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# Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another half term, I am in the process of finalising timetables and staffing structures for the new academic year and will share this at the end of next month; children will meet their new teachers and support staff on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please be reassured that all decisions will be made carefully and with the children at heart.

I hope you will support Friends of Badbury Park fundraising initiative by encouraging your child to fill the raisin box that they have all been given —please see page 6 for more details. I look forward to finding out after half term which class has raised the most!



As part of South Swindon in Bloom, the school has been invited to take part in the RHS South West in Bloom Children's Painting Competition. This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Britain in Bloom competition and to celebrate this special milestone year, the RHS have chosen the theme of "friendship". The RHS would like paintings to reflect and celebrate how community gardening in our area brings people

together, and for friendships to blossom through Bloom. The competition is open to 7-11 year olds so if your child would like to enter a painting for consideration, please submit them by **Wednesday 5th June**; the school will hold a vote on which is to be submitted to the competition.

Would you like to work in our amazing school? We are looking for midday staff from September—please see page 3 for details or speak to someone in the school office.

Have a lovely sunny (fingers crossed) bank holiday weekend. Don't forget, school is closed for half term from 27th May—2nd June, and Monday 3rd June is a teacher development day. We look forward to seeing all the children again on **Tuesday 4th June**, refreshed and ready to engage with all the learning activities planned for the long term 6.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Dance



<u>Nursery:</u> Apple Tree went on our first visit this week. We were very ambitious and walked to the Badbury Park library. All of the children enjoyed reading stories and we loved hearing about how many of them had already visited with their adult. We have lots of fantastic readers in Apple Tree! Everyone had lots of ideas to share and we found some exciting new stories to borrow for our classroom.

We have been re-reading one of our favourite stories in the class, thinking about our emotions. We used our big Colour Monster to sort the different colours and talk about what calm and happy feel like in our bodies. We have also been inventing some new songs based on our story of the week. This week we had 5 Spiky Gruffalos jumping on the bed!













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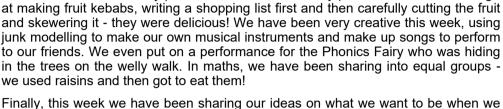
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Reception: What a busy few weeks we have had! We had a paramedic visit us, teaching us how to put on a bandage, take your blood pressure and how to carefully put someone in the recovery position. Then we had a go





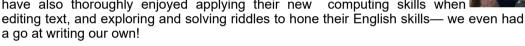






Finally, this week we have been sharing our ideas on what we want to be when we grow up and we have got some very ambitious children in Ash Tree and Oak Tree. We have got future lawyers, doctors, singers, paramedics, police officers, shop workers, truck drivers, builders, the list is endless!

**KS1** Y1 enjoyed their visit to Richard Jefferies Museum, learning interesting facts about his life and work. In maths, we have been learning about describing positions and engaged in lots of hands-on learning to consolidate our understanding. In science, we have been busy with our Plant Diaries, observing and recording the growth of the vegetables we planted. Children have also thoroughly enjoyed applying their new computing skills when







In year 2 we have been busy with our DT project practising our sewing skills. We learnt



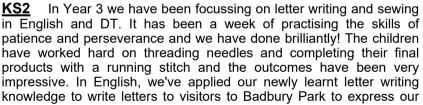






how to do a running stitch and have designed and made fabric

tiles. We have enjoyed our outdoor science lesson this week where we made microhabitats on the field, thinking about what would be needed for different living things to survive.









thanks for enriching our curriculum. We were also thankful to the local historians who visited Year 2 and 3 and enriched our knowledge on our local study of Swindon brickworks.





This fortnight Y4 have been looking at metaphor poems in our English lessons. We looked at the poem Hope by Emily Dickinson (inspired by what flew out of Pandora's Box). We have explored the metaphor of the bird used to represent hope, invented our own Hope poem and responded in outdoor learning to the concept of the 'chillest land'. You will be able to see the Northern Lights are





represented in quite a few! Meanwhile, in PE, we have been learning to play small team games and using our Badbury Values in playing kindly and fairly. We will be continuing with these skills next term as we get ready for our Sports Day and Sports Week. Next term we will be having Forest School weekly so please make sure wellies, waterproofs, sunhats and suncream are with the children daily.



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### Lockdown

As you may know, we had our first lockdown practise last week. The children were gently briefed that sometimes we may need to stay inside school as opposed to leave school for a fire drill. The teachers briefed the children about what the signal would be (a whistle) and that they should either stay inside and have a story or come in from outside and have a story.



To keep what can be an alarming situation age appropriate, we use the analogy of an 'unknown dog on the playground'. We explain that if we didn't know the dog we wouldn't know if it was safe/friendly, so we stay inside until the dog has gone. All children were very understanding and acted incredibly sensibly and calmly. We ensured our practice was on a day when all staff were in so that there was optimum support available. The support staff lock the door and pull down the blinds as part of the drill but the lights are still on and this is not unusual to the children as blinds are often drawn.

