



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Monday 14th October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are six weeks into the school year and the children are fully settled into their routines. They are also applying themselves well with their learning and are trying hard, although they do seem a little tired at times!

Uniform Rules - Reminder

We have noticed that while lots of children look very smart in their school clothes, quite a few are not sticking to the rules for our uniform. This is something we will be looking at closely in the coming weeks and enforcing more rigorously, so a quick reminder of some of our school uniform expectations:

- **Grey** school trousers, skirt or pinafore dress (Reminder: **NO LEGGINGS** on non-PE days)
- **Black school shoes.** If trainers are worn they must be **all black** (**no** colour, stripes etc.)
- **No jewellery** except **one** pair of **small** studs that may be worn but must be covered or removed for PE. **No** chains, rings or bracelets.
- **No smart watches** – analogue watches or simple digital watches may be worn.

Thank you for your support with this.



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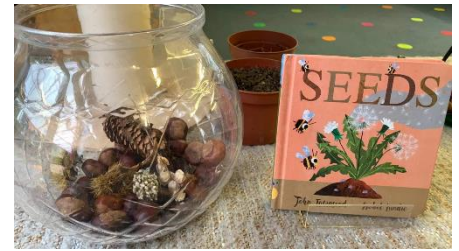
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Curriculum

Here are some examples of what has been happening at Bishopswood over the last few weeks....

Miss Russell, Mrs Hunter and Miss Lees say...

Over the last couple of weeks Year R have been exploring the wonderful world of



seeds. We have looked at lots of different types and tried to find some in our school woodland. We also learned the story of the little red hen and practised the skills of grinding a range of cereals and grains, as well as how to make flour. It was really fun!

Miss Wright & Miss Creed say...



Year 1 have had a busy few weeks! We have been doing lots of lovely outdoor learning. We went on a welly walk to see if we can spot signs of Autumn and also went outside to find manmade and natural objects

around the school for our science learning about materials. In maths we have been learning about money and have been practising counting out different amounts. We had an exciting day last week too with our 'Wheeled toys day'!



We all brought our scooters and bikes to school with us and took them on the playground for the morning as part of our history topic. Then we played with lots of old toys to see if they are just as fun as our shiny, new ones. We decided that they were and we had a great time playing!



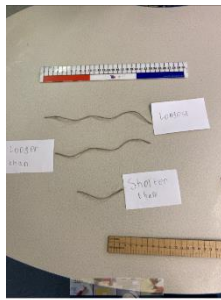
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Mrs Cushing, Mrs Boyce & Miss Okey say...

This week, Year 2 have been retelling fables, using drama skills to rehearse the stories. We had lots of fun acting out the tortoise and the hare, and we gained a clear understanding of what a moral is. In maths, we have been looking at measure. The children enjoyed writing their own labels using mathematical vocabulary to order lengths and even learnt how to measure a length with a ruler. We also explored the value of money. In science, we manipulated materials for purpose and in art, we explored water colours to finish our fantastic BFG illustrations.



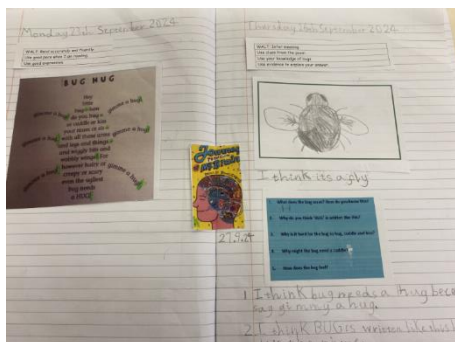
Miss Feather and Miss Frost say...

Year 4 have continued with their strong start to the year with our new Black History Month topic all about the amazing Harriet Tubman. The children have shown remarkable enthusiasm and respect for the subject, and have enjoyed researching her life and achievements. In music, they made musical instruments from recyclables to provide sound effects for a well-known poem. The children were incredibly creative and showed great teamwork and resilience. In addition to this, both classes earned a treat last week for their continuous good behaviour this term. Well done year 4, keep up the good work!



Mr Dale & Miss Ralph say...

We have had a fantastic two weeks in Year 3! We carried on finding out about rocks in science, doing an experiment to find rocks that are impermeable and ones that are permeable. It has been great fun finding out about Tsunamis, discovering how they are formed and the impact they have on people. In guided reading we have been looking at a book called 'Journey to my Brain' focusing on a poem about a bug. We used the clues in the text to work out what we thought the bug might be. In writing, we have



completed our first independent write, focusing on the book 'Gran's Gang'. We created our own character and wrote an adventure story about them.

Miss Price, Mrs Dreelan & Mr Sargeant say...

Over the past 2 weeks, year 5 have been creating some amazing prologues based on the book The Nowhere Emporium. They have created their own mysterious portal story opening and used AI to generate some really cool images alongside their writing! In art, the children have worked really hard on producing super watercolour pictures in their sketchbooks. Continuing with our evolution topic, the children have explored how different animals have adapted to suit different habitats. Keep up the amazing hard work year 5!



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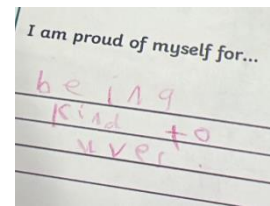
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Mrs Sullivan, Mr Morris & Miss Nicholls say....

Year 6 have had a very busy couple of weeks - we have been studying the Empire Windrush and the experiences of the Windrush generation. Last week we had our heart dissection lessons - we were very proud of how the children dealt with this, showing great curiosity and scientific thinking whilst still being respectful - and for those who chose not to participate, there was a paper heart-building option instead.



