

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

2nd February 2024

School Value for the Term: Kindness

It is Number Day today and children have all had the opportunity to dress as rock stars and robots in aid of the NSPCC. It has been lovely to see the Key Stage 2 children make Maths games today to share with the EYFS and Key Stage 1 this afternoon.

Last Thursday some of children participated in a Swimming gala, they behaved impeccably and there is a report later on in the newsletter.

Next Tuesday, some of our Year 6 pupils Levi, Jacob, Ethan and Jack - who are members of the scouts- are going to make cakes to sell after school in aid of their scout pack. They will be sold outside Class 9 – please support if you can. It will be on a cash only basis.

On Friday it will be a Mufti Day in aid of Buddies, a £1 donation would be very much appreciated. It will also be the last day of term next Friday, we will finish at the usual time – 3.05pm or 3.15pm

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

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Meet the Governors

Hi, my name is Alastair Deacon and I'd like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors. I have a long history with Bure Park Primary School, my elder son started Nursery with Mrs Harris in September 2001 and both of my sons were educated at Bure Park.

I've been a Governor for 13 years - first as a parent governor, then as a Co-opted Governor. I became a Governor to say thank you to Bure Park School for the wonderful start it gave my children, and still totally believe that the ethos and rounded educational experience our school provides is the best way to deliver Primary Education.

Outside school I've lived in Bicester since the turn of the millennium and in a previous life worked for BBC News and Current Affairs - I am a Community Project Manager, with 17 years' experience of devising and managing a pretty diverse set of projects covering heritage, art, education and disadvantage. I'm politically neutral and theologically lapsed, and not a member of many organisations. Being a bookworm is my main pastime, with the odd bout of computer games or a particularly interesting TV series to binge on.

As Chair of Governors I have huge respect for the experience and knowledge that my fellow Governors provide and totally see myself as one of a team, and am also in awe of the job our Staff do every day for the children they educate. I see my role as Chair being to lead the strategic support the board provides to help and guide our Headteacher, Miss Moon and her Leadership Team in the very challenging educational and social times we live in, as they continue to provide a top-class education for all BP children and encourage each and every child to achieve all they in the years they are with us.

My name is Isobel Ellison, a little about me, I've been living in Bicester since 2002, my two sons Ashley and Tom attended the School, leaving in 2011. They had a wonderful time at the School and have some wonderful memories, as do I.

I have a career in HR spanning over two decades and I am HR Fellow, Chartered CIPD professional. My current role is Executive Director of Human Resources at Buckinghamshire College Group, a general Further Education College based in Aylesbury, Amersham & Wycombe.

My love of Education extends beyond the corporate realm, as exemplified by my volunteer role as an Enterprise Adviser to Schools with Bucks Local Enterprise Partnership, contributing to the development of comprehensive career education plans and guiding students toward industry-related roles. Additionally, my time as an Associate Lecturer/Consultant at Oxford Brookes University showcased my proficiency in lecturing, marking, and moderating in Human Resources and first-line management theory.

Educationally, I did my first degree at Leeds Uni in French and Business Management & Administration, my second at Nottingham Trent in Personnel Management & Development and thirdly, I have an MA in Human Resource Management from Oxford Brookes University.

Education is important to me and the reason why I volunteered to join the Governing Body at Bure Park and have taken the role of Vice Chair. I want all children to start well and have the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability, whether that be general education or life lessons.

I look forward to meeting the children and their families over the coming months.

Thank you for having me.



Wrap Around Care Survey

Oxfordshire County Council are interested in your views about Wrap Around Care. To share your views – please click the link below.

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wraparound-childcare>

Swimming Gala

Last week a handful of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a inter school swimming gala. They participated in individual races and team relays, the children were amazing and the girls finished 1st and the boys came 8th place. Well done all.

