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Be Adventurous Be Ambitious Be Curious Be Kind

Date: 14th June 2024

# Newsletter

Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome parents of children joining us in September on Wednesday and at the first "stay & play" session today; slides from the presentation are available on our website (under the parents tab and then "school induction") if you were not able to attend. We look forward to seeing you again at the next "stay and play" session on Tuesday 25th June. Our welcome meeting for parents with children joining our nursery in September takes place on Wednesday 19th June.

Myself and Mrs Tkocz are extremely proud of our Year 4 children who were invited to attend Lawn Manor Secondary School on Wednesday for a morning of primary school sports with children from other local primary schools. They were a credit to Badbury Park, displaying confidence, good manners and a general positive attitude. What a great introduction to secondary school life!

Behaviour on school site: please can I ask all parents to show respect to one another on school site. Please be kind. If there are concerns please do report this to myself or another member of staff rather than speaking direct to other parents. As a school we can not police behaviour outside of school and we urge parents to speak to the police if they have worries or concerns.

Thank you to Friends of Badbury Park Primary for arranging a pop-up shop today to celebrate the special men in the children's lives—I hope you all have an enjoyable day on Sunday.

Please find attached the 2024-2025 academic calendar showing term dates, school holidays and teacher development days.

Enjoy your "Big Wild Weekend" (see page 3)!

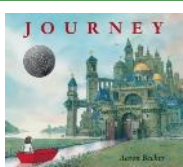
Mrs Dance



**Nursery:** Apple Tree have continued their fantastic learning into Term 6. This week we were very excited to have some special visitors in. Our local PCSOs came to speak to the children about all the different ways that they can help us be safe, from crossing the road to finding our grown ups if we get lost. We even got to sit in the police car!



Our children have been very interested in volcanos this year so we made our own! First we used papier-maché to form our volcano, then we took it on our welly walk to make the lava! We observed how mixing ingredients could make it all bubbly.



**Reception:** This term we have been reading the book Journey by Aaron Becker which tells the story of a little girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall to transport her on a wonderful journey. We've used our creative thinking to imagine where we might be taken if we drew our own magic door.



Alongside our literary adventures, we've been busy exploring our outdoor learning environment. We searched for snails and created homes for them and we took our clipboards with us on our welly walk to make notes of all the wildlife we discovered. There was lots of activity in the arts and crafts station as we made cupcakes from recycled materials and tissue paper. In maths, we used number lines and 100 squares to help us count to 20 and 100, whilst looking for number patterns.



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## KS1



First of all, Y1 teachers would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents for working hard at home with their children in preparation for Phonics Screener. The children excelled this week and have made us all very proud! In Maths, we have been exploring numbers 50-100 using number lines and 100 squares. We partitioned two digit numbers into



10s and 1s and used inequality symbols ( $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$ ) to compare them. The children enjoyed making smoothies in DT. They designed beautiful vibrant labels for their cups and practised skills of cutting, chopping, peeling and grating when preparing the ingredients! Some children were quite adventurous and chose celery sticks and beetroots for their smoothies. We hope children will be able to use this knowledge and the learnt skills at home! Last but not least we would like to thank Wiltshire Police for visiting us and telling us all about their job and how they help our community



We have already been busy for our final term in Year 2! In English we explored the outside area to look for signs of Summer, thinking about the use of describing adjectives which we used to write our own acrostic poems. We have been finishing our sewing DT project. We have had to have a lot of patience, particularly when the thread comes out of the needle! We started by designing what we wanted our final piece to look like then we practised a running stitch before moving on to making our textiles. They look incredible! We have also been singing 2 songs 'feelings' and 'boundaries' during circle time to help us understand different feelings and our own boundaries.



**KS2** Y3 maths took place outside this week for our unit on statistics. We completed outdoor activities such as long jump and running relays where we then recorded our scores in order to create our own pictograms and bar charts. We have also been busy making Father's Day cards with levers and sliders. In English, we have enjoyed writing our own acrostic poems about the Summer, including adjectives, alliteration and similes.



This week has been a real highlight as we have been making the most of our learning outside. I want to make a special mention about our fantastic Year 4s and their impeccable conduct at Lawn Manor Secondary School this week. One of the PE staff enjoyed our school so much she chose to come and spend time with the children and play games with them. She commented on them having great energy. Here we are in our activities at Lawn and also identifying plants and animals in science.



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## WIRE award

Here at Badbury we have been working hard as a school to be as inclusive as possible and learning about the differences in the world around us. Swindon SACRE have recognised our efforts as a school in our Religious Education offer and all the fantastic learning opportunities that have happened this year and we have received a WIRE award (widening inclusivity in religious education). We are all so proud of our hard work and learning.



## Badbury Park School Council



The School Councillors are committed to do their best for our school and they went on a litter pick around school to check if our school grounds were free of litter.

They were brilliant and they did notice that there was more litter in the front of the school than at the back.



So please do remember to put all your litter in the bins and be careful with any packaging from items bought at the shop or taken to the park as they often end up caught in the fences at school.



## Big Wild Weekend—14th-16th June

Join the Wildlife Trusts in celebrating nature. Each year during 30 Days Wild, the Big Wild Weekend sees Wildlife Trusts across the country holding special events to bring people closer to the natural world.

Swindon Wildlife group are organising a guided walk in Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's newest nature reserve, Great Wood, a large ancient woodland in Grittenham, on Sunday 16th June, 10.00am-1pm. For more information and to book, contact Robin Griffiths 07761 290725 [robswildlife@googlemail.com](mailto:robswildlife@googlemail.com)

There are also some free online events that you can get involved with including "How to Build a Butterfly spa" on Saturday 15th June and a "Big Wild Family Quiz" on Sunday 16th June.

Click [here](#) for further details

**BIG WILD WEEKEND**

a #30DaysWild Celebration  
**14-16 June**

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## EARLY YEARS HEALTH ADVICE SERVICE

We offer education and guidance to families in a fun and interactive way to support well-being across various topics including Minor Illnesses, Healthy Diet, Weight Control, Exercise, Weaning, Cost of Living and Smoking Cessation.

### OUR SERVICES

#### STAY AND PLAY

Visit any of our sessions for educational information on a range of topics, access to additional services and support, fun activities for you and your children.



#### HEALTHY DIET

- Healthy Food and Access
- Nutritional Information
- How to make Healthy Snacks
- Junk Food
- Budgeting Quality Food
- Weight Management
- Exercise



#### MINOR ILLNESS

- Immunisations
- Which Service When?
- Dentist before One
- Temperature
- Meningitis and Sepsis
- First Aid at Home



#### DROP IN SESSIONS

Come and see us for a quick chat at different GP Surgeries, Health Visitor Clinics, Local Baby and Toddler Groups, Community Centres and Churches. Please see our Facebook page or pop us an email to see where you can find us next.



#### BUSY HANDS CLUB

Come and join us for Busy Hands Club. We have practical activities to join in with your children. Calm your mind and learn new skills and hobbies.



#### WEANING AND NUTRITION

- Weaning : What, When and How?
- Safe Weaning: Gagging and Choking
- Ready for Weaning Signs
- Allergies and Intolerances
- Nutritional Value
- Oral Care



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# School Diary

## 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  
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)**  
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

### Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

‡ Monday 8th July 2024

### Teacher Training Days 2024/2025

‡ Monday 2nd & 3rd September 2024

‡ Monday 6th January 2025

‡ Monday 24th February 2025

‡ Tuesday 22nd April 2025

‡ Thursday 24th July 2025