



News and Information

Date: 30th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone and that this is the last whole school newsletter of the year. Next week you will receive your last year group newsletter and then the following week will be our Safeguarding Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their incredible hard work throughout the year to ensure that the children at this school are provided with a wide range of opportunities and long lasting memories. I feel very privileged to work with such an incredible team who all want to ensure children and staff are given the opportunity to Let their Lights Shine! A massive thank you to them all!

I would also like to thank all of the core FOBS Team and our Governing Body for all their support for the school over the last year. All of these roles are voluntary but are really vital. Thank you for giving up so much of your time over the year and for all your efforts for the school.


Parents, I would like to thank you for supporting your children and attending our numerous open events throughout the year. We wanted to open the school back up following Covid, but we do promise to streamline these events a little for next year as we appreciate the difficulties it places on working parents. However, thank you for getting involved in events this year and enjoying a range of Art and Design activities with your children.

Finally, but definitely most importantly, I would like to thank all the children. You are what makes Bierton School such an amazing place to attend. Your smiling faces and determination to succeed as well as ensuring that no day is ever the same, make everything worth while! Thank you.

I hope you are all able to have a safe and enjoyable summer holidays when we get there. A time to rest, spend time with families and friends and reset before September.

Ms Martin

Headteacher



Key Dates coming up: July

Tuesday 4th—Transition Afternoon

Wednesday 5th—Transition Day all day

Wednesday 5th—District Athletics

Thursday 6th—Year 6 Games

Wednesday 12th—Years 5/6 Bikeability Course

Thursday 13th—Years 5/6 Bikeability Course

Thursday 13th—Bierton's Got Talent Finals

Thursday 13th—FOBS Disco

Friday 14th—Years 5/6 Bikeability Course.

Monday 17th—Year 6 School Leavers Party

Tuesday 18th—Run to the Coppice Event

Thursday 20th—Year 1 Colonel Custard Performance

Friday 21st—Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 21st—School Closes at 1pm for the summer.



This week, we welcomed, 7 year old sisters, Ruby and Suzy to our school community. They have settled in really well to their new environment. It has been an absolute delight to see the excitement in the children's faces, enthusiasm and care for our two new members. Ruby and Suzy have received plenty of visitors throughout break and lunchtimes and I have also seen several parents being dragged down to say hello at the end of the school day. It is lovely to see everyone making them feel welcome!

We are very honoured to have Ruby and Suzy join our community especially as Suzy is a TV Star! She has met Emma Bunting from the Spice Girls and been part of the Great British Bake Off Christmas Special a couple of years ago. Amazing!

Ruby and Suzy will be with us for a couple of weeks and then they will return to the Bucks Goat Centre for the Summer. So, if any children wish to see them over the summer you can visit the Bucks Goat Centre as a whole family and say hello to the two girls. They will then return back to us in September.



Bucks School Awards

This year, Bucks County have held the first Bucks Schools Awards. There were 12 categories which anyone in the Bucks Community could nominate a person or group of people for an award to celebrate the positive impact that schools make to children and young people across Buckinghamshire. There were 150 nominations received across the 12 categories. After two rounds of judging panels, the final three nominees for each category were invited to attend an award ceremony at Pinewood Studios.

We were over the moon to have three nominations make it to the final three across the whole of Bucks and be invited to the awards ceremony.

- ◆ Unsung Hero Category—Our Nursery Team - Mrs Tarling, Mrs Watt, Miss Croft-Mead, Miss Keeler and Mrs Inkley.
- ◆ Senior Leadership Team of the year for Primary Schools—Ms Martin, Mr Gadsby and Mrs Bramley
- ◆ Unsung Hero Category—Mrs Belardo



We are absolutely delighted to announce that Mrs Belardo won the Unsung Hero Award! Congratulations!

Mrs Belardo thoroughly deserves this award, she has lead on the OPAL lunchtime provision for the children and is constantly sourcing new pieces of equipment, contacting suppliers and organising the other members of the lunchtime team. In addition to this, she has also supported the school in sports day and also runs a weekly tennis club after school which the children thoroughly enjoy! Mrs Belardo is an incredible lady who has had such a huge impact on the children's experiences here at Bierton and we are super proud of her for winning this award! It is very well deserved!



