

# Bawdeswell Primary School Newsletter



March and April 2024

## Another Term Complete

We have completed the spring term and begun the summer term since the last newsletter. So much has happened!

## Easter Egg Competition

As always the entries for the competition were amazing, it was obvious that a lot of hard work had been put into them. It is always lovely to see how the theme is interpreted! It was lovely to have them in the foyer and to be able to give the children the chance to see them all before the judging took place. They were all happy to share their ideas about which ones they liked and why.

Well done to all our winners!

## Can you Help?

Can you spare an hour or two? Why not volunteer in school? We are always looking for helpers, to listen to our children read, to support on trips or to help in class or with after school clubs.

If you can spare any time please let us know.

## Can you Inspire?

As part of our inspirational people work we have been learning about different people who inspire us, nationally and internationally, now and throughout history.

We have also shared some of our own successes to inspire each other. Could you inspire too?

It is so important that our children have as many opportunities in life as possible and understanding what is out there for their future is a big part of that.

Why not come and talk to the children about your job? Are you a farmer, actor, artist, nurse, in fact any job at all. The more the children know about the world of work the more they will aspire to become the best they can be. Let's help them achieve that together.

Come in and see us if you think you would like to get involved.

## Our Japanese Friends came to Visit

As part of our aim to inspire our children to discover more about the world and understand life beyond Norfolk, Reepham Primary are now in our 15th year of working in partnership with Sakado Azuma Kindergarten in the Saitama Prefecture of Japan.

For two weeks this April, our children and staff have been building on our knowledge of Japanese culture, by learning directly from Shizuka, Haroke and Natsuma. They have been in our school leading sessions on origami, writing in Kanji, katakana and hiragana, speaking basic phrases and reading Japanese children's stories. We have been treated to sampling traditional Japanese Melon Soda (which the children were most looking forwards to!). We have even all learnt a new Japanese song!



## Beech Class

This month in Beech class our History learning has been all about the Victorian era. We had a Victorian day where children learnt some of the routines; learnt copper print handwriting, arithmetic and reading. The children sat in rows and had to show respect to the adults who came to the classroom by standing behind their chairs.

We had a surprise visit from some ducklings. The children sat and listened to the information of how the ducklings were rescued and asked brilliant questions. They also got a chance to stroke them.

In DT, we have been learning where our food comes from and have made our own healthy salads. The children chose 3 fruits or vegetables and peeled, diced, sliced and chopped them all. The children worked safely with the equipment. We have had a lovely time in Beech Class since being back from Easter!

## Maple Class

We have celebrated another busy month in Maple class. We have been writing guidebooks for looking after a cloud, we have practised using a lot of questions! We have continued to celebrate our story telling and shared stories with the class. We really enjoy this and look forward to a new story each week.

In Science, we have begun our Plant nutrition and reproduction project. We will be planting and observing plant growth in the forthcoming weeks. In History, we have begun to focus on the Romans and the building of Rome. We have learnt about the myths and the historical account. Next week we are dressing up for a shared Roman experience at Reepham Primary school. We have enjoyed our tri-golf experience and are really looking forward to more sporting opportunities.

## Elder Class

We have started a new History unit in Elder class - the Ancient Greeks! We began by placing the Ancient Greeks on a time line and comparing it to other periods we know. We worked in teams to find out about artefacts like the Minoan Bull Leaper and the Mask of Agamemnon.

We have learnt about the Minoan and the Mycenaeans civilisations and compared them to each other.

In our English lessons, we have been working on 'The Lost Thing' by Shawn Tan. We are building up to writing our own story and we have started by writing an explanation of our version of the Ministry for Lost Things and have designed our own Lost Thing.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about how to be healthy. We have been working on designing a hotel to support the Five Ways to Wellbeing which are:

- Being connected with others
- Being active
- Taking notice
- Continuing to learn
- Having a balanced, healthy diet.

We are creating a brochure for our hotels advertising a range of facilities which help guests to be healthy and happy.

## Tri-Golf Tournament

We took a group of 10 children aged year 2-4 on a Tri Gold Festival, we took part in an arrange of stations, we practiced lots of our tri golf skills such as hitting the ball to hit a target, hitting the ball into a cone and we practiced chipping the ball. All of the children had such a brilliant day and said how they would love to do the day all over again!

A big shout out to Arlo in year 3 for getting the honesty sticker for the day!



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## Term Dates

### March

27th Easter Egg Design Competition  
28th—12th Easter Break

### April

15th First Day of Summer Term

### May

2nd Years 2-4 Tri Golf Tournament  
6th Bank Holiday  
8th Year 3 and 4 Visit to Foxley Wood  
13th-16th KS2 SATs week  
20th-24th KS1 Testing Week  
21st Class Photos  
27th-31st Half Term

### June

3rd-7th Malawi Week  
5th Year 4 Multiplication Check Week  
8th Summer Fete  
10th—14th Phonics Screening Week  
17th-19th Year 5 and 6 Residential  
24th-28th Sports Week  
26th Sports Day  
27th INSET

### July

2nd Year 4, 5 and 6 Play  
10th-11th Year 6 RHS Transition Days  
12th Year 6 Day in the Woods  
12th End of Year reports to parents  
17th End of Year Concert  
19th End of term—children finish 1:15pm

## Dance Show

For the last twelve weeks our after-school Dance Club, from Elder Class, have been working hard to create a beautiful dance to Katy Perry's Firework. The theme of this year's show was - GROWTH MINDSET – ACTIVE, HEALTHY & HAPPY.

Ten schools, from across the region, performed two performances, an afternoon and an evening at The Space, Norwich. For most of these girls it was the first time performing on a professional stage to around 500 people, they were amazing! Their nerves turned into enjoyment, and they didn't want the day to end. So, due to the success of this, we are continuing the after-school club and are preparing a dance to present at the school fete.

A huge thank you to the following people, without their support the day wouldn't have been so special:

Hair Mrs White  
Sparkly Make-Up Mrs Wallace  
Amazing Costumes Parents



## Stars of the Month



### March

Year R: Eva  
Year 1: Theodore  
Year 2: Amber  
Year 3: Robin  
Year 4: Alfie  
Year 5: Fredi  
Year 6: Sofia

### April

Year R: Evie  
Year 1: Archie  
Year 2: Evelyn  
Year 3: Ieuan  
Year 4: Bailey-May  
Year 5: Alastair  
Year 6: Madison

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