



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely two weeks since the last newsletter. School has been very busy as usual, full of fun learning experiences.



Come and make a difference with our schools!

Here at Bishopswood Schools Federation we are excited to say we currently have vacancies for school governor positions!

Being a school governor means being interested in getting the best education for the pupils at the school. Governors can become involved in a range of school matters, which can include recruitment, finance and curriculum. They also provide a strong link between the school and the local community,

and have an independent view to support the school on long-term development and improvement.

Governing bodies meet on at least a half-termly basis and governors are also expected to get to know their schools through visits. There is also a wide range of training opportunities available to help governors undertake their duties and develop their understanding of the key areas of school management.

This role is voluntary.

If you are interested in applying to become a governor, please email the Clerk to Governors directly – amandasims48@yahoo.com or contact the school.

More information can also be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>

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KS1 Football Festival

Last Friday, 10 Year 2 children travelled to the Vyne School to represent Bishopswood at the Football Festival. The children worked brilliantly as a team, and we came away winning 8 of our 9 games! Well done to everyone that participated!

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone for contributing to a very colourful Red Nose Day. We raised over £290 across the schools for this worthwhile charity, which is amazing, so thank you!

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Eco-council

Eco council enjoyed their trip to Ewhurst Park where they learned about beans, soil and seasonal changes. The children also had the chance to try edible flowers and tree sap. It was lots of fun!

Curriculum

Here are some examples of what has been happening at Bishopswood recently....

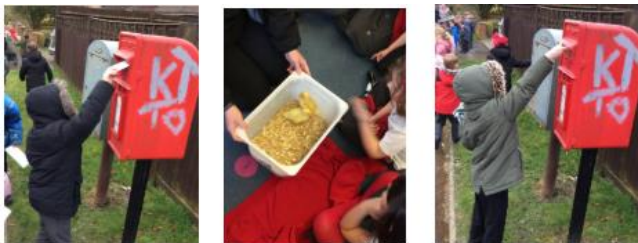
Miss Russell, Mrs Bligdon and Miss Lees say...



Over the last few weeks the children in Year R have been learning about planting and growing. We have been reading stories called Oliver's Vegetables and Oliver's Milkshake. We have voted for our favourite flavour milkshakes, and made them. We also walked to

the allotments to learn what kind of things we could grow and how to do it.

Miss Wright & Miss Creed say...



Over the last few weeks, Year 1 have been continuing our topics about our local area. We wrote letters to our adults to share some of the things we have been learning and we walked to the local post box to post them. Hopefully you have

received some of them by now! In science, we have been learning about planting and growing. We have conducted an experiment to see what plants need to grow by planting cress seeds and placing them in different surroundings. We are excited to find out the results. We also had exciting visitors this week when some ducklings came to visit! Thank you to Oscar's mum for bringing these cute visitors in.

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



Year 2 have had a busy couple of weeks learning about how the sinking of the Titanic is a historic significant event. We have discussed how the disaster led to changes in maritime regulations and safety practices,

influencing future ship designs and safety measures. We had an amazing Titanic Day and we experienced life on board the ship. We learned how to waltz, we tantalised our taste buds with a tasting menu from first, second and third class and even had a go at building, designing and drawing the Titanic ship, as we have learned how the Titanic was considered a marvel of engineering and technology during its time. We thoroughly enjoyed Titanic Day and the teachers were incredibly impressed with the children's costumes.

Mr Dale & Miss Ralph say...

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in Year 3. We have carried on learning about the Mediterranean, thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of living there, and sorting human and physical features in geography. In science, we did an investigation about friction, testing how far a car travelled down different surfaces. We tested road, grass, sand and mud and found out that the car travelled down the road the furthest. Finally, we had a great time going on our trip to the Anvil to

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watch Orchestra Unwrapped. It was really exciting listening to all the lovely music and seeing all the different musical instruments.

Miss Frost, Miss Tashdjian and Mrs Buchan say...



Year 4 have worked hard over the last couple of weeks. We have finished our Hampshire Book Awards unit and voted for our favourite book. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at the different books and completing activities related to them, especially when re-creating a science experiment from the Big Bad Wolf Investigates fairy tales. The children had to make a house that could withstand the huff and puff of the Big Bad Wolf. We have also started our new topic on Escape from Pompeii in writing and guided reading. The children enjoyed our experience lesson where they learnt about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In Science, the children had also been investigating the impact that different liquids can have on our teeth by submerging eggs in water, milk, cola, vinegar and orange juice. Rosen class have also started their forest school experience this half term and are thoroughly enjoying it so far.