World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow Day



We were very proud to celebrate World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October. The school felt very bright and sunny with everyone taking part and wearing yellow and the children enjoyed doing some mindfulness and wellbeing activities too. Thank you for your generous donations the Young Minds charity. We raised over £330 for this wonderful cause!

Reminders and requests:

Lost Property

A reminder that in the Infant school, there is a lost property box located in the entrance foyer that parents can access themselves. In the juniors we keep lost property in a room near the entrance so just pop into the office if you need to locate an item. As a reminder, please **name everything** to help lost items get returned to their rightful owner!

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Parking

Another reminder that it is **illegal** to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside of school, which are there for the safety of our children and families. There is clear signage indicating restrictions that vehicles are **not allowed to stop at all** in these areas at specific times of the day.



Sadly we have also had complaints from local residents whose driveways have been blocked by inconsiderate parking by some people. Please ensure this is not you and park respectfully! We are lucky to have a large car park outside of school, however, please remember you **MAY NOT** park on the double yellow lines, and may only use a disabled space if you are displaying a **valid blue badge**. Thank you.

Coats

Please ensure that your child has a coat in school **every day**, as the weather can be so unpredictable. Without a coat, they will not be allowed outside in the rain, or if it is very cold, so please bring one!

Contacting Us

We do offer an open door policy at Bishopswood. However, should you have concerns regarding your child and would like to contact the school, please use our **admin email addresses**:

adminoffice@bishopswood-inf.hants.sch.uk

adminoffice@bishopswood-jun.hants.sch.uk

Alternatively feel free to telephone the school office or pop in in person.

Applying for a Place for Year R, 3 and 7 for September 2024

If you are applying for a school place for your child or have a child transferring to junior or secondary school, please see application form availability and deadline dates for applications listed below for September 2024 start dates:-

- Starting school Year R (Reception) or transferring to Year 3 (Junior School): Applications are open from 1st November 2024 to 15th January 2025.
- **Transfer to Year 7 (secondary school): Applications are open until midnight 31st October 2024.**

If you have any queries on your child's transfer to Year 7, please call into the Junior school office.

Year 7 applications:

Members of the School Admissions Team will be hosting a drop-in session a drop-in session at Basingstoke Discovery Centre on Wednesday 16th October between 9:30am and 3:30pm. The aim of session is to support any Year 6 parents who are struggling with making their Year 7 school place application or who have any questions about the process.

Year 3 transfer:

Although we are a Federated School, **you do still need to apply for a place at Bishopswood Junior School**. If you have any queries on your child's transfer to Year 3, please call into the Junior school.

How to apply:-

- Online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions or
- A paper application form will be available from the infant or junior school office.

Call the Hampshire Admission Helpdesk on: - 0300 555 1377 (9:00am to 2:00pm).

2024 Starters - Year R Open Days

This year we are once again able to give prospective parents the opportunity to come and experience life at Bishopswood. We have 2 more sessions where parents can see the school in action, meet the staff and ask any questions they may have. These dates are:

Tuesday 22nd October 2024 - 1:30 - 2:30pm
Wednesday 13th November 2024 - 9:15-10:15am

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Lunchtime Assistant and LSA Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for lunchtime assistants and LSAs. If you are interested in finding out more about these roles, please contact the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School

Community events

Blazing Lights Party

Sam Dunn, Children & Youth Community Pastor, is hosting a blazing lights party again this year. An alternative for kids that don't like Halloween or get a bit scared! More information can be found here: www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights. Limited spaces are available.



CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY PRESENTS

BLAZING LIGHTS PARTY

October 31st | Thursday | 5:00PM - 7:00PM
Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN
Year 1 - Year 6

Crafts, sweets, glowsticks and more

Sign up online:
www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights

NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES, INSTEAD WEAR SOMETHING BRIGHT

TRICK OR TREAT BAGS PROVIDED

Hosted by Sam & Hannah



Citizens Advice Jumble Sale!

Sunday 10th November 2024
14:00pm-16:00pm
The Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Avenue, Tadley, RG26 4ET

£5 per table for sellers.
Entry is 50p per person.
Refreshments will be available to purchase.
Free parking is available.

All money raised will go towards supporting our ongoing work within the local community.

To book a table please email admin@catadley.org or call 0118 359 3627.

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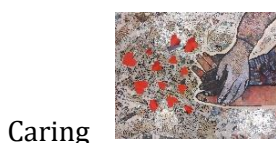
Atmosphere Trampoline Park Cinema trips

High Score Arcade Bowling

Action Stations Portsmouth - laser tag, Climbing wall & assault course

Flip Out Portsmouth Basingstoke Aquadrome AND MORE...

For more information visit the events calendar on our website www.spotlightuk.org or email activities@spotlightuk.org or visit our facebook page Spotlight UK Basingstoke Reg Charity 1129258



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Dates for your diary:

- 14th October – PTA Infants' Movie Night
18th October – Individual Photos Fraser Photos for Federation
21st October – Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
21st October – PTA Juniors' Movie Night
22nd October – 1:30 – 2:30pm - Year R 25/26 Open Afternoon
22nd October & 23rd October - Parents' Evenings
25th October – INSET DAY
28th October – 1st November – HALF TERM
3rd November – PTA Fireworks Show
4th November – Year 3 Stone Age Day
4th – 8th November – Year 6 Residential
6th November – Flu immunisations (not Year 6)
13th November – 9:15-10:15am - Year R 25/26 Open Morning
15th November – Children in Need
22nd November – Year 6 Flu Immunisations
1st December – PTA Christmas Extravaganza
12th December – Christmas Lunch
19th December – The Anvil Pantomime
20th December – Last Day of Term
23rd December – 3rd^h January – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
6th January 2025 – First Day of Spring Term

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