

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

23rd February 2024

School Value for the Term: Kindness

Welcome back to Term 4, it has been a rainy start to the term but the children have come back fresh from their break and straight back into learning.

World Book day will take place on Thursday 7th March and we would like the children to come dressed as a noun (a person, place, animal, thing, quality, idea or action) You should have been sent a separate letter about opportunities to buy books at the book fair.

Parents consultations will take place on the week beginning 11th March, these will be booked via an online site and a separate letter will be sent out. The booking system will go live on Friday 1st March at 7pm, SEN reviews will also be conducted in these meetings.

We are also conducting a parental survey – if you could spare ten minutes to answer the questions we would be very grateful – please use the link below <https://forms.gle/vy1YR2x22i34RVoDA>

I would like to warmly welcome Mrs Chapman, who has joined the school to work with Miss Lush teaching class 12. Mrs Chapman is a very experienced teacher and we hope that she will be very happy working with us here at Bure Park.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

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Makaton Sign of the Week

We teach the pupils in school a Makaton sign language sign of the week so that any pupils who are non-verbal, or who are using sign language to support speech development, can communicate with others.

We would like to start to sharing a 'sign language,' sign of the week with families, so that you can start to build up a repertoire of signs to communicate with your child, or anyone who uses sign language either in school, or in the community.

Today's sign is PET. Here is a link to the video:

https://youtu.be/T_jLoRvu6Wo

Hope it's helpful to support inclusive communication for all.

Thanks

The SEND Team



Sign of the Week

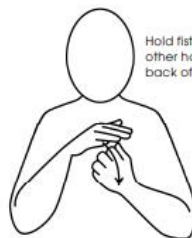
19th– 25th February 2024

This week's sign is 'Pet'!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #WeTalkMakaton.



Pet



Hold fist against chest –
other hand strokes
back of fist twice

Pet

We have provided you with these signs and/ or symbols free of charge. With your help The Makaton Charity can help more people communicate, please donate online at makaton.org/donate

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Buddies News

On Friday 1st March, Buddies will be holding a Spring School Disco.

The Disco will take place in the school hall on Friday the 1st March from 4 - 5pm for Years 1, 2 and 3 only and from 5:15 – 6:30 pm for Years 4, 5 and 6 only. Please note that all children, including Year 6, must be collected by an adult.

Tickets will be £4 per child and include a drink and a snack. Further treat packs will also be available to purchase on the night at the Disco Tuck Shop. These will be priced at £1. Please send any tuck shop money with your child on the night.

Places for the disco can be reserved by following the link below. Please note that payment by bank transfer must be made upon booking. Any booking without payment will be cancelled and the places re-released.

Years 1, 2 and 3 from 4-5 pm

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA8A82AA4F8C61-48090486-buddies>

Years 4, 5 and 6 from 5:15 – 6:30pm

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA8A82AA4F8C61-48090590-buddies>

Half term Filming Experience

Florence in Year 2 had an amazing opportunity over half term when she accompanied her mum to record a bulletin for ITN Discovery Education Children's News. It involved filming with a green screen at The Sharp Project in Manchester and being turned into a cartoon avatar character called 'Keiki', before putting her producer skills to the test and demonstrating the technology to other children at Levenshulme Primary School – they were even able to put a few dinosaurs in their classrooms, which everyone was very excited about!

Well done Florence!



Focus on Reception

The children have had a lovely start back to school this week. They have been treated to a performance of Little Red Riding Hood by Mr Evans, Mrs Whitelock, Mrs Skears and Mrs Payne. We have also read the story and developed our own story maps too.



Focus on Year 1

Today Year One gained two new friends, of the furry variety! Guinea pigs Gloria Hunniford and Whitney Houston have joined Bure Park and we are hoping they settle into school life very well. They will be based in and around the Year One classes and will be teaching the children about caring for animals, helping children to feel settled and hopefully thriving in their new home.

