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Be Adventurous Be Ambitious Be Curious Be Kind

Date: 28th April 2023

Newsletter

Dear Families,

We are all looking forward to some warmer weather and sunshine in the next few weeks so that we can enjoy more of our learning experiences outdoors! It is a very busy term coming up with several bank holiday weekends in May. The term dates are on the school website and this term's diary dates are all included in this newsletter — please do check them carefully and make a note of those that involve you or your children.

Thank you for your support this week at the curriculum meetings and our Project Gambia fundraising events. The children enjoyed an assembly with all the Blue Kite schools this morning as they all shared the events that have been taking place for Project Gambia. Neil Griffiths is extremely touched by all of the support and fundraising. Please do keep the sponsor money coming in.

Don't forget the parent workshop **next Tuesday** about "Parenting in the Digital World"—more details on page 3. There will also be a Parent Reading workshop next **Thursday at 2.30pm** with our friend and author Neil Griffiths. We are also updating our school video on Thursday so please let the teachers know if you do not want your child to take part.



Next Friday, 5th May, we will be celebrating the King's Coronation with a Badbury Bake off, crown making and afternoon tea. Children may wear red, white and blue.

This week the children have taken part in 'Beep Beep' day and have been shown the safest place to cross the road. This is by the dropped kerb, away from the corner and the car drop off area. I have noticed a couple of children in cars this week that have not been strapped in. It is a legal requirement that children use a car seat until they are **12 years old or 135cm/4ft 5in tall** even for the shortest journey. We also continue to receive complaints from other parents and local residents about inconsiderate parking. We want to ensure a good reputation in the community and the police will be monitoring this as the Borough Council are now aware of the issues. Please park and walk to keep our children safe and neighbours happy.

Enjoy the long weekend,

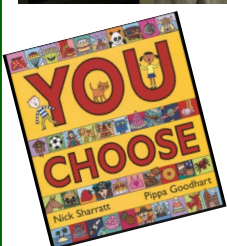
Mrs Dance



Nursery



This week we have been looking at adventures. As a class, we voted for our favourite stories. One of our favourites is 'You Choose'. We have been learning to look at the pictures and ask questions about our favourite parts of the story. In our small world area, we have been using props to retell stories using our own words.



We have enjoyed a couple of sunny afternoons and enjoyed our welly walk. Some of the children worked hard to make fairy wands to make magic spells and we made a friendship potion as a class.



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Reception

We started our new topic 'What's Beyond the Stars?' with a trip to the immersive room so we could go to space and see the planets, moon and stars. Then we learnt about astronauts and what they need to wear and why they float in space. The children thought of some fantastic questions to ask an astronaut and enjoyed seeing them make sandwiches in their space shuttle. We even had moon sand to explore that Miss Hatton brought back from her trip to space!



The children have been doing some excellent maths this week, counting forwards and backwards to 20 and making their own addition and subtraction number sentences. Finally we turned our outside learning area into a space galaxy - doesn't it look beautiful!



Year 1/2 : Beech Tree class have been learning all about Habitats in Science. We went on a walk around the school and onto the field and spotted loads of animals home, including a toad that had lost its way from the stream into a plant pot. We then had a great forest school session creating our own animal habitats.



In Pine Tree Class we have been busy exploring 'time'. We have learnt about the hands on the clock and how to tell the time to the hour and half past. It has been lovely to get outside and do some maths in the Spring sunshine! In history we have begun learning about Mary Anning. The children have been researching why she is a significant figure and which fossils she discovered. They are excited to learn even more over the coming weeks.



We have been busy enjoying our learning outside with the unpredictable weather over the past 2 weeks! In maths we have been learning to find fractions of shapes and learning to tell the time. We have been able to identify quarters, halves and thirds. In forest school we looked at habitats and made our own using natural resources.



Year 3:

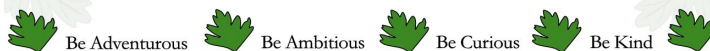
Children in Maple Tree class have returned from the Easter break with lots of wonderful learning. They had the visit from Dr Pringle and Susie as part of the Wild Escape workshop. Here they were able to look at and discuss different types of creatures and the habitats they would explore. From this they produced various types of artistic drawing or clay work. In English, we have been exploring persuasive adverts by studying examples of adverts you would see on posters and TV. This has given the children an opportunity to evaluate adverts, create their own TV adverts and then perform them to their peers. Some children may be candidates for an Oscar! In Maths, we have learnt about perimeter by identifying what perimeter is, how we measure it and how we calculate it. In History, we have begun a new topic focused on the Stone Age period. The children have loved this so far as they have been learning about life in the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic. We have looked into similarities and differences during these periods of history looking at images of artefacts and our interpretation of them.



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The Blue Kite Art Exhibit



Each school from The Blue Kite Trust worked collaboratively to provide a range of art work towards our first Blue Kite Art Exhibit at North Swindon Library. Using the theme of 'Journey' as the focus, schools considered how they might interpret this and bring it to life within the various elements of art studied across each Year Group.

- A first-hand experience, a day out, one of our first school trips.
- Famous first journeys of exploration from those who push the boundaries of what is achievable.
- The journey characters or unlikely individuals go on from some of our favourite books that lead to an unbreakable bond.
- Enforced journeys through conflict, natural disaster both now, and in our history.
- The spiritual or metaphysical journey we can go on to enlightenment.