Spectacular Summer Maths

Here are some suggestions on how to help your child learn and practise different maths skills over the summer break.

Games

Play a boardgame as a family. Your child can use the dice to practise subitising; you could play dominoes or play a card game.



Money

Let your child practise paying for items if you visit the shop. You could also look at the cost of items and see which is most expensive. Older children could look at discounts and compare prices.



Measurements

You child could practise measuring the length of objects or recording the height of different people in the family. They could also read recipes and practise measuring the ingredients using different equipment.



Reading timetables

If you're going on a journey, look at a bus or train timetable. Look at the departure times, arrival times and durations. You could also look at the different days of the week on a calendar.



Fractions

When preparing food or sharing equipment, you could reinforce different fractions. If you visit the beach, you could try filling half of a bucket with sand or filling half a glass with liquid.



Older children could look at items that may be discounted by a certain percentage.



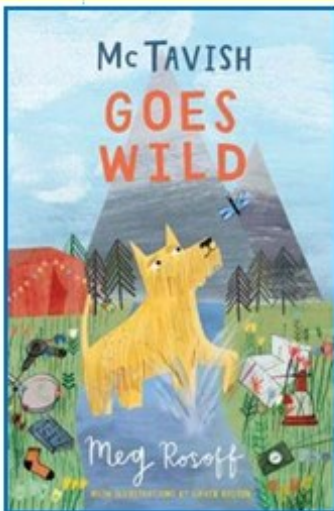
Time

Practise telling the time. This could be reading an analogue or digital clock, or you could practise calculating time differences by seeing how long different foods take to cook.



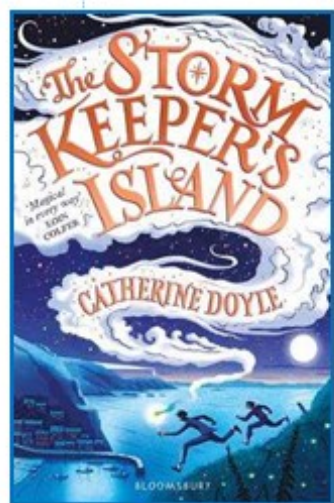
Literacy at Bierton

There is little better than relaxing on holiday with a good book! Whether you are going away or staying at home, reading on a restful summer's day is one of the best things about the holidays! Here are some of our summer reading



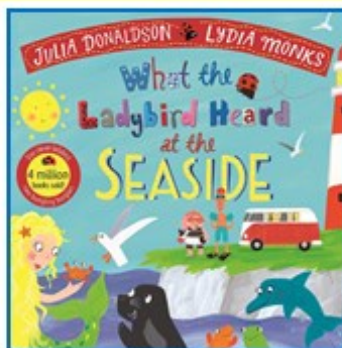
Younger chapter book

The Peachey family have a rescue dog called McTavish - but little do they know that McTavish is pretty sure he's there to rescue THEM from constant squabbling! So when the family decide to go camping, McTavish is very pleased. Not only does this mean that he can tag along on holiday too, but he'll get the chance to put his plans into action and bring the family closer together.



Older chapter book

Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and magic safe from enemies. It is time for Fionn's grandfather to step down and soon a new keeper will arise. But deep underground something waits and sinister magic is waking up ...



Picture book

Join everyone's favourite crime-busting ladybird on a trip to the seaside! With a cast of wonderful sea creatures, including a magical mermaid, and plenty of beach fun!

Summer Writing Activities!

The summer is also a great time for children to continue developing their writing by using their skills in different ways.

- 1) Write a diary entry for a brilliant day out, or even for a holiday you go on! Illustrate your diary with pictures to help you remember a wonderful summer's day forever!
- 2) Send a postcard! You can send a postcard from your holiday or somewhere you visit to a member of your family - Grans and Grandads love getting postcards! You can even send a postcard to yourself as a souvenir of your time away.
- 3) Write down a summer recipe! The holidays are often a great opportunity to cook and eat delicious food. Summer is full of tasty salads, barbeques and sweet puddings. Why not write down a new recipe, it could be the start of your very own recipe book - next stop, Masterchef!
- 4) Write a summer adventure story! Use your imagination to explore spooky lighthouses, battle ice cream monsters, discover a desert island or create a picture book about a day at the park.