We look forward to keeping you all updated with their antics as they settle in.

The Year One Team



Focus on Year 5/6

In Science we have been learning about the circulatory system. We conducted a practical investigation to make blood. It included:

Plasma – water and yellow food colouring

Red blood cells – cheerios and red food colouring

White cells – white marshmallows

Platelets – raisins

Salt – minerals

It was an interesting experience. We learned lots of fun facts within it. We enjoyed it and found it very educational, even though it was an unusual experiment. Now we know about the blood in our body.

Emilia, Izzy, Petru and Oliver B – Class 11



Attendance Figures (%) Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February

Class 1	98.33
Class 2	90.74
Class 3	94.58
Class 4	95.83
Class 5	96.36
Class 6	98.39
Class 7	94.71
Class 8	97.65
Class 10	99.09
Class 11	96.00
Class 12	98.53
Nursery	96.47
Rec A	97.04
Rec B	97.97
Totals	96.63

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

Can we ask that you wait with your child in the mornings before the doors open, this is to ensure their safety – many thanks for your co-operation on this.



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: Albie and Vienna
- Year 1: Harriet and Finley
- Year 2: Craig and Denis
- Year 3: Imogen and Harry
- Year 4: Alexander and Alfred
- Year 5/6: Ella W, Ella B and Bella

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: Elspeth
- Key Stage 1: Ronnie
- Lower Key Stage 2: Elliot
- 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, Faye, Yvan
- **Year 4:** Mia, Benji, Toby
- **Year 5/6:** Oliver, Gavios, Ella B



Dates for Diary

- 26th February – Inflatable Football Sessions – Y1 to Y6 please wear PE kit.
- 28th February – Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 3 and 4
- 29th February – Hill End Visit Classes 11 and 12
- Mixed B Football v Fritwell (Away)
- Mini Football Tournament Year 3 and 4 at Cooper School
- 1st March – School Disco
- 5th March – Mixed A and B Football vs Grendon Underwood Home
- 6th March – Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 5,6,8,12
- 7th March - Hill End Visit – Class 10 and World Book Day
- WB 11th March – Parent Consultations and Year 5 Bikeability
- 13th March - Sharing Assembly 2.30pm Classes 1 and 2
- 14th March – Girls Football v Longfields Home
- 15th March – Comic Relief – Non-uniform day and Staff v pupils dodgeball.
- 19th March – Y3/4 Production 1.45pm and Mixed A and B v Glory Farm Away
- 20th March – Y3/4 Production 5pm
- 25th – 27th March – Year 4 Residential
- 26th March – Mixed B League v Marsh Gibbon Home
- 28th March – Easter Parade and Finish for Easter Holidays

Sharing Assemblies – Spring Term 2024

2.30pm – School Hall

Date	KS1 and KS2 Classes	Classes Sharing
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 3/4 Production	





NEXT COURSE
STARTING IN
APRIL

💖 Reasons to volunteer for Home-Start 💖

- Families need support more than ever
- Make a difference in your own community
- Gain valuable new skills and experience
- Ongoing support from our friendly staff team
- Full training provided
- Expenses paid

Interested? If you have parenting experience and 2-3 hours a week to spare, please get in touch to find out more!

info@home-startbanbury.org.uk

01295 266358

Applicants will be subject to a DBS check



Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton



"It's going to be a real relief this winter, knowing there's heat there when we need it."



Debbie, Banbury



Are you concerned about the cost of energy bills and looking for ways to make your home cheaper to heat and more comfortable to live in? A grant is available from Oxfordshire County Council to improve residents homes.

This government-backed scheme targets inefficient homes not heated by gas. With the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2), eligible homes can receive tailored energy solutions, from insulation to solar panels, resulting in a warmer home, lower bills and reduced carbon emissions - all delivered by the Welcome the Warmth team.

Check your eligibility and apply through the website at welcomethewarmth.org.uk.
Get your home winter-ready today!