Invacuation might be required if:

- There is local air pollution due to a nearby fire or chemical release.
- There is a dangerous animal (usually a dog or fox) in the grounds.
- There is an incident or civil disturbance in the area that might affect the school.

Lockdown might be implemented if:

- There is an aggrieved, disturbed or intoxicated person trying to gain access to the school (this could be a parent or a stranger).
- There is an intruder on the site.
- There is an internal threat from a student.

As with our termly fire drills we do need to practice these procedures; whilst in primary schools these incidents are very rare, they can and do happen and as a school we must practise with all staff and all children to keep our school safe. We made the decision not to notify parents of the date as experience has shown heightened anxiety leading up to the drill and an unrealistic outcome as pupils knew it was coming. Our children knew it would be practiced and what it would look like but not the exact date. Staff are also not notified of the exact day or time.



#### Midday Supervisory Assistant vacancy

We are seeking to recruit someone to join our team from September as a Midday Supervisory Assistant. MDSAs play a vital role in providing an enjoyable lunch break for our pupils with key responsibilities including the supervision of pupils to ensure the safety, general welfare and behaviour management of pupils; you will also be required to help in setting up tables in the dinner hall and clearing away after the meal.

This role may suit someone who enjoys working with children and has a few spare hours a week, or alternatively someone who maybe considering a career with children and would like to acquire some experience in an educational environment as a pre-cursor to developing their future prospects.

### Why Work for us?

We are a welcoming and supportive school with strong values and a caring ethos. Our staff are a hardworking team dedicated to helping children succeed and we have a supportive leadership team and wider school community. We offer excellent training and career opportunities, a competitive salary with scope for progression, a commitment to nationally agreed pay and terms, an excellent pension scheme, child care vouchers, free car parking, free staff health and well-being support, and a discount scheme for local shops.

The hours of work will be Monday-Friday, 11.30-13.30, term time only with a salary of £11.61 per hour.

If you are interested in applying please request an application form from the school office.



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Little Voices We were very proud to hear that two Badbury Park Primary school pupils recently took their LAMDA exams with "Little Voices, Swindon" and achieved a distinction—Quite the accolade!

Katie Year 3- LAMDA Group Musical Theatre Entry Grade - Distinction (86%) (Annie)

Sofia Year 1 - LAMDA Group Introductory Stage 1 - Distinction (95%) (If I were King, by A.A.Milne)

These exams are fantastic for building confidence, teamwork and oracy skills and also reinforce their reading skills. Each week the older ones in particular are reading scripts and lyrics, working on characterisation, group interaction, projection, diction using musical theatre as the medium, whilst the younger ones do lots of work on diction, projection, expression through favourite storybooks such as the Gruffalo, We're going on a bear hunt and learn to sing songs from Disney etc.

If you think your child would be interested in joining Little Voices, please contact Lex directly.





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#### Liahthouse

We are attaching the latest Lighthouse newsletter this week. It contains useful information about upcoming events, top tips and half term ideas. Do take a look.



# **NURSERY ADMISSIONS** SEPTEMBER 2024



WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO COME AND VISIT US!

## Open House - Monday 3rd June 3.30-4.15pm

All 3 and 4 year olds are enititled to a free nursery place from the start of the term following their third birthday

30 hours funded places may be available.

Purpose-built school environment focused on outdoor and child-led learning.

Teacher-led sessions

An enabling environment allows children to be adventurous and curious through open-ended exploration and discovery

> IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENQUIRE ABOUT AVAILABILITY, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AND EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

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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 elsel

Saturday **8th June**, sees our first Craft Destash sale for all you artsy craftsy people out there, If you need a clear out of that wool stash. pass on unfinished projects you just can't round to, paper crafting, stamping, beading etc. please email us to book a table, pop along and support us on the day, we'll have tea and homemade cakes on sale too.



The Fund Raisin challenge is back! let's see if we can beat last vear's total: we've got some amazing treats in store for the top "raisiners", top class and whole school, the more we raise the better it will be. Boxes will go out prior to half term and need to be back by 7th June



Saturday 8th June 2024 1:00pm - 3:30pm

BADBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOO RAINSCOMBE ROAD, SN3 6ER

SELLERS: £10 PER TABLE **BUYERS: £1 ENTRY, CHILDREN FREE** 

To book a table, please contact us: friendsofbadburyparkprimary@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!





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TO BOOK A SPACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT VDAVID@BLUEKITETRUST.ORG OR GWOLLEN@BLUEKITETRUST.ORG

Follow our instgram page for dates of other courses and general family life tips on @lighthouse\_bluekitetrust



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### **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)

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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

8tth: 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