

# Bawdeswell Primary School Newsletter



February 2023

## Spring is Here?

Already, we find ourselves half way through the school year, the time is just speeding by.

We are all looking forward to spring, but in the meantime have been enjoying the sporting events that we have been able to go on, our Japan week learning and having hot chocolate in the woods.

## Attendance and Punctuation

As we all know regular school attendance and good punctuation is essential for our children to thrive and learn. It helps them feel part of the school community and to build positive relationships with adults and peers.

Being just 10 minutes late in the morning may not seem like a lot but over the school year this adds up to 6 full days of learning and disrupts the start of the day for everyone. The gates are open from 8:40 and lessons start at 8:50am.

If you are finding it hard to get to school on time, please come and talk to us.

## Dodgeball Tournament

A group of children from KS2 got the chance to take part in a Dodgeball Tournament, at the UEA, this month. They were brilliant, won all their matches and qualified for the final, where unfortunately they were narrowly beaten. We were so proud of their team work, resilience and sportsmanship. They are a credit to themselves and the school. We all had a great day.



## Term Dates

### March

2nd  
16th  
13th—16th  
17th  
23rd  
30th  
31st

World Book Day  
KS1 Sport4All Festival  
Yr2 and Yr6 testing Week  
Red Nose Day  
World Maths Day  
Rock Steady Concert  
Last Day of Spring Term

### April

1st—17th  
26th

Easter Holidays  
Volunteer Safeguarding Training  
1:15pm

### May

1st  
8th  
9th—12th  
15th—19th  
25th  
29th—2nd

May Bank Holiday  
Coronation Bank Holiday  
KS2 SATs  
KS1 SATs  
Yrs 3-6 Quad Kids Competition  
Half Term

### June

5th  
5th—8th  
  
7th  
12th-17th  
19th—23rd  
26th 30th  
28th  
29th  
30th

Yrs 5-6 Kwik Cricket  
Malawi Week  
Testing Week  
Class Group Photos  
Phonics Screening Week  
Yr 4 Multiplication Check Week  
Sports Week  
Sports Day 1:15pm  
INSET Day  
KS1 Athletics Tournament

### July

12th  
13th  
14th  
18th  
19th  
  
20th  
21st

Yr6 Day in the Woods  
Yrs 4, 5 and 6 Play (provisional date)  
Annual Reports Home  
Yr6 Leavers Trip (provisional date)  
End of Year Concert 1:30pm  
(provisional date)  
Volunteer Thank You 11am  
Last day of Term—Finish at 1:15pm

## Chestnut Class

In Chestnut Class we have been exploring Mr Wolf's Pancakes story, we have been following Mr Wolf's recipe to create our own pancakes. They were delicious!

We then kindly offered to help Mr Wolf who was struggling to follow the recipe and we wrote him a letter to offer our support. We wrote our own pancake recipe for Mr Wolf to follow and we even recorded these aloud on Seesaw for our grown ups at home to learn how to make pancakes.



## Willow Class

Willow class have continued with their creative writing based on the book, Ocean meets Sky and the children have produced some lovely writing. In maths we came back from half term to explore Time! A tricky concept for many, but we are getting there.

In Geography we have continued with our coastline topic, which has included learning about the compass points and reading a key for a map. We move into exploring coastal towns next.

During Japan week the children worked on a Hokusai wave picture collage which should hopefully be displayed in the hall next week. We also tried our hand at Sushi pandas, with children surprising their taste buds!

## Oak Class

Oak Class have been busy finishing and editing their Arrival letters and focusing on features of informal writing, as well as cohesion across paragraphs and how they link.

We have been getting to grips with fractions which will move nicely into our decimal work.

Our little scientists have finished off their States of Matter science work with their ice investigations as well as continuing their work on Mountains and Rivers.

We have also been designing some brilliant posters for our topic work which we look forward to displaying in our classroom.



## Stars of the Month



Year R: Darcie-Rose

Year 1: Michael

Year 2: Zephan

Year 3: Isabelle

Year 4: Laila

Year 5: Eva

Year 6: Mason

Well done to all of you. We are so proud of how hard you have worked this month.

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## Easter Egg Competition

Following the amazing success of last year's competition we will be running an Easter Egg design competition again this year.

Morrison's in the village have very kindly offered to donate some prizes.

We would like children to design something around the school values of;

Kindness, Compassion, Teamwork, Problem solving, Aspiration, Friendship or Positivity.

Please bring them to school on Thursday 30th March and they will be judged on the last day of this term. We look forward to seeing your entries.

## Japan Week

Last week was Japan week. The children have been learning all about the country: its culture, its food and traditions.

Chestnut Class have been learning to say Hello, designing kimonos and learning about the traditional buildings of Japan.

Willow Class have learnt about Japan and its neighbouring countries, made sushi and created art in the style of Hokusai.

Oak Class have learnt about the physical geography of Japan including Mt Fuji and have created art work and fact files to go with it.

We have all learnt a Japanese song 'Hotaru koi' and learnt about the Setsubun festival and have been banishing the Oni demons with the words 'Oni wa soto, fuku wa uchi'.

## The King's Coronation

Monday 8th May 2023  
2.00pm – 5.00pm

To celebrate the Coronation of our new King the Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee invite you to a free afternoon of fun and frolics at the Village Hall and Playing Fields. There will be lots to entertain you, music, a dance display, bouncy castle and much more, culminating in a Street Party tea at 3.30pm that all are invited to sit and enjoy. After tea we will be having the glorious magician last seen here at the Jubilee celebrations to entertain us until the end of the afternoon.

Please look in April's copy of the Reeves Tale for more information about what we have on offer.

## Non-Club Football Kick About Festival

A group of children from Oak Class got the chance to take part in a Non-Club Football Kick About Festival at Goals in Norwich, this month. The day consisted of skill based activities, followed by three non-competitive football matches.

Their team work, sportsmanship and resilience was fantastic. Well done guys, you did yourselves and the school proud!

