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Be Adventurous Be Ambitious Be Curious Be Kind

Date: 26th April 2024

Newsletter

Dear Families,

The children have made a good start to the summer term. This is an important term where children traditionally make great progress and consolidate what they have learnt over the year. Please can I ask that you carefully consider the impact any missed days has on children in such a packed curriculum. Remember, every day in school counts! The Summer term is always a busy one; 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 to everyone who attended the curriculum meetings this week. There was a much bigger turnout to the online meetings which were implemented in response to requests from parents due to work and childcare commitments. If you were not able to attend the meeting, the presentations are available on our website.

We had a whole school focus on Earth Day on Monday. The theme this year is "Planet versus Plastics", highlighting plastic's harm to human and biodiversity health, and setting a goal of reducing the production of plastics by 60% with an ultimate goal of building a plastic-free future for generations to come. If you want to learn more and get involved in the campaign, please go to this website : <https://www.earthday.org/>



Badbury Park children are taking part in the Blue Kite art project for 2024. The theme this year is 'Journey' and we have been following the journey of an art skill from inspiration to final product. Our artworks have been based on Liddington Hill as it's such a familiar landmark for Badbury Park and has encouraged fantastic discussion and ambitious work. Each year group has created a board for display and the pieces will be on display at North Swindon Library from 3rd May. Please go and visit if you are able, we're sure you will be very impressed!



Just a reminder that if your child has been offered a place in our Reception from September you will need to accept the place either via the link on your offer or by emailing: schooladmissions@swindon.gov.uk

Have a good weekend

Mrs Dance

Nursery Apple Tree have been reading the story of the Tiger Who Came to Tea - we can't believe he ate all the food! We have been retelling the story in our home corner with a HUGE tin of tiger food.

For our art, we were first curious, looking at the picture 'Tiger in a tropical storm' by Henri Rousseau, thinking about what we could see and how it made us feel. We then made our own jungle and tiger artwork inspired by this picture and compared the two. We think our art was very ambitious and we are very proud.

In PE the children were equally ambitious, challenging themselves to take part in the Mini Marathon. We also used the big apparatus in the hall and were very impressed with their confidence in trying new things.



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Reception: We had a very exciting start to the week...Fire fighters and a fire engine came to Badbury Park! We carefully listened to the different jobs fire fighters do and what to do in an emergency: smoke rises so we need to stay low and if we are in the water make a star shape because it helps you float. We then got to look inside the fire engine, learn about the different equipment fire fighters need and finally we got to pretend to drive the fire engine!



This term we have started forest school with Mrs B. We went on a rope train and used magnifying glasses to identify different plants and flowers. We have been using binoculars to spot birds, listening carefully for different bird calls and trying to identify them and we went on a minibeast hunt. In phonics we have been reading real words and pretend words with the help of some aliens, dragons and pirates. The children love playing these games on PhonicsPlay and you can access them at home!

KS1 Year 1 have had a busy week. We have been learning about Richard Jefferies in History. The children enjoyed exploring the field for natural materials to connect with nature. They then created a beautiful collage.



We have also been taking part in the mini marathon, each day the children have been completing 7 laps of the school playground. They have done a fantastic job.



Year 2 had a very special visit this week from fire officers and they gave us a fantastic fire safety session where we even got to sit in the fire engine! We have been walking/running 7 laps of our daily mile as part of our mini marathon - what great encouragement we have all given each other to make it to the end of the 7 laps. In maths, we have come to the end of our mass, capacity and temperature unit and have learnt lots of mathematical vocabulary such as 'volume', 'capacity' and 'degrees Celsius'.



KS2 Year 3 have started our new history topic on local brick making, looking at and comparing houses from Quarry Road and local houses in Badbury Park. In PSHE we have been thinking about exercise and this week have been walking/ running 7 laps of our daily mile as part of our mini marathon challenge. We had some special visitors in from Ridgeway School to teach us for our languages lesson.



This fortnight, Year 4 have really been focusing our efforts on learning and re-learning our times tables. We are getting very good at these and are beginning to answer our times tables more accurately as a result. Thank you to all families that are supporting at home with this. Remember to encourage your child to play at least 3 minutes a day. Willow Tree class also enjoyed a trip to the Badbury Park library. We have all become more familiar with how the library is set up and have brought a book back to school. Our minds were blown when we learned that we could borrow up to 16 books with no charge! An important part of the day was learning about road safety as part of 'Beep Beep Day' and how to cross the road safely. We were then curious about how we travel to school and made a human bar chart showing our modes of transport. Well done to all of you that scoot, cycle and walk. For our families that drive we talked about parking further away from school when time allows and still having a short walk.



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Infant voice festival



Wed 10 - Thu 11 Jul 2024

Infant Voice Festival

Wyvern Theatre

Thank you for all your interest in KS1 choir. We have lots of children who are keen to join us and emails will have been sent to these parents with ticket information. We still have some spaces to work towards a performance at the Wyvern Theatre as part of the Infant Voice Festival. If your child is interested in taking part, please let the office know.

