



Dear Parents and Friends,

Changes

We are pleased for Mrs Evans, her husband Tom, and daughter Polly. There is a new member of the Evans family on the way, who is due in September. Mrs Kirby will increase her teaching commitment to two and a half days during the maternity leave and we will recruit the additional teacher for the remaining two and a half days.

On Tuesday 12th Ms Johnson returned after a very exciting sabbatical in New Zealand. It's great to have her back! Many thanks to Mrs Flint for teaching full time in her absence.

We are saying 'au revoir' to Ethan Baker and his mother Cara at the end of this term. They will be living in Holland with Barrett and new baby Logan for the remainder of the academic year. However the good news is that the whole family are due to return in September so we will look forward to welcoming them back.

After the Easter holidays we will be welcoming Lee Moscovici to Class Three. Lee is currently living in South Africa.

In Term Five we will be welcoming two Bath Spa trainee teachers Ms Rogers and Ms Midgely who are starting their Final PGCE Experiences in Class One and Class Two respectively on April 15th.

Friends

Thank you to everyone who supported our school quiz evening on Friday 1st March at which we raised £350 that will go towards improvements to our school. Special thanks go to our great quizmaster, Kevin Humphries. An official welcome from the school for Emily Oliver, our new Chair of the Friends.

World Book Day



On Thursday 7th we celebrated World Book Day and enjoyed the chance to dress up as a book character! A surprising number of adults in stripy shirts appeared in school. If you look very carefully in the photograph below you might spot a few!



Well done to the children (and parents behind the scenes!) who really entered to the spirit of the event, and created some amazing costumes.

Focaccia and Necklaces @ Dry Arch



'On Monday 19th March Class Four had a breathtaking visit to Dry Arch. My favourite activity was making a wooden necklace and having a Dry Arch hot chocolate!' *writes William Nicolson*. The class were able to plant seeds, and bake focaccia as well. The activity was led by Tania Orgill, our Forest School guide, and ably supported by Emma McGuinness, Helen Marton, Lenka Caine and Sophie Kelly.

Georgian Bath



On the morning of Monday 18th March Class Five went to the Building of Bath Museum to do a workshop about Georgian wallpaper and printing designs. They also walked to the Circus and the Royal Crescent to see the style of the doors and the different types of columns. The names of the different columns were Doric, Ionic and Corinthian.

Here are some comments from pupils:

Eli - "I liked taking pictures of the weird stone faces."

Luke - "The printing and drawing was fun, and I liked it when Edward and Eli built a giant temple out of the bricks."

Report by Luke and Florian

Georgians arrive in Class Five



Once again the Crinoline Group visited and dressed Mr and Mrs Woodley in replica Georgian outfits. The lacemakers in the class were blown away by the hours Linda and Carolyn had spent making the trimmings, and everyone groaned at the thought of not wearing underpants! We are very lucky to have access to this unusual resource.

India



On Friday 8th March Class Four enjoyed an Indian meal in their classroom. Everyone dressed up in saris, and appropriate clothes. We are grateful to the kitchen team at Bathwick St Marys who cooked some delicious Indian food for this event. The adults were very impressed by the quality of the food. Thanks to the wonderful parents who came to help.

Beware Anglo-Saxons!



Class Three learnt about the Anglo Saxon's this term. Here is a photograph of Cameron with the Anglo Saxon shield he made. Some children made Anglo-Saxon style jewellery. The children enjoyed hearing stories from that period, but sadly the Anglo-Saxon warrior invited to give a workshop was unwell.

Community Police Visit



On Friday 15th March Class One had a fantastic visit from the local Community Police. The children asked some wonderful questions and were given lots of information about how the Police help us. The Class explored inside a Police Van and even put the sirens on.

Concert @ Moorlands



On Monday 4th March, recorder players from Bathampton went to Moorlands School to play in a musical celebration event. There was a brass band, samba band and two woodwind (recorder) bands in Moorlands' school hall.