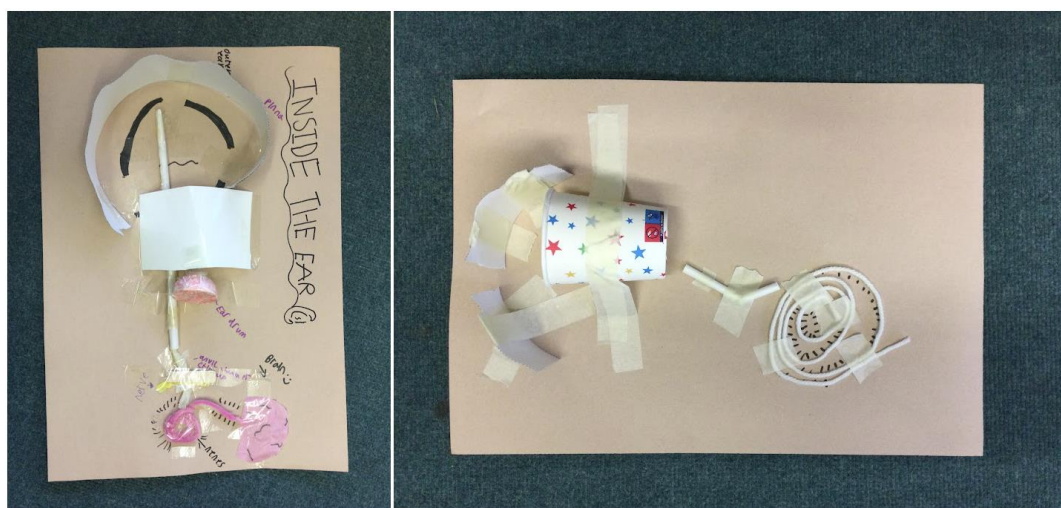
I loved the swimming gala because of the races and I love races. The swimming gala was fun because we were going up against different schools. Sophia

I liked it because it was really fun getting in the water and swimming. Ella

It was lots of fun as we were up against different schools and I got to swim my favourite stroke, back stroke. I enjoyed working as a team for the relay and medley. Bethan

Focus on Year 4

In Science, Year 4 have been learning about sound. We have been creative and have tried making 3D models of the ear!



Focus on Year 1

Last week, our Year One classes started learning woodworking skills. We have learnt about different tools, how to handle them safely and how to use them to make changes to materials. The first week the children sawed a piece of wood into two. This week, the children have used hammers and nails to join pieces back together. We are making hooks for aprons in our shared area.

Year 1 Team



Sharing Assemblies – Spring Term 2024

2.30pm – School Hall

Date	KS1 and KS2 Classes	Classes Sharing
7 th February	KS1	1,2
HALF TERM		
21 st February	KS2	7,10,11
28 th February	KS1	3,4
6 th March	KS2	5,6,8,12
13 th March	KS1	1,2
20 th March	No sharing assembly due to Year 3 Production	



Attendance Figures (%) Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February

Class 1	92.92
Class 2	99.26
Class 3	94.58
Class 4	93.75
Class 5	99.70
Class 6	92.26
Class 7	90.59
Class 8	98.24
Class 10	96.36
Class 11	97.10
Class 12	96.86
Nursery	93.42
Rec A	97.04
Rec B	95.99
Totals	95.67

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



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:

- Reception: Emma and Parker
- Year 1: Mia and Nia
- Year 2: Georgia and Alex
- Year 3: Kit and Luca
- Year 4: Noah and Nicolas
- Year 5/6: Lola, Emilia and Mackenzie

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.

- Reception: Ollie
- Key Stage 1: Alfie
- Lower Key Stage 2: Tabytha
- Upper Key Stage 2: Livvy

Keep Reading!

Times Table Rock Stars

Well done to the following children who have played the most minutes on Times Table Rock Stars

- **Year 3:** Francis, Gersi and Faye
- **Year 4:** Benji, Lexi and Paige
- **Year 5/6:** Gavios, Oliver and Corte



Dates for Diary

- 7th February - Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 1 and 2
- 8th February – Heights and Weights – YR and Y6
- 9th February – School closes for half term and Mufti day
- 22nd February – Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 7,10,11
- 28th February – Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 3 and 4
- 1st March – School Disco
- 6th March – Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 5,6,8,12
- WB 11th March – Parent Consultations
- 13th March - Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 1 and 2
- 15th March – Comic Relief
- 19th March – Y3/4 Production 1.45pm
- 20th March – Y3/4 Production 5pm
- 25th – 27th March – Year 4 Residential
- 28th March – Easter Parade and Finish for Easter Holidays