Tickets should be available from Friday 26th April via the Wyvern box office: www.trafalgartheatres.com/venues/wyvern-theatre

Our performance is Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm.

TCS Mini London Marathon 24 + Wiltshire Street Cricket

We are super proud of all of our students for their efforts in completing the TCS Mini London Marathon this week. All students ran 0.52 miles per day (7 laps of our daily mile track), totalling 2.6 miles across the week – promoting health, fitness and exercise across all ages.

All students had an assembly led by Mrs Christmas to discuss what the London Marathon is, show what the normal route would look like and also look at some of the amazing fancy dress costumes wore in London each year. The engagement we've seen from all children has been amazing, they have all earned themselves a certificate for their participation and the school will also receive a trophy for taking part.



Wiltshire
Cricket

We are also very lucky and excited to have Wiltshire Cricket visiting our school next Friday for an engagement day, to deliver some sessions for our Year 1-4 students.

Please ensure, as always, that your child has a named PE kit in school.



Our **school website** contains a wealth of information where you will find the answer to most general queries. The website is constantly updated and contains not only information about day-to-day practical subjects (school lunches, clubs, uniform etc.) but also class information under the individual class tab (with phonics and maths booklets), Internet safety guides, school policies and much more— <https://www.badburyparkprimary.co.uk>

After School Club: we have had a few queries recently regarding booking after school club. Just a reminder that the "Big A" now manage and run our childcare after school club and parents should contact them directly <https://www.thebigclub.co.uk/> or Telephone 07832 304452



Bikes & Scooters: it has been fantastic to see an increase in children scooting or cycling to school. Please make sure that your child's bike or scooter is stored safely in the bikes stores and do not allow them to cycle or scooter around the front of the school and rear playground.

Despite being in 'summer' term, the weather is still very unpredictable. Please ensure your child has a coat in school every day so they can enjoy their breaks outside.

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Travel to



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Our school promotes walking and cycling because...

The school's objective is for everyone to become more active. Walking or cycling to school, even for just part of the journey, will count towards increasing your daily exercise.

Latest research shows that being active can help your child increase their levels of achievement. By walking or cycling the school community can help reduce the number of vehicles on the road and the daily congestion outside our school and surrounding area, especially during school start and finish times. It will also make travelling in our local area safer and healthier for everyone.

Why walk to school

Walking is a great way to get to school. You get plenty of fresh air and time to talk to your family. Maybe you could arrange to meet up with other families and walk with your friends. You can also talk to them about road safety and awareness on the journey.

Walking can be a good way to gather your thoughts and get you ready for the start of the school day, or 'unwind' after school. Remember, if you are walking you are exercising, which is also good news for your health.

Walking helps your children arrive at school wide awake and ready to learn.

10 REASONS TO WALK

It's a fun way to travel

Gives me more time to be with my friends

Makes me more independent

In the morning helps me wake up and be more alert for lessons

Helps me 'unwind' after a busy school day

It will help me become healthier and fitter

Creates a cleaner, less noisy environment

Makes the local area near school safer as there are less cars

Saves money on fuel costs

Lets me find out more about my local area

Please help us reduce traffic and congestion near the school by walking, scooting or cycling.



If you do have to come by car, consider parking 10 minutes away and walking the last part of the journey (the blue isochrone indicates a 10-minute walk).

We're committed to encouraging a healthy lifestyle; walking, cycling or scooting to school is a great way for children to start the day with some exercise.

Visit www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/travel-to-school/

Park & Stride

It may not be possible for you to walk all the way from your home to school, but it may be very worthwhile to walk at least some of the way.



Avoid the stress of trying to park outside the school gates by parking a little further away from school and walking the rest of the way. Use this map to find somewhere to park at least five minutes away from school so that you can build some exercise into your day.

Walking is also good for the environment, helping to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

Swap four wheels for two; cycle or scoot

Riding a bike or scooter to school is one of the best forms of exercise for young people.

Cycling and scooting helps your child easily build physical activity into their daily routine.

Choosing 'two wheels over four' can potentially reduce fuel costs by more than £400 a year!

Physical activity supports brain power and performance in class.

