

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

13th October 2023

School Value for the Term: Teamwork

This week we have had assessment week in Year 3 to 5. This will give teachers a baseline of what the children can do and what the children need support with. We are using a new assessment system this year, PIXL, this is so we can be more forensic in our approach to teaching, learning and assessment. This is a key part of our school improvement plan this year. The system also allows us to compare with cohorts around the country using this system. Our Year 6's started this process in September and the results have been received this week. We were able to compare ourselves with 494 other schools and we are very similar to other cohorts around the country – with our Year 6 cohort being above in reading and significantly above in arithmetic. Teachers will be able to share results with parents at parent consultations after half term.

Nursery children have also been on a nature walk with staff and family members this week. It was a pleasure to accompany them and see the awe and wonder in their eyes as they discovered different autumn offerings. They also enjoyed splashing in the muddy puddles! There will be two further walks with the remaining children in the coming weeks and I hope to accompany them again. Thank you to the Emmanuel Church for providing the end spot and providing squash and biscuits.

Year 6 have had a fantastic time at Woodlands and return home today. Many thanks to staff who have given up their time to make this trip happen. More information about their adventures will appear in next week's newsletter.

For safeguarding reasons, can I remind parents not to stay on site or allow children to play on play equipment after school when waiting for siblings to complete after school clubs. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

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Governor News

At its meeting on Thursday 28 September, the Governing Body approved a refreshed vision, aims and values statement for the school. The updated wording is now available on the school website.

The Governors are currently leading the development of a new 3-year school strategy which is due to be finalised by the 2024 spring term. As a first step towards this, they revisited the school's mission and aims.

Governors agreed that the message and intention of the original wording was strong and should be retained but that it could be expressed in a shorter and clearer way. It was also important to Governors that the school values reflected recent input from pupils which has now been added in and that the school's motto "*Be the best you can be*" overarch the whole statement.

Interim Chair of Governors, Alastair Deacon said: "*The refreshed statement is very much a re-commitment to everything Bure Park Primary School is and stands for, which is why it is really important we state it clearly and in a way that resonates. The Governing Body wants this to be central to our emerging new strategy and lived out in every aspect of school life at Bure Park Primary*".

The refreshed wording includes the vision:

"To educate all Bure Park Primary pupils to the highest levels of their academic ability, enabling them to reach and extend their potential and preparing them to become responsible, respectful, inclusive, creative, and compassionate members of society."

The full statement can be found on the school website here - <https://www.bureparkprimary.org/>

Over the coming months the Governing Body will continue to develop its new strategy for the school, as it establishes its clear strategic role following the last Ofsted inspection. It will develop the strategy together with staff, pupils and parents and carers and as part of that a parent/carers survey will be launched in November. At its last Ofsted inspection in November 2022 Bure Park Primary maintained its 'Good' rating.

Claire Herbert

Chair of the strategy working group



Christmas Card Competitions

As a wonderfully creative school community, we are excited to share two Christmas Card competitions all pupils have the opportunity to take part in with the chance to win some fantastic accolades and experiences!

- To help raise funds for the Mayor's chosen charity, the Bicester Baby Bank, the Town Mayor and his Consort are inviting pupils to take part in a Christmas Card competition. The theme is simply "Christmas" so you have lots of scope to be as creative as you wish! The competition will be judged on Friday 10th November and during the dates of 13th -16th November, from 10 am - 4 pm, all entries will be on display in the Chamber Room in Garth Park. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Light Switch on which is taking place on Saturday 25th November and the winner will be invited to turn the lights on with the Mayor on stage. They will also have their card printed and available for sale from schools which will raise funds for the Mayor's charity. How exciting!
- We have also been invited again to take part in a Christmas card competition that is being organised by Victoria Prentis MP, for primary schools in the North Oxfordshire constituency. This year's theme is '**Nativity Animals**' so all designs need to have this as a focus. Beyond this she would like children to be as creative and as adventurous as possible! The winner will have their card design printed on the front of Victoria Prentis's official 2023 Christmas card, which will be sent across the country, and even a copy shared with the Prime Minister!

We would love as many children to take part as possible. We know that we have an amazing amount of talent and creativity in the school so let's share it with a wider audience! Get your thinking hats on; your art materials ready and get creating! We can't wait to see your ideas.

Mrs Lewis
Art co-ordinator

Please complete your design on A4 paper (do not fold please) and return your designs to your child's class teacher, letting us know which competition you wish to enter.

Ensure your Child's full name, age, class number and the school name is written clearly on the back.