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

Year 5 has had an exciting and productive couple of weeks! On Mondays, the children have been thoroughly enjoying their cricket lessons, developing new skills and building their confidence. In writing, they've embarked on an exciting new unit based on The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. The students have been working hard on writing detailed setting



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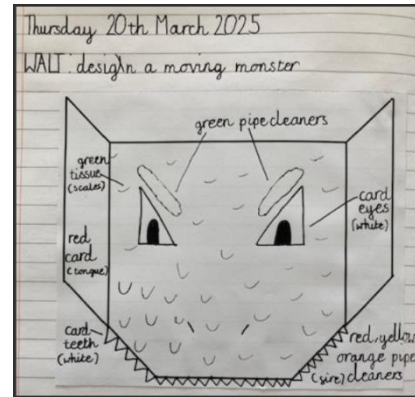


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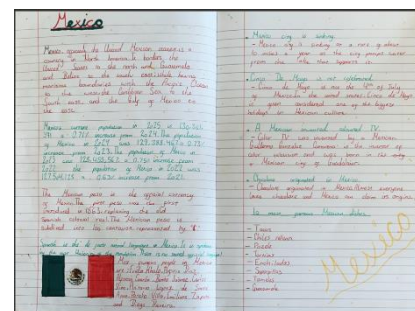
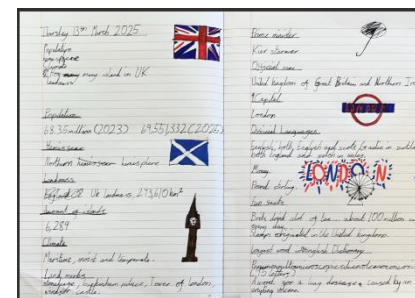
descriptions and using dialogue to move the story forward. In Design and Technology, the class has been busy designing their very own moving



monsters! After creating prototypes out of paper, they've been reflecting on the changes and improvements they'd like to make for their final models. We can't wait to see their amazing designs come to life!

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

Whilst year 6 have been working really hard on their revision in both maths and reading, they are continuing to do some excellent, high quality



writing - most recently about Alma. Parents - please ask your children about their "creepy doll" writing! We are now working towards the end of our Mayan topic, which we will finish with a Mayan food fiesta! This half term we have

focused on geography - comparing the UK to the location most usually associated to where the Mayans were, Mexico.



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Reminders and Requests

Jewellery

A reminder that no jewellery other than a watch and a simple pair of stud earrings are permitted in school. We are seeing an increasing number of children with chains, bracelets and wristbands on – these do not fit within the school's uniform policy and your child will be asked to remove them if they are wearing them in school. Thank you for your help with this.

Make up and Nail Varnish

Please remember that make-up and nail varnish are not permitted to be worn in school. Thank you.

Sunglasses

If your child brings sunglasses into school, please ensure they are plastic, as metal framed sunglasses are not permitted for safety reasons.

Parking

Another reminder that it is **illegal** to park on the yellow zigzag lines or yellow double lines outside of school, including those within the outer car park, which are there for the safety of our children and families.



Please remember that only those current parents/carers with a disabled badge may park in the disabled bays. We have a number of parents who are taking these spaces, sometimes on a daily basis, which are intended to support those with a badge/need, and who struggle if they cannot park in them. So please be considerate and leave those spaces free for those who genuinely need them.

Finally please DO NOT drive into or park in the staff car park other than for use of the 2 disabled spaces near the entrance.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School

Dates for your diary:

24th March – Fitness Fun week

24th March – Y4 Roman Day

27th March – Hampshire Music Y4 Concert

28th March – Y1 Minibus trip

31st March – Y4 Legoland

1st April – Rocksteady Concert

4th April – Y4 Roman Day

4th April – **LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM**

7th-21st April – **Easter Holidays**

22nd April – **FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM**

22nd – 23rd April – Y5 Residential (Coelho)

24th – 25th April – Y5 Residential (Rundell)

28th April – Living Eggs arrive –YR

22nd May – Y6 Trip to Winchester Science Centre

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Easter Half Term

WEEK 1

- Mon 7th** - Easter Messy Play (0 - 7) 10:00 - 11:30 £3 per child, £1.25 per additional child - The Point.
- Tue 8th** - Master Builders Lego Session 2pm (5 - 11) - The Link (Call 0118 9814 538 to book)
- Wed 9th** - Soft Play (0 - 3) 10.00 - 12.00 £2.50 per child, £1.25 per additional child - The Point
- Kids Cinema: Paddington In Peru 2pm £2.50 per child - The Link
- Thurs 10th**- Stay & Play (0 - 5) 10:00 - 11:30 £2.50 per child, £1.25 per additional child - The Point
- Fri 11th** - Chuckle Zone (0 - 3) 10:00 - 12:00 £5 per child, £2.50 per additional child - The Link

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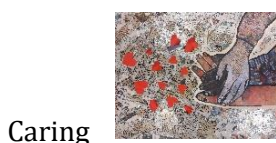
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WEEK 2

- Tue 15th** - Inflatables Session (birth - pre school) 10:00 - 12:00 £5 per child, £2.50 per additional child. The Link
- Wed 16th** - Easter Party (0 - 7) 10.00 - 11.30 £5 per child - The Point
- Kids Cinema: Moana 2. 2pm £2.50 per child - The Link
- Thurs 17th**- Easter Arts & Crafts (3 - 10) 10:00 - 11:30 £5 per child - The Point

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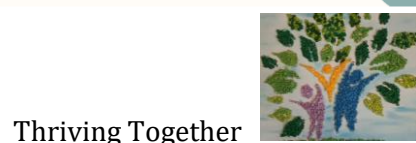
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