



News and Information

Date: 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who donated to Mufti day towards more equipment for OPAL resources. Following children's interests, we have already purchased some swing ball sets, large skipping ropes, bouncy hoppers and some new dodgeballs for use at lunchtime.

We are continuing to add and create new areas at lunchtime for the children to play in based on their interests. As we approach the drier months (fingers crossed) we know that the children really enjoy making dens. If any of you have any old curtains or large pieces of material we would be really grateful.

We would also be interested in hearing from anyone who can get hold of large plastic barrels as the children can use these in their imaginative building.

Finally, we know that lots of our children are into digging and construction and if we have any parents who can either get hold of items or would be willing to support in creating a construction area, like the photo, please do get in touch with us. Please email into the school office with the subject of OPAL if you are able to help in anyway.

Ms Martin

Headteacher



March:

Thursday 14th—Year 1 Whipsnade Zoo Visit

Monday 18th—Years 5+6 Coombe Hill Field Work Visit

Tuesday 19th—Nursery Tiggywinkles Visit

Wednesday 20th—FOBS Disco 3:15—4:15 EYFS + KS1

4:30—5:30 KS2

Wednesday 27th—9am Key Stage 1 Easter Performance to Parents.

Wednesday 27th—School Closes for Easter at 1pm.

PARENTS' PARKING PROMISE

Parking too near to school entrances puts children in danger

The area outside our school is busy in the morning and at the end of the school day. Parents who park close to entrances act irresponsibly, potentially placing children in danger. The 'School Keep Clear' Zig Zags should maintain an area free from parked cars. This allows children and parents walking in and out of school to cross safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic.

Using the car less would help reduce the congestion and danger

Many children are driven to school when they could easily walk part or all of the way. Walking has various benefits: it

- Helps keep children fit and healthy;
- Keeps the environment cleaner;
- Develops traffic awareness skills;
- Reduces traffic outside school at start and finish times.

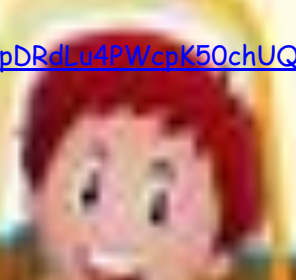
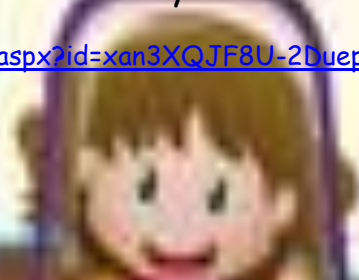
If you have to use a vehicle, use our Park and Stride areas

We have several areas around the school where you can park your car and have a 5 - 10 minute walk to school. This also helps keep congestion to a minimum around the school and helps the children to keep healthy and learn important traffic awareness skills.

- Turning circle on school site
- Jubilee Hall - a few spaces
- The layby on Aylesbury Road
- Bierton Recreation Ground
- The Red Lion Pub car park

Sign the Parents' Parking Promise and make your school a safer place

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Join in the celebration
and discover how you
can change your world by
changing your journey

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help your school win some fantastic prizes

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in the 15th year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11-22 March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact the office and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Literacy at Bierton

Author visit—KS1 and KS2

This week, in celebration of World Book Day, we had a visit from the author and illustrator Olaf Falafel. He shared with us parts of his book - Blobfish and showed us how to draw one of the characters in his other books. He told us lots of jokes and had us all laughing.



