



News and Information

Date: 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we have almost reached the end of the first half term. It has been such a busy first half term packed with lots of experiences for the children, that the time has gone so quickly.

We would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new families that have been joining us this half term. It has been lovely to see so many new faces. Welcome!

It has been lovely to see parents taking time to join our parent workshops and coffee mornings so far. We appreciate this is time out of your work and days but we hope you find them helpful in understanding processes in school and how you can support in different aspects at home.

This newsletter includes information from different subjects as well as showing some of the incredible experiences children have already enjoyed so far this year!

Ms Martin
Headteacher

Parking on Parsons Lane

Please can we remind parents that if you do need to drive down Parsons Lane that you are vigilant and aware of your surroundings. Cars are rightly pulling to one side to let others come the other direction, but then some parents are driving past these pulled over cars and end up blocking the road. Please be aware of your surroundings and support in giving way to traffic!



Headlice

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children who have hair long enough to tie up need to ensure it is tied back each day.

We have also been notified of a few cases of Headlice so we ask that you take some time to check your child's hair and apply treatment if required.



October:

Thursday 19th—Year 3 Harvest Festival Performance to Parents at 9am.

Thursday 19th—School closes at 3:15pm for half term.

Friday 20th—Inset Day

23rd—27th—Half Term

Monday 30th—School Reopens.

Tuesday 31st—Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop at 9am.

November:

Wednesday 1st—Individual School Photos.

Friday 10th—Year 4 Remembrance Service to Parents at 9am.

Wednesday 15th—Nursery and Reception—Space Dome Experience in School

Thursday 16th—Flu Vaccinations by School Nursing Team

Friday 17th—Children In Need Day

Friday 24th—Mufti Day for Christmas Raffle Donations

Friday 24th—2:45pm Open Classrooms to view work

December:

Friday 1st—Coffee Morning—Children's Mental Health Support—All parents welcome

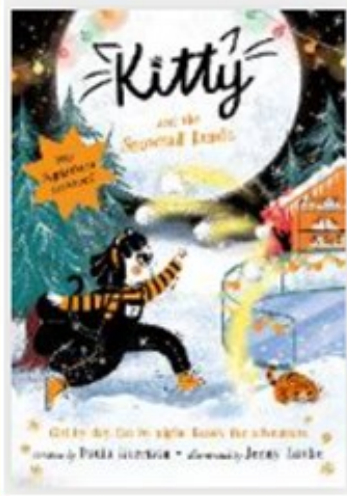
Literacy at Bierton

On Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September we had a reading workshop in the style of an escape room. Ks1 and KS2 all had a session where they had to solve different clues using their reading skills. Once they had solved all the clues they had to use the answers to solve the final challenge to escape from Crow Castle. It was fantastic to see the children show co-operation in teams to find all the answers.



Author Visit

On Thursday 4th October we had a visit from Paula Harrison. She visited Bierton to tell us about her new book Kitty and the Snowball Bandit. This book is part of her Kitty Superhero series. Kitty is a superhero-in-training with feline superpowers who uses



her powers to solve problems. During the session Paula talked about how the main character Kitty was based on her pet cat. Paula also helped the children to create characters for their own story.



All the children were excited about the book and lots of children got their copy of the book signed by Paula during her visit. There are many other books in the Kitty Series which we are all excited to read.



Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars Day

Last week, the whole school celebrated Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars day. As soon as the children entered the building in their array of costumes, there was a buzz of excitement in the air! It was wonderful to see so many costumes and outfits: robots, rock stars, numbers, dice, dominoes and many more.

Throughout the day, the children participated in a range of activities: escape rooms, maths puzzles and time on Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars. Early Years and Key Stage 1, listened to 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' by April Pulley Sayre and explored the different ways that the same number can be made. One of the highlights for Key Stage 2 was watching some of the adults have a live Times Table Rock Stars battle in assembly. We will keep you updated about upcoming competitions linked to Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars.



Year 1 Fossil Workshop



On Monday 2nd October, Year 1 were very lucky to take part in a fossil workshop in the hall. Two palaeontologists; Graham and Sue set up some amazing models for us to look at. They took us around each model and taught us all about the dinosaurs. We were then very lucky to look at some real fossils that Graham had discovered on a dig. The children were fascinated to learn how Graham found his fossils and what each of the fossils were. One of our favourites was the fossilised dinosaur poo! Thank you to FOBS for funding our workshop, we are very grateful.



Year 3 Stone Age Day

Over the next few weeks, more photos will be added to our school website so remember to take a look to view more incredible memories from the day.

