



Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2017

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy first week back with lots of interesting new learning adventures for us all.

Year 6 have been excited this week to find out about their secondary school place for September 2017. I hope you have been successful in your choice, but if you do have any questions or concerns please come and see me.

3D visited the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital as part of a heritage project. The children and teachers learned about the Cadbury connections to the building, how it has changed over the years and had opportunities to speak to staff and patients. 3M and 3S will be visiting in the next couple of weeks.

Before half term, our Pollination team were invited to plant trees over in Bournville Park with Birmingham Trees for Life. They did a great job and we were proud to be involved in such a worthwhile scheme – there are lots of photos of the planting on our school blog.

It may have been half term last week, but Mr Evans and a team of volunteers were working hard to prepare the ground for our garden area at the bottom of the year 3 steps. Huge thanks to all those who continue to give up their time and energy to work on this exciting project.

Finally, we all had a wonderful time on Thursday celebrating World Book Day. We shared wonderful stories and had great fun admiring costumes – there are lots of photos on our blog for you to enjoy.



Claire Williams

ATTENDANCE

High Attendance = High Achievement

Congratulations to class 4RHP for achieving 99.4% week ending 10th February and to class 4RA for achieving 100% week ending 17th February.

Well done to you all.

DATES FOR DIARIES

6th March - 3S trip to Royal Orthopaedic Hospital
8th March - Year 4 Anglo Saxon day
13th March - 3M trip to Royal Orthopaedic Hospital
15th March - Year 3 and 4 Peter & the Wolf performance by Birmingham Conservatoire
17th-26th March - Bournville Book Festival
20th March - Bournville Area Band Concert
22nd March - 5.45-8.15pm Parents' Evening
23rd March - 3.45-6.15pm Parents' Evening
24th March - Red Nose Day

Year 4 - ANGLO SAXON DAY

This week saw Year 4 enjoy a Design and Technology Day on Tuesday. Anglo Saxon houses were constructed from clay, wood, card and natural materials. We had wattle and daub walls, thatched roofs and electrical circuits to light up that all-important fire. (We suspended authenticity at this point to link the work to our science topic!) A great day was had by both children and staff! Thank you for sending children into school with recycling materials.

Next Wednesday, on the 8th March, Year 4 will be enjoying an Anglo Saxon Day. We hope to see all Year 4 children dress up. You should have received a letter on 28th February with a couple of illustrations to help you see what might be worn to help your child get into role and feel like an Anglo Saxon.

The Year 4 teachers would like to thank you ahead of Wednesday for your continued support in aiding us to increase your child's enjoyment in their education.

We will be putting photos of the day on the school blog for your enjoyment!

MUSIC NEWS

Well done to all the children who played in the recent Music Service concerts and especially to our school string quintet of Maya, Lara, Leila, Isabelle and Renzhi. Feedback from both parents and peri teachers was that all the children played brilliantly. We really look forward to hearing all our musicians in our summer concerts next term.



Keyboard and Piano Lessons – Maternity Cover

I can now confirm that during Mrs Avery's maternity leave her lessons will be taken by Miss Jory Debenham. We would like to welcome Miss Debenham to Bournville Junior School and naturally wish Mrs Avery all the best during her maternity leave. We'll let you know when baby arrives!

Year 3 Singing Project

All children in Year 3 have recently received a letter outlining a music theatre-singing project we have been asked to take part in. The project is being run by Anne Ellis and Bournville Young Singers and involves learning a number of songs from memory, which will be choreographed. The project will culminate in a concert in the Bramhall Concert Hall at King Edwards School on June 17th. Rehearsals for this project will take place at 8.30 a.m. on Friday mornings starting from 10th March. If your child would like to take part in this project please either return the slip on the letter or let me know via the office. Please note that your child must be able to attend both the afternoon rehearsal and concert on June 17th.

Year 3 and Year 6 Curricula Music

This half term Year 3 are continuing their exploration of Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf', which will culminate in, a performance on March 15th from a group of musicians from the Birmingham Conservatoire. The children are composing their own themes for each character, which will be integrated into their own telling of the story. If your child learns an instrument in school and would like to use this in their composition, class music lessons take place on a Wednesday.

Year 6 are also continuing their exploration of music during WW2. This half term they will be working in groups to compose their own 'soundscapes' based on their own WW2 scenario. These will be recorded and put onto the website. Likewise, if your child would like to bring in their instrument to use in their composition, class music takes place on a Monday.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Please can we remind you that all music lessons must be paid for in advance and we should, by now, have received this half term's payment of £31.50. If you have not paid, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Choir payments received go towards the running of our choir including conductor, accompanist, music and other resources.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal during November of last year. We have been informed by the Local Honorary Organiser that with your help we managed to raise **£572.64** which is a fantastic amount.

Thank you again for all your support.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is on the 24th March. We will be selling Red Noses through the School Shop and inviting children to "**Have Crazy Hair**" for the day for a suggested donation of £1 to the charity.

Biscuits will also be on sale during morning break for 20p.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FRIENDS OF BOURNVILLE PARK

Join Birmingham's Great British Spring Clean on Sunday March 5th 2.00-4.00pm. Meet at the car park.

It's your chance to help Bournville Park look even better than usual. **Wild flower planting – led by Bug Life** <https://www.buglife.org.uk/> We'll be planting wild flower plug plants kindly donated by Buglife.

Nick Packham, Buglife's Urban Buzz Officer, will lead the planting session and is keen to work with us to improve the habitats for insects in our park!

Kids discover the Bourn

For the kids, Dean Paul, from Birmingham City Council's Ranger Service, will be leading a bug-hunting and water-dipping/testing session in the Bourn. We all know that the stream makes Bournville Park special: this is a chance for kids and parents to learn more about the Bourn, the quality of the water that flows through it, and the species for which it provides a home.

Refreshments at Bournville Hub

There'll be tea, coffee and cake at the end of the session in the Bournville Hub on Bournville Green. (The Hub asks for a small donation for the refreshments; 50p for hot drinks, £1 for cake). Please join us so that we can get to know each other over a cuppa!

What to wear & info for parents and guardians

All tools needed for the planting session will be provided. Please wear warm clothes/waterproofs, gardening gloves and shoes suitable for gardening/outdoor work. **All welcome but please note children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.**

If you and your children are joining us to learn about the Bourn, please ensure that you are all wearing wellies. Ranger Dean will bring hand-wash and wipes so that you can clean your hands at the end of the session.

Let us know if you are coming via bournvilleparkfriends@yahoo.com (or just turn up and take pot luck)

KING EDWARDS SCHOOL

Open Morning: Saturday 18th March, 10am—12.30pm

Parents of boys in Year 5, please note that the entrance exam has moved from the traditional date in January to **Saturday 7th October.**