World Book Day - Bears, Books and Bedtime

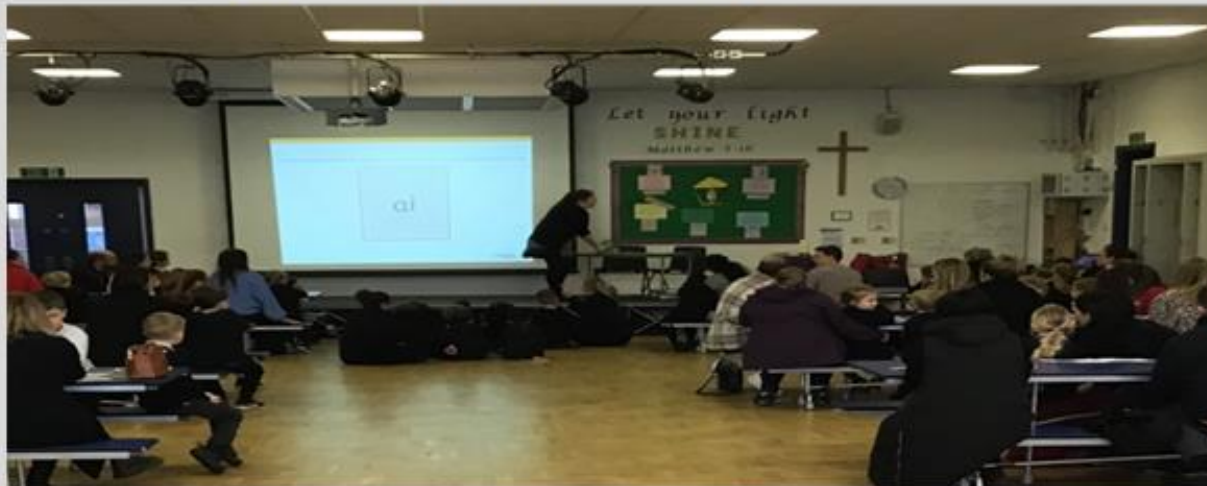
This year our theme was—Bears, Books and Bedtimes. It was great to see the designs for new story bears that some of the children created using their art and writing skills. On Thursday we spent time in class doing different activities to celebrate reading. Including quizzes, live events and making characters out of potatoes. We started the day with reading-buddies, where each class pairs with another class and they enjoy sharing a story together. At lunch time, there was a scavenger hunt on the playground. All the clues were hung around the playground, and the children could answer the book-themed questions to win a chance for a prize.



Phonics at Bierton



On Tuesday we held a parent workshop for year 1 parents. The children enjoyed their parents join in our phonics session.



What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is an informal test that children will need to complete at the end of year 1. During the test, which is designed to test their ability to decode words using their phonics knowledge, children will be required to read a mixture of 40 real and nonsense words. The phonics screening check is an important part of children's early phonics education.

How can you help your child with their reading progress?

- Read with your child, daily.
- Use the virtual classroom to reinforce the sounds taught at school.
- How to use the virtual class room ? <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fUctxyntf/9WOBECoz>
- Practise reading alien words using "special friend, Fred talk, read".

Maths at Bierton

Famous Mathematicians.

As our children are gaining a wider understanding of the world, we thought we would share some information about famous mathematicians.

Ada Lovelace



Key facts:

- Life: 1815- 1852
- Nationality: British
- Areas of expertise: Computing and algorithms

Achievements:

- Ada Lovelace was one of the first computer programmers.
- She is sometimes referred to as the 'Mother of Computing'.
- She wrote the first algorithm to be processed by a machine.
- Ada Lovelace's notes are important in the early history of computers.
- She realised that computers would be able to do more than just calculating or number-crunching.

Mathematical Concepts

Money

In an increasingly electronic orientated world, children are having less and less exposure to real money. Here are some ideas to help children become more familiar and confident with money:

- Handling money is an important part of gaining confidence around it. Start by letting them see and handle coins and notes.
- Talk about the values, similarities, and differences between different coins and notes.
- When out shopping, compare prices out loud or ask them to tell you the different prices of products.
- Encourage children to pay for items when you are out and about.
- Introduce the idea of saving for something they really want.
- Together, regularly count the money they've saved.

Shouts Outs!

Well done to the following children who have earned the most coins on either Numbots or TTRS in February.
You will get 5 dojos each!



	Numbots	TTRS
Reception	Alexander N	
Year 1	Oliver H	
Year 2	Tiyansh M	Tiyansh M
Year 3	Kuria L	Ajen P
Year 4	Rohan K	Saarang R
Year 5	Lilly S	Franek D
Year 6	Vinusan V	Shaivi H



Mental Health
Support Team
Buckinghamshire



MALE CARERS GROUP

Lets talk about: Strategies to Manage Common Childhood Behaviours

Session Overview:

- Arrival/general introductions
- Choices and Consequences
- Communication with our children/teenagers
- Increase confidence in managing child's behaviours
- Q & A/Feedback

Venue: Princes Risborough Family Centre
Wellington Avenue
Princes Risborough
Bucks, HP27 9HY
Time: 6.30pm - 8pm
Date: 21st March 2024

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Adults

Thursday 11th April

Children aged 6+

Sunday 28th April &
Thursday 2nd May



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