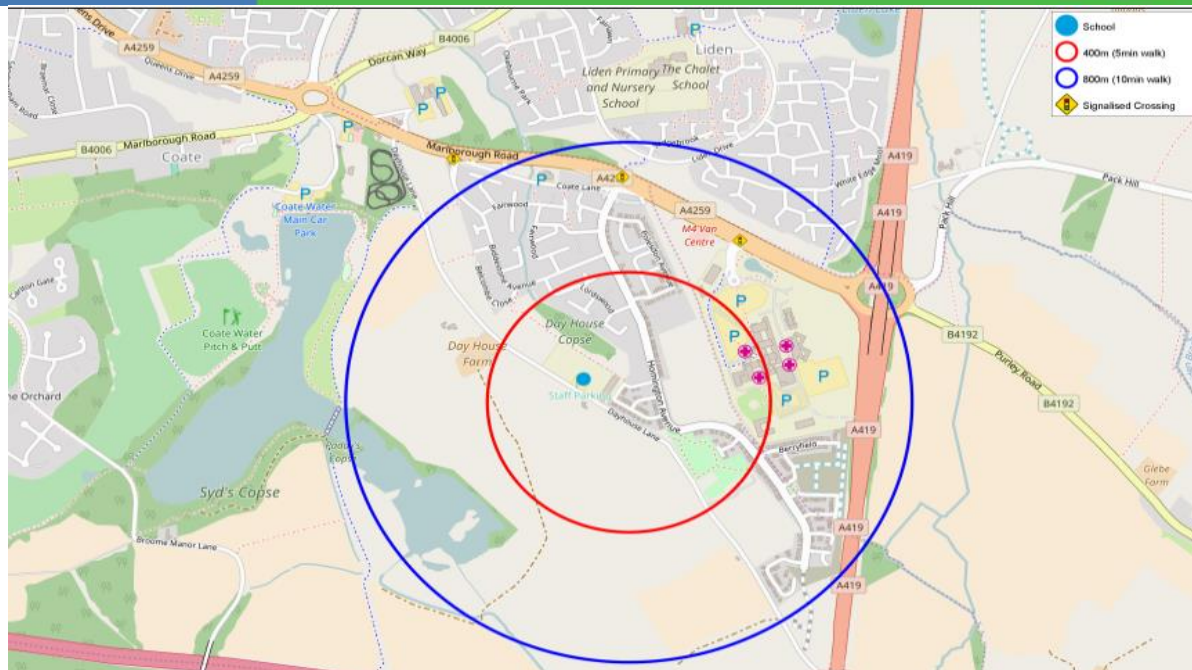
Get involved

Everyone can work together to help our children and young people become more active and alert before school. It can help to boost educational achievement and attainment levels – the benefits of becoming active on the journey to and from school are huge!

Why not download the Living Streets 'Family Walk to School Kit' http://bit.ly/walk_kit for step-by-step tips for stress-free walks and safer streets.



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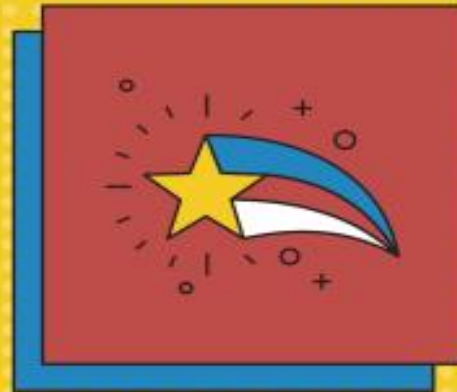
IT'S BACK! FUND RAISIN' CHALLENGE 2024



Each child will receive a box of raisins just before the half term holiday.

The challenge is to eat the raisins, then fill the box with as much money as you can before 7th June 2024.

All proceeds will go towards an end of year treat for all pupils!



Prizes for the top 3 fundraisers, as well as the class that raises the most money!

TIME TO START THINKING OF IDEAS!

chores for change - dog walking - toy sale - bake sale - sponsored run - sell your art - car washing - or something else!

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School Diary

April 2024

15th: Children return to school for term 5
15th School Safe Zone begins
22nd: Curriculum meetings for all year groups—5pm
24th : “Beep, beep” day. Road safety practice

May 2024

6th: Bank holiday (school closed)
14th: Year 1 to Richard Jefferies Museum
15th: Vision Screening (Reception classes)
23rd: FOBBP End of Term treat & Uniform sale
24th: Last day of term 5
May half term—Fund Raisin’ challenge

June 2024

3rd: Teacher training day (school closed)
4th: Children return for term 6
8th: FOBBP Craft De-stash sale
w/c 10th: Phonics screening check (Y1)
12th: Meeting for parents of new Reception starters (6.30pm)
14th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)
14th:FOBPPS special person Male/Father’s day
18th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)
19th: Meeting for parents of new nursery children (6.30pm)
20th: Class group photos
21st :Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
29th : Summer Fair

July 2024

1st: Sports week commences
2nd : Apple Tree sports and picnic from 10am
2nd: Jonathan’s Jungle Roadshow in school
3rd: Yew, Maple, Hazel and Willow Sports day from 1.30pm
4th: Ash, Oak, Beech and Pine Sports day from 1.30pm
8th: Teacher training day (school closed)
9th: Jonathan’s Jungle Roadshow in school
12th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)
12th: Reports to parents
16th:Class swap afternoon
17th: Years 2, 3 and 4 performance
25th: End of term