Last Wednesday, Year 3 were transported back to Stone Age Britain. Our day began by exploring the extreme vastness of time and how long ago the Stone Age was. We then learnt about the different animals that were alive in Stone Age Britain and looked at the size and scale of them compared to a human. We also got to hold fossilised remains of many of the creatures—including the tusk of a woolly mammoth! Can you believe that a small woolly mammoth would be as tall as our school hall? Throughout the day, we used cooperation when completing team challenges and applied our investigative skills when completing a quiz. The highlight of the day was when we got to handle and study many historic artefacts. We would like to say a huge thank you to The Griffin Trust for funding the day—the children's engagement, enjoyment and knowledge have grown due to your generous contributions.



Y4 fieldwork trip



Y4 had an exciting fieldwork trip to Cassiobury Park in Watford as part of our geography unit on 'Wonderful Water'. First, we worked out different features of a river but the best part was getting into the River Gade itself! We measured the depth of the river bed at different points and the speed of the river using a simple orange.

We even managed to practice our orienteering skills and found a water-fall from a former mill and a canal all in the park.



We are going to use the data we have collected from our trip to draw out the shape of the river bed.

We all had a great day and had very tired legs from all the wading in the river!

Playtime at Bierton - OPAL



Outdoor Play And Learning

Every lunch time the children have access to the many areas of the school site to use as a play space. We have spaces for scooters and other wheeled items, a MUGA pitch for sport, a huge sandpit, access to the field to play larger sports games, an area where we can play with smaller toys and a space for building using loose parts.

The children enjoy playing in the different areas and we aim for every child to have something they enjoy at lunchtime.

What is next?

Over the coming term we would also like to start a small gardening club.

We are looking for donations of small sized gardening equipment, tarpaulin, pebbles or small rocks, compost, plant trays, bulbs or seeds. If you are able to provide anything can you please let us know by contacting the school office. .

We are looking at designing an area to grow flowers as well as fruit and vegetables.

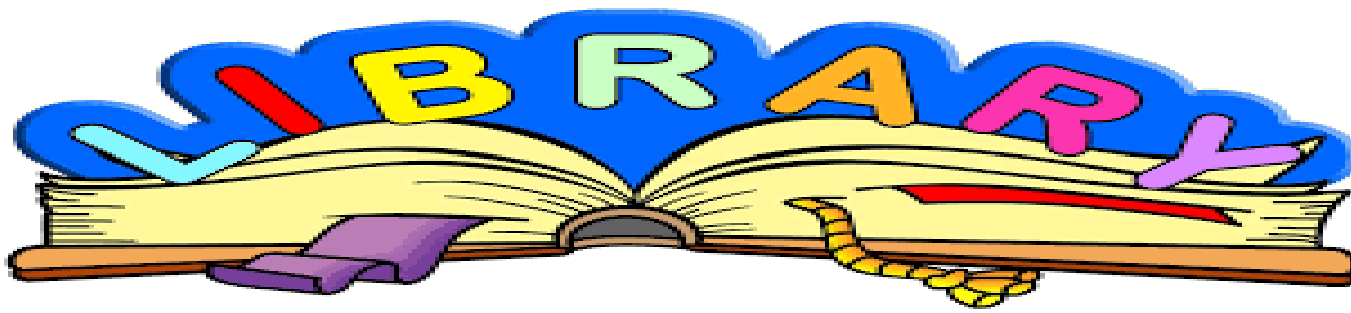
Donations

Over the last few years we have received lots of donations which have put to good use on our playground.

Here are a few things we need this term:

- **Buckets or spades left over from summer.**
- **Scooters or other wheeled items (including buggies and suitcase)**
- **Sheets/blankets/ fabric/ bamboo canes for den building.**
- **Old pots, pan and kitchen utensil for the mud kitchen.**

If you have any of these items to donate please drop them to the school office anytime during the school day.



This year we will be opening the library on a Thursday after school from 3:15 – 4:10. This will be an opportunity for you to visit the library with your child. You will be able to share a book together or choose a new book together to borrow.

We will be starting on Thursday 5th October.
We look forward to seeing you all enjoying our amazing library.

Monday 16th October - Thursday 19th October

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN



yo bright hair bands

yo DoJo reward

2 doJos is you wear bright clothing you get 2! DOJOS!

lights on your bike

yo glow in the dark TOWERS

yo be bright

yo be safe its getting dark

yo its getting dark wear bright clothes

yo High viz

yo wear high viz

yo Shine brighter than the sun

Be bright, be seen
Monday 16th - Thursday 19th



Reward

2-dojos for anyone we see that is being bright

you can wear anything bright or something that glows.



High-Viz



Reflective Stripes on clothing

If you wear anything bright like High-Viz you will get 2-dojos.