We would love to see your summer writing when you come back in September.



Reception Trip to Mead Open Farm

On Thursday 15th June, Reception had their very first school trip to Mead Open Farm. We were lucky enough to take part in a bunny hop, tractor ride and pony grooming.

When we were not taking part in the activities we had the opportunity to explore the farm in our groups.

We had great fun in the Topsy Turvey Towers and the jumping pillows. We finished our day in the indoor soft play, the adults all had great fun whizzing down the slides and running around with the children. We were incredibly proud of the behaviour of the children and we had lots of comments from other farm visitors about how respectful and kind Reception were. We had an amazing time and we thoroughly enjoyed our adventures in the sun.





Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo - 28th June 2023

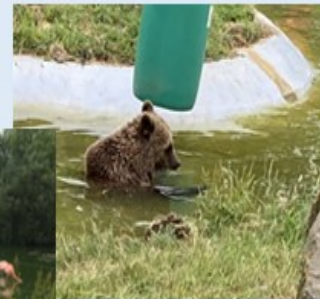
On Wednesday Year 1 had a very exciting school trip to Whipsnade Zoo.

As part of our Science topic 'All about animals' we wanted to have real world experience seeing a range of different animals and listen to the zoo keepers talks to learn more.

Is a penguin
a bird if it
can't fly?



Elephants are
the largest
land mammal.



A giraffes long
neck help it
reach the leaves
in the trees.



The children visited all three main areas of the zoo; Asia, Africa, and Europe. We discussed the different habitats that the animals live in and how they have adapted to be suited for their environment.

Year 2 Multi-skills tournament

On Wednesday this week year 2 were treated to a range of sporting activities at Cottesloe school. These tested our flexibility, agility, stamina and resilience and the year 2 children responded in typical fashion with energy, curiosity and enthusiasm. It was lovely to see them try out different activities that were all run by the year 9 students. To mark the end of an exciting morning the children returned to school in a double-decker bus; with many raising their arms above their head as we sailed around the bends in true roller-coaster fashion!



Year 3/4 Residential

The year the Year 3/4 residential was at Caldecott Lake in Milton Keynes. The children took part in a range of activities including paddle boarding, climbing, bush craft and high all aboard. We were so impressed with how resilient the children were and how brave there were when faced with a new activity. The children were also fantastic at supporting and encouraging each other on the different activities.



Art Exhibition

The Bierton Art exhibition was a resounding success, with children from nursery to year six, showcasing their unique artistic talents! The children's paintings covered a variety of themes around flowers and hedgerows inspired by the British artist Ann Blockley. The work for the exhibition encouraged the children to use skills they had already learnt from their art lessons and apply them in a different way.

The event was enjoyed by all pupils and staff who had the opportunity to visit the gallery in the afternoon. The reaction on the children's faces when they saw their framed artwork was magical and the fact that they were keen to find other friends or siblings' artwork in different year groups.

In the afternoon we also had four brilliant children from year 5, Sienna, Millie, Kavinuyan and Jack, who helped guide children to their artwork and answer any questions they had about the gallery.

After school the children had a great time proudly showing their artwork to their parents, with many parents saying how much they enjoyed their visit. We sold an impressive 170 pieces of art, so a huge thank you for supporting this event and helping raise funds for the school.

'I've helped lots of people today!' Millie (Art Guide)

'I wanted to create something abstract.' Scarlett from Sycamore

'I like this one it's like a rainbow.' Arthur from Nursery





'I love all the lovely birds and flowers.' Ollie from Birch

'I'm really enjoying this! I like all the lovely textures.' Riley from Cedar

'I have enjoyed looking at peoples artwork and seeing how creative they all were.' Kavinuyan (Art Guide)

'I like all the different colours.' Leo from Ash



BRIDGE the GAP

We were visited yesterday by our friends from 'Bridge the Gap' who did an assembly with the whole school to remind the children about all the amazing work they are doing. As we know food banks are in greater demand than ever with more and more families turning to them for help during the cost of living crisis. We have supported this charity for harvest donations in the past but would like to expand our provision and create a collection point. From next week, we will be leaving a container out by the main entrance of the school (see picture below). If you are able, please consider sending in a item or two from time to time to help support our local community.

Many thanks in advance.

