising events raised a total of £760. Many thanks to everyone who attended the Table Top sale or sponsored walk or just made a donation to this very worthwhile charity. Thank you also to all the staff who have given up their own time to organise or participate in the fundraising events.

If you missed the “Parenting in the Digital World” workshop and would be interested in receiving a link to view the presentation, please let the office know.

We have welcomed our new Catering Manager Nicola Biggs this week. We can not wait to share our new menu and start cooking on site from term 6.

Have a lovely (short) weekend

Mrs Dance

Nursery



What an amazing couple of weeks in Apple Tree class. Last week, we read the ‘Colourful Coronation’ story to find out more about the King being crowned. We made royal jam tarts and decorated fabric during our welly walk on the field. We then used the splatter paint fabric to make our own flag.



This week, we have been keeping a close eye on the caterpillars – they are getting so big! We have also been re-telling the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar using our own words.



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Reception



At the start of the week we talked about the exciting event from the weekend - the King's Coronation. The children enjoyed sharing what they had seen and liked and we spent time doing lots of activities related to the coronation. They wrote descriptions of the King and decided what they would do if they were a King or Queen for the day. We have been very busy continuing to learn about space and using moon dust and moon sand to write messages! We also learnt to write an acrostic poem for space.

Year 1/2 : Year 1 and 2 have had a wonderful time celebrating the King's Coronation! We made crowns, flags, wands and baked delicious goodies, which we shared together in the hall before inviting our parents in for a (very rainy!) rendition of the National Anthem.



Yew Tree class enjoyed a morning of computing last week, exploring on the VR headsets, revisiting time outside with the Spheros and using the iPads to research Mary Anning, our significant person for history.

Year 3: In Science, the children have explored the different layers of soil by creating their very own dirt pudding. Each layer of the rather unusual dessert represented a different layer of soil found beneath us. For English, we have been creating and writing our own persuasive adverts for readers to visit Coate Water. The children used their first-hand knowledge alongside further research to generate curiosity, and find out information and activities about Coate Water – they have all produced a wonderful piece of writing. For Maths, we have finished our learning for now on fractions and begun learning about mass, focussing on reading scales. Alongside this, we have had some hands-on problem solving linked to number. During Forest School we have created miniature gardens and made model swings out of string, branches and small pieces of wood which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. In addition, we have revisited key parts of Spanish to revise greetings, numbers, age and colours. Finally for our Stone Age topic, we have looked at food sources during the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic to understand how people would have survived during these periods of history.



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Changes to the lunch menu and ordering process



We welcomed Mrs Biggs this week as the very first Catering Manager of Badbury Park Primary and Nursery School. Mrs Biggs is currently creating a new menu and setting up our own kitchen so that we can provide meals to Badbury pupils which will be cooked freshly in-house from **Tuesday 6th June**. We have listened to the replies from our parent survey and Mrs Biggs will be re-introducing a bigger choice of desserts (e.g. mini muffins, flapjack, etc.) plus a school packed lunch choice every day which will include items such as wraps and baguettes. The new menu will be available to view next week.



We are taking this opportunity to change the way in which meals are booked and paid for (for children in nursery and Year 3). From 24th May, you will need to log on to your **My Child at School** portal where you will see the possibility of booking meals and clubs. Moving to MCAS will mean everything is now in one place for your child, no switching from one system to another, and you will be able to see a record of everything you have booked. School office staff will also be able to see what parents can see so we will be able to support you more efficiently.

We will be sending out a detailed user guide next week but essentially meals can be booked by selecting the "dinner detail" section from the dashboard—please see example below. As with our current process, all meals need to be booked by Wednesday the week before lunch is required (e.g. for lunches required from 6th June onwards, bookings need to be booked by Wednesday 24th May).

The screenshot shows the MCAS dashboard for a parent named Ahmed, Yusra. The dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Does Yusra have homework?**: No Homework data found.
- Timetable**: What is Yusra up to? A table shows the timetable for the Tutor Group in the 5SS class, with Ms J Bishop as the teacher. The timetable is as follows:

Period	Subject	Class	Teacher	Time
AM	Tutor Group	5SS	Ms J Bishop	08:00
PM	Tutor Group	5SS	Ms J Bishop	12:00
- Classes**: Yusra's Classes. A table shows the class details for the 5SS class, with Ms J Bishop as the teacher. The attendance is 100%.

Class Name	Class Details	Attendance
5SS	Tutor Group Ms J Bishop	100%
- Dinner Detail**: Yusra's recent meals. A table shows the recent meals:

Date	Meal Details	Cost
02/03/2022	School Meal	£3.50
01/03/2022	School Meal	£0.00
03/02/2022	School Meal	£0.00
- Dinner Money**: Dinner Balance Summary. Credit Balance Summary: £49.30. Deposit Amount: £0.00. An 'Add to Basket' button is visible.
- Clubs & Trips**: Yusra's upcoming club & trips. No Clubs data found.
- Reports**: How is Yusra performing? No Reports data found.
- Outstanding Payments**: You have 1 outstanding payments. A table shows the payment:

Item	Amount
MP Before School for Yusra Ahmed	£-4.50
- PayPoint Balance**: £0.00.

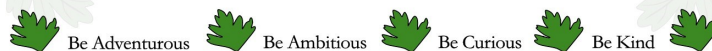
All clubs and trips will also be booked in the same way by selecting the item from the MCAS dashboard.