Last term, each class worked on a piece of art and it has been wonderful to see such a range of ideas across the school. Miss Boase went along to the official opening this week and was extremely impressed with the talent across the Blue Kite schools! The exhibit is held at North Swindon Library (by Asda Orbital) up until week beginning 5th June. Feel free to pop along if you are in the area, or plan a visit during half term and be ready to be amazed by some wonderful artistic talent!



ICT parent workshop

As our digital lives continue to grow, we know that for young people, spending an increasing amount of time online holds lots of potential risks and concerns.

To allow you to help your children navigate themselves through their ever rapidly growing digital lives, whilst at the same time allowing them to be independent digital users, we are running a special live, online safety presentation on **Tuesday 2nd May at 3pm in school.**



We know that many feel overwhelmed trying to keep up with the constant evolution of games, apps and social media platforms and are quite often understandably worried about, cyber-bullying, online grooming and what they are sharing online.

During this 90min session, Richard from The Stay Safe Initiative CIC will be helping you to understand your children's digital lives a bit more. Exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straight forward help and advice to keep everyone at home safe. This session has been designed purely to provide you with as much information as possible, to allow you to make informed decisions and choices. Not to judge or tell parents how to be parents. Richard will be happy to stay around for as much time as needed after the presentation to help address any of your individual questions and comments should you have any.

Children can stay in their classroom with their teachers if you are attending the workshop in the hall. If you are unable to attend in person, an online link will be made available; please collect your child as normal from school before joining the online session.



Educating & Protecting Young People

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PROJECT GAMBIA

Sponsored walk and Table Top Sale



Thank you to everyone who joined Mr Adkins, Mrs Christmas and Mrs Humphries in a walk to Coate Water and back in very rainy conditions as part of our Fundraising efforts for schools in The Gambia. This represents the length of journey that some children complete every day in the Gambia to get to their school (approx. 3K).



We were waved off by Neil Griffiths who founded Project Gambia in 2003 following a visit during which he fell in love with the Gambian people and their culture.

We have raised £225 so far from our sponsored walk (with special mention to Dalton and Skyler for single handedly raising £100 and £45 respectively! - Well done both of you!). Please pay any outstanding sponsorship money into your child's ParentPay account by **5th May** and if you were unable to accompany us on the walk yesterday you can still donate on Parentpay under the "Sponsored Walk" section. Every penny that gets donated or raised for the charity goes towards the education of children in The Gambia. All promotion, advertising, trips, and expenses are paid for by the volunteers at Project Gambia, so you can be safe in the knowledge that anything you donate will go directly towards improving the lives of pre-school children in The Gambia.

Badbury pupils also attended a joint online assembly with all the schools in the Blue Kite Trust this morning to learn about what different fundraising events have been taking place in other schools; the fundraising total so far raised by Blue Kite Trust schools is £5000.

Thank you also for attending our table top and cake sale today—it was well attended and a great success thanks to the organisation by Mrs Magiera. We will update you with the total raised next week.

Find out more about the charity, by visiting this link: <https://www.projectgambia200.com/>



SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN OF THE GAMBIA

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BIKEABILITY MAY HOLIDAY COURSES



North Somerset

Swindon

Bristol

Life Cycle UK

Book now!

bit.ly/bikeability-courses



Or scan to book

Life Cycle UK

Life Cycle deliver many cycling courses for children within schools and in the holidays.

We are organising **FREE** 'Learn to Ride' holiday courses for Year 1 and Year 2 classes this May half term for children in Swindon.

All learning is off-road, taught in small groups, and in a pressure-free environment.

Click on the link below for more information and to make a booking or scan the QR code

<https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/swindon-holiday-courses>

Wanborough Scarecrow Trail

Sat 22nd April 2023

To

Friday 5th May 2023

The World of TV

Follow the trail of over 35+ scarecrows around Wanborough

Can you guess the TV characters / programmes?

£3.00 per trail sheet / £1.50 per Children's activity sheet

Buy your entry forms and children's activity sheets from

The Brewer's Arms and The Plough Inn

Refreshments, toilets and trail sheets available at Wanborough Village Hall (start) and Wanborough Primary School (half way point) every Sat, Sun and BH Monday 10am to 4pm

1st Prize : £150 Amazon Voucher

2nd Prize: £100 Marks & Spencer Voucher

3rd Prize : £50 Gardening Voucher

Children's Activity Sheet Prize £50 Smyth's Toy Voucher

A great family day out

For further details go to www.wanborough.info

Proceeds go to Wanborough Community Trust (Reg No 1181221)

What's on for Dads?

Come along to one of our creative groups for dads.



Fathers Support Group

Would you like an opportunity to socialise with other dads and build peer support?

Join us for a cuppa to share both positive experiences and the challenges of being a parent

Thursday evening (fortnightly)

6pm-7:30pm

The Underground

(Door right next to the Asda Library)

SN25 4AN



Dads and Kids Activity Group

We offer creative play, stories, songs and rhymes to develop confidence, communication and social skills.

For children aged 0-10 years

Fortnightly

Saturday Mornings

9:30am-11am

The Meadow, 15 Leigh Road,

SN2 5DE



Please contact the Fathers worker, Dale, on 07773096745 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