

Key Dates:

- 18th May—Electricity Workshop for Years 3+4
- 19th May—Electricity Workshop for Years 5+6
- 20th May—Reception Photographs
- 20th May—Year 6 Photographs
- 28th May—FOBS—Break the Rules Day.



Skipping Workshops

This week the children got to take part in a skipping workshop which produced a large amount of smiles and laughter. They were taught different techniques and skills suitable for their age with their individual skipping ropes and also practiced with the large French skipping method. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and children showing perseverance with different techniques. Attached are just a few of the photos that were captured across the workshops. Hopefully the children will be able to keep practising their skills with their own skipping ropes at home and even try and teach their friends and families some of the moves.





Notices

Date: 14th May 2021

Covid19

Earlier this week we shared with you information about a variant in the local area (Kingsbrook Estate) which is producing an increase in cases. Although all of Aylesbury received information from Buckinghamshire County, I also spoke directly with Public Health and the Health Protection Team to ensure that as a school we were doing anything we needed to. I was reassured, that it was believed, they have already contained the virus by isolating the initial people identified and their contacts. They also explained that the measures they are carrying out, of mass testing in Kingsbrook, is a precautionary to ensure that they have identified everyone. As a school we are being incredibly vigilant to ensure we keep our community as safe as possible. We do ask that if your child or a member of your household presents with any symptoms that you do isolate immediately and book a PCR Test just to be sure.

Masks in School—Although the Government Roadmap releases further restrictions from Monday, and schools are advised that they no longer are required to wear masks in classrooms, each school has to conduct its own risk assessment. Due to the local outbreak, **we have taken the decision to continue to wear masks in classrooms for the next couple of weeks** as an extra precautionary measure and will assess the risk again before half term.

If you or your child develop any of the symptoms it is vital that you book a PCR test and the whole family isolates immediately until they have received the results.

Although community LFD Tests are available and are useful for identifying anyone without any symptoms, it still remains essential that if you have any of the symptoms that it is a PCR test that you are required to take as LFD tests are not as accurate.

If you or your child develop any symptoms, please inform the school either by telephoning on 01296 483110 or by emailing the school office at office@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk

Please do not send your child to school if they have a temperature or cough. Book at PCR test and isolate immediately.

By continuing to work together we can ensure that we all keep our whole community as safe as possible.



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Eco Warriors

This week our Eco Warriors rounded up all the bottle caps that their peers had been collecting and bringing in to school. We had a large box to fill up in order to receive a brand new picnic bench. All the children and families have been really busy collecting and we have actually collected more bottle caps than will fit in the box. We estimate that we could have actually filled two boxes from all your collections! Congratulations!

As a result, our new picnic bench is being delivered to school next week and is made entirely of recycled material. Well done everyone!

A particular well done to Birch Class who collected the most bottle caps as a class and won a prize as a class! Well Done!





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Please could we remind all parents to continue to observe social distancing while queuing in the morning and at collection time. We completely appreciate that the queue is long at pick up but we do ask that everyone joins the end of the queue to respect those that have been waiting. We are dismissing the children as quickly as we can to you so that you can get on with the rest of your evening. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Coming Up Next Week

Next week, Key Stage 2 will experience their electricity workshops. A huge thank you for the Griffin Trust for paying for this event.

Years 3+4—The interactive workshop enables pupils to explore static electricity, explore circuit boards, make some circuits to power buzzers, calculators and clocks and get some commercial circuit boards to work.

Years 5+6—The Eco-Electricity workshop has been designed to excite children about electricity and teach them about the eco-friendly ways of generating electricity. All of the children will make circuits to power items such as calculators, clocks, buzzers, radios and lights. They will also do an investigation about the best way of making electricity to power these circuits. To do this, pupils will generate electricity using 3 renewable energy sources including electricity generated windmills, solar panels and making electricity from potatoes or citrus fruits.

We hope the children will come out buzzing after their sessions. We will share some photos of this event with you next week.



It is never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when they are, if we don't know what's happening on their devices. Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? If you need to find some answers, this website is a quick one stop place for lots of information.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>



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Times Table Rock Stars and NumBots Weekly Awards



Highest Number of Coins

1st: David L (Beech)

2nd: Kobi N (Cherry)

Passed the next stage:

Rust: Tommy C, Sophia S (Alder); Leo A, Eva C, Lindsey R (Ash);

Iron: Oscar E, Daniel M, Noah T (Alder); Genesis O (Ash);

Tin: Luke H, Mirthika P (Alder); Mithunika P (Ash);

Brass: Henry R (Blackthorn); Dylan J (Chestnut)

Copper: Neo D (Blackthorn)

Chrome: Kavinuyan K (Cedar)



Top Classes

(percentage of pupils using Times Table Rock Stars)

1st: Hawthorn

2nd: Cherry

Highest Number of Coins

1st: Chloe S (Hawthorn)

2nd: Riley O'H (Hawthorn)

Most Improved Studio Speed

1st: Finch G (Hawthorn)

2nd: Joseph S O (Hawthorn)