Bathampton pupils played recorders (descant recorder, treble recorder and tenor recorder). We played 'Santa Lucia', 'Cossack Dance', 'Go Down Moses' and 'Indian Warrior' as well as singing songs.

"Overall, we had a great time at Moorlands Junior School!" said James.

Report by Eli Marton-Browne and Edward Clarke

Foodbank



The children had an interesting assembly about Foodbank from David Purden (whose own children attended the school some years ago). In the few years that the organisation has been running they have distributed emergency food to over 3,000 residents in Bath; this figure includes 900 children. David said that requests for help have shot up in the last six months. People are given enough food to last three days enabling them to seek long term help in the meantime. We collect tins of food at school and have a collection point in the entrance hall. Please consider giving to this important charity.

Mufti Day



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mufti Day on March. We raised £110 for the two schools in Kalifi, Kenya. Hannah King and volunteers in her organisation had to evacuate Kenya recently because of concerns over the election. Being home early Hannah was able to give an assembly in person about her experiences.

Hannah had lived with a Kenyan family and was able to make a significant contribution to the schools helping them to become more self-sufficient, as well as giving a variety of training including positive behaviour management strategies. The money will make a real difference to a school where children attend part-time because midday lunches are unaffordable for most families.

Learning through Games



At the end of Term Three Class Two celebrated the end of their Toys topic with a 'board game day'. The children brought in games which they could teach to their class mates. This encouraged speaking and listening, collaboration and turn taking with-in the class. It was a thoroughly fun day, enjoyed by all!



Fitness and Sport

In Term 3 Classes One, Three and Four had expert gymnastics coaching through the revised version of the Sports Partnership. In Term 4 Class Five are benefitting from expert Tag Rugby coaching from Bath Rugby.

Football



The School Football Team played Swainswick on 6th March. They worked hard but lost 5-1. The match showed the need for the boys to practice and prepare together. We are looking at ways in which we can find a suitable day for Football Club that everyone is able to make.

Year 3 & 4 Tournament

Well done to the Year 3 & 4 Football Team who played in the annual tournament. This took place on Saturday 16th March at Monkton. The team played really well. They came second (despite not winning many matches) which was even more impressive as they were minus two very good players. Thanks to Mark Archer for turning out in the rain on Saturday to give our Year 3/4 football players an opportunity to play in a competitive tournament. Mark was really impressed by the commitment shown by all the children and thought that it was a great tournament.

We have had an issue with football kits vanishing so if kits could be returned (washed) to the school office by the Monday following a match this would enable us to keep our stock intact. If anyone has a blue Y 3 & 4 kit could they please return these to school as soon as possible. Many thanks to those who have already returned their clean kit!

Long Distance Running



On Friday the 8th of March Class Five went on a cross country run at St Mark's School. It was hard work but we managed to come second out of all the schools that took part. Thanks to all the class members and Mrs Edmund's encouragement, we all managed to complete the course.

Report by Enya Maylor and Lauren Featherstone

p.s. In her report Enya refrained from mentioning that she came fifth overall out of 201 runners from 5 primaries. Racing in wet conditions, the runners completed two circuits around the grounds with their individual scores being added to make a team score.

Dance Umbrella 'Troublemakers'



Congratulations to the Dance group who took part in Dance Umbrella at the Forum on Wednesday 13th March. The dance was based on the song 'Troublemaker' by Olly Murs. The children are to be congratulated for their hard work and enthusiasm.

One of the impressive aspects was how they showed both team work and individual flair.

Mrs Lake did an excellent job of co-ordinating the dance while encouraging the girls to contribute ideas and feel a sense of ownership.

Mikado



Well done to Jonnie Lye who appeared in 'The Mikado' at the Theatre Royal Bath.



Stars from Bathampton Primary School performed in the Dance show 'Spellbound' at the Theatre Royal on Sunday 17th March. Faith Marton, Jemima Noble, Genie Murray, Ellwyn Yardley, Hannah Benjelloun and Sophie Woodcock all took part. The show was a mixture of ballet, Tap, and Modern dance, and based on fairy tales and fantasy.