If you have any debts outstanding on Parentpay please clear this by 26th May. Any credit on Parentpay will either be refunded, or in the case of childcare vouchers, carried over to My Child at School

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After School Club

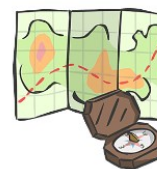
As you will know from previous communications, the management of our After School Club will be taken over by The Big A from the new academic year on 6th September (sessions will be 3pm-4pm or 3pm-6pm). This is in response to requests from parents to offer longer hours and the capacity to offer many more places. Although the Big A will be based in our school, this is an independently run club and all bookings, payments and queries will need to be made directly to staff via the Big A website; it will not be possible for Badbury Park school staff to make any after school club bookings on your behalf. If you would like any additional information, and to register your child in preparation for bookings from September, please go to the Big A website as detailed here: <https://www.thebigclub.co.uk/after-school-club/>

Bookings for After School club from **6th June to 25th July only** can be made on the My Child at School app (detailed guidance will be sent next week) from 24th May.

Year 3 Orienteering club— 6th June -18th July

There are still spaces available in our exciting new orienteering club for Year 3 pupils which takes place every Tuesday in Term 6 from 3.15-4.15pm.

Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport similar to a cross-country race. The difference is that it involves walking or running while navigating around a course. Participants use a detailed map, and sometimes a compass, rather than following a set course. They have to reach set control points along the way. The aim is to complete the course in the quickest time. This means competitors need to choose their route and plan it carefully.



If your child is interested in taking part, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Parent/Carer Survey



Swindon Borough Council is doing an assessment of childcare in the borough to understand how we can best meet the childcare needs of parents/ carers in the area and to help to improve provision. As part of this Coram Family and Childcare, a children's charity, is working with Swindon Borough Council to conduct a survey of parents/ carers, to hear your views and experiences of childcare.

We would like to hear about the type of childcare you use, or the reasons why you don't use childcare, and whether the right childcare and support is available to you. By childcare we mean formal childcare such as nursery; childminder; nanny/ au pair; before and after school clubs and holiday clubs as well as informal childcare such as grandparents and friends. **Please follow this link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SN_PCRS or click on the QR code below and please complete by Friday 26th May (it should take around 5-10 minutes).**

If you are happy to provide your contact details at the end of the survey you will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a **£100 shopping voucher**.

How will my data be protected? Your response will be kept entirely confidential, and stored in our secure folder until May 2024 when they will be deleted. If you have any questions or would like more information about this research, please contact Coram Family and Childcare on: childcare@coram.org.uk



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ofsted Outstanding The Big Adventure Club **School HOLIDAYS**
 Have an adventure with us!

You name it we do it (or at least try)
 Snooker, disco room, dodgeball, football, dance competitions, sports, consoles, bouncy castles, arts and crafts, cooking, bingo, party games, roleplay areas, Lego, construction toys, Nerf wars, inflatable slides, football, archery, tuck shop, dolls, dressing up, dinosaurs, messy play and much more!
 In addition to the above we also book extra activities to entertain the children, from petting zoo's to entertainers.

Dates and times can be found on our web page:
 www.thebigclub.co.uk or by visiting our Facebook page
 The Big Adventure Club Ltd
 admin@thebigclub.co.uk / 07832304452

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 CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN ASSOCIATION WITH BANGALINA SWINDON
 DANCE PERFORMANCES | FASHION SHOW | HENNA
 FACE PAINTING | CLOTHING & FOOD STALLS | FUN FAIR

Sunday 14th May 2023
 Doors open 12 midday till 7pm
 Faringdon Rd Park (GWR Park) Swindon, SN1 5DJ
 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF £2

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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 SPONSORS President (Mr. M. A. Khatun)

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 AGES 4 -12

MAY/JUNE HALF TERM 2023
 BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
 30th May - 2nd June 2023

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FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES

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 ...
 ...not forgetting our 3 metre giant inflatable foot dartboard

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Stay & Play Group For Dads

Come along to our Dads and Male Carers Play Together group for 0-5's



We offer creative play activities, stories, songs, rhymes based on Peep Learning Together Programme to develop confidence, communication and social skills



Venue: Central Library
 Day: Wednesday Mornings
 Time 10.15am-11.30am
 Start date: 10th May-28th June

Free of charge and no booking needed

Please contact the Fathers worker, Dale, on 0773096745 for more information or contact the Swindon Parenting Hub on the details below. Also check our Facebook page for up-coming dates: Swindon Parenting Hub








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School Diary

April 2023

17th—Children return to school for first day of term 5
24th—Parents curriculum meetings for all year groups at 5pm
28th : Table Top sale—fundraising for the Gambia project

May 2023

1st—Bank Holiday (no school)
2nd—Parent Workshop 3pm “Parenting in the digital world”
4th—Reading at Home workshop 2.30pm
5th—Coronation celebration
8th—Additional bank holiday for King’s coronation (no school)
29th May to 2nd June—half term holiday

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
20th : Class photos
21st: Meeting for new Nursery parents 6.30pm
27th : Stay & Play for nursery and new Re-

July 2023

5th: Sports day
7th: TD day—no school for pupils
8th: Summer fete
10th: Reports out to parents
13th: Last open house
14th: Stay & Play for nursery and new Reception pupils
18th: Induction/class swap day
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