Closing date: Tuesday 31st October 2023



Attendance Figures (%) Friday the 6th to Thursday 12th October

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>94.80</u>
<u>Class 2</u>	<u>95.19</u>
<u>Class 3</u>	<u>99.17</u>
<u>Class 4</u>	<u>95.83</u>
<u>Class 5</u>	<u>99.09</u>
<u>Class 6</u>	<u>98.71</u>
<u>Class 7</u>	<u>96.06</u>
<u>Class 8</u>	<u>95.88</u>
<u>Class 10</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>Class 11</u>	<u>98.71</u>
<u>Class 12</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>Class Nursery</u>	<u>95.73</u>
<u>Class Rec A</u>	<u>93.12</u>
<u>Class Rec B</u>	<u>96.33</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>97.21</u>

As a reminder Registration times are as below:

Main School

- 8:35am – doors open
- 8:40am – learning Starts
- 3:15pm – learning ends and doors open
- 3:55pm – teacher led after school clubs end

Reception

- 8:40am – doors open
- 8:45am – learning starts
- 3:05pm – Learning ends and doors open

Nursery

- 8:50am – doors open
- 9am – learning starts
- 12:15pm – AM nursery ends
- 3pm – PM nursery ends



Kindness Week

As a part of Kindness week – we will be having a collection of food items for the foodbank. This will coincide with Harvest. The foodbank urgently needs: tinned tomatoes, hot chocolate, rice pudding, jam, cooking sauces, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables and tinned fish. If you could spare a tin or two, they would be very grateful.

Could you bring the food items in on Wednesday 18th October and we will ensure they are delivered to the foodbank by half term.

Many thanks

Weekly Awards

Hot Chocolate with the Head

Children who have displayed exemplary attitudes to learning and behaviour are invited to have a hot chocolate with Head on a Friday. This week's attendees were:

Daniel, Laylaly, Judah, Max, Bay, Dexter, Marcus, Imogen, Ebun, Elias, Alexander, James, Ailith

Well Done to all!

Reading

Children who have read three times a week are entered into a reading raffle, where they can choose a book from the vending machine.

This week's winners were: Emmie, Kejsi, Leighton and Isabelle!



Dates for the Diary

- W/C 16th October – Kindness Week
- 18th October –
 - Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 6 and 12 sharing.
 - School Photos – Siblings and Individuals
 - Kindness Week – Food bank donations
- 19th October - Tag Rugby Competition Year 3 and 4

23rd – 27th October – Half Term

- 30th October – INSET day
- 1st November – Flu Spray for children in YR-Y6
- 2nd November – Angela Kecojevic, Children's author in school.
- 6th November – 4pm Nursery/Reception Open day for September 2024
- 8th November –
 - 2.30pm Class 7 and 10 sharing
 - Parent Consultations
- 9th November –
 - Cinema Visit Y4-6 and Y5/6 Girls Football Competition.
 - Parent Consultations
 - Year 5/6 Girls football Competition
- 15th November – 2.30pm Class 1 and 2 sharing
- 17th November – Children in Need
- 22nd November – 2.30pm classes 5,8,11 sharing
- 23rd November –
 - Year 4 Trip TBC
 - KS1 Multi-skills Competition
- 27th November –
 - Year 4 Trip TBC
 - 4pm Reception Open Day for September 2024
- 29th November – 2.30pm classes 6 and 12 sharing
- 30th November – Girls Active Festival
- 1st December – Cross Country Finals Sibford School
- 4th December – 10am Nursery Cake and Carols
- 5th December – Reception Nativity -Rec A – 10am and Rec B 2pm
- 6th December – KS1 Production 2pm
- 7th December – KS1 Production





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11TH SEPTEMBER 7PM-7:55PM £8 PER CLASS**

**PARENT + CHILD SESSIONS STARTING FROM
WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 4PM-4:35PM
£2 PER CHILD + £3 PER ADULT**

TASTER SESSIONS 17TH JULY

4:20PM-4:40PM PARENT + CHILD
4:40PM-5PM PARENT + CHILD
5:10PM-5:30PM ADULT ONLY
5:30PM-5:50PM ADULT ONLY

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TO BOOK A SPACE AT
ONE OF OUR TASTER SESSIONS, PLEASE EMAIL
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Oxfordshire Mind is a charity who support children's mental health and well-being. We have been offered access to mental health surgeries for pupils aged 7-17 years old via the GP surgeries either in person or online. This service gives access to a 30 minute consultation and support sessions for those registered at the surgery.

Should you wish to access this service, please call your GP surgery reception and ask to book in a contact call with the Oxfordshire Mind wellbeing worker to arrange an appointment.

Participating GP surgeries:

Bicester Health Centre (OX26 6AT) 01869 249333

Alcester Medical Group - Bicester (OX26 3EU) 01869 248585

Montgomery House Surgery - Bicester (OX26 6HT) 01869 249222

What to Expect from an Oxfordshire Mind options session.	
What we offer:	What we don't offer:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A 30 minute appointment by phone or in person• Time to speak to a wellbeing worker to find out what support might be best for you.• Information about Oxfordshire Mind Service and other local organisations who might be able to help• A letter or email after the appointment to remind you of the options that were discussed in the session• A follow - up call a short time later to see how you got on, and whether we can make further suggestions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are not a clinical service and aren't able to help people to actively manage their medication, or to advise on a diagnosis.• We don't provide Counselling [But we can give you information on some local Counselling providers]• We don't offer one to one support although we can offer some limited 111 support to help you take practical steps to address your own wellbeing.