The Easter Holidays approach and pupils & parents may be looking for something different to do during the break.....

- Bath Rugby captain, Stuart Hooper and the Squad would love some more local support at the Rec. So, they have arranged FREE access to EASTER FRIDAY training session at the REC starting at 9.45pm
- ALSO community discounted tickets for the EASTER SATURDAY MATCH on the Rec v London Welsh KO 2.15pm
- Community Discounted Tickets are £15 adult & £10 child + booking fee. These tickets are available through the Ticket Office (0844 448 1865) Quote promotion code JH 30313

BIKE BATH weekend cycling festival

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June 2013
Routes ranging from 20 -100 miles, catering for riders of all abilities. Of particular interest will be the 20 mile route which should appeal to families and new or returning cyclists.

For more information visit www.bikebath.co.uk or call 0844 8793750

Bathampton Primary School

New School Pond

Bathampton Primary School
Help Build The New School Pond
Family Volunteer Day
Sunday 21st April
Anytime between 10am-4pm

Can you spare some time to help create the new school pond?
Money from the lottery grant covers the liner & grid. The rest is up to us.....
Bring a picnic, bring a spade, bring a football for the kids, 'thank-you cake' provided.

We aim to create a new wildlife water space with a full safety grid so the children can be close to the pond all year round.
If you know you can make it please let Tania Orgill or Emma Naysmith know. Or just turn up. All help very much appreciated.

**HOST
FAMILIES
NEEDED**

We are intending to offer a placement to two Swiss students for three weeks in September. In order to do this we need to have parents who are willing to host the students. There is a payment for doing this. The students are on a teacher training course. If you are interested could you please email the school on Bathampton_pri@bathnes.gov.uk or speak to one of the Secretaries before the end of April.

48 hour rule

A reminder about the 48hr sickness rule! Cold weather and winter bugs have been around longer this year and we need to maintain the 48 hour rule to protect everyone from spreading illness!

Diary Dates

March

Friday 22nd End of Term 4

April

Monday 8th Start of Term 5

Monday 15th Premier Sports Fencing sessions

Tuesday 16th Class three to Holburne Museum & Class Two to Dry Arch

Monday 22nd French Pen Pals in school all day

Bath Rugby in a.m.

Tuesday 23rd Penpals get together @ The George

Tuesday 30th Bathampton Choir to The Forum for practice (TBC)

May

Monday 6th Bank Holiday

Class Three to Montacute House

Monday 13th May Y6 SATS Week All children must be in school. (No sleepovers please in the week prior to the 13th)

Wednesday 15th September 2013 Intake Parents Meeting 6.45 for 7.00 p.m.

Monday 20th Year Two to St Marks for Multisport

Tuesday 21st Class Photos & Kwikcricket Tournament

Friday 24th End of Term 5

June

Monday 3rd INSET Day 4

Tuesday 4th Start of Term 6 for children

Thursday 13th Class Two Singing Event @ Widcombe Infant School

& in the evening Bathampton Choir to Bath Schools Music Event @ The Forum (Rhyme, Rhythm, Rock and Roll) Time to be confirmed

Friday 14th Open Morning

Friday 21st Science Day: Forces

Monday 24th Year 3 and 4 Tagtails Tournament @ Home

Tuesday 25th Class Five 'Tennis-Cricket' @ St Marks

July

Monday 1st Sports' Day (Option One)

Tuesday 2nd Class Five to Lifeskills Centre

Thursday 4th Secondary Invasion Day/ School Induction Afternoon

Saturday 6th Summer Fair (or Sat 29th June)

Monday 8th Sports' Day (Option Two)

Wednesday 10th Optional parent/ teacher interview opportunities if required after school

Friday 19th End of Term 6 for children

Monday 22nd INSET Day 5

- **Please add dates to your diary!!!**

Monday 13th May is KS2 SATs Week 2013 Year Six children **must** be in school this week.

Please do not book any sleepovers during this week or in the week before as these tend to affect children's concentration and morale.

School dates online at www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar



Have a great Easter Holiday!

