



Dear Parents and Friends,

Changes

Mrs Jackson has had to step down from her post as 0.2 early year's teacher earlier this term for personal reasons. We were disappointed to lose Mrs Jackson and wish her all the best. Thankfully Mrs Best was available to take over! We are recruiting again for January.

Awards

This term, two long term projects were recognised within weeks of each other; and the school visited the Guildhall twice in the same month to collect the awards. We don't tend to go in for awards for the sake of it but they do provide an opportunity to evaluate and improve an area of school life. There is always more to do though and we want to keep on getting better at what we do!



Healthy Schools Plus Award



In a ceremony on Tuesday 18th October we were given the award for achieving Healthy Schools Plus status. Mrs Lake, who ably led the project, is shown here together with the children who attended the event. They put on a superb presentation showing the value of being active in lesson times by having more lessons outdoors.

As if that weren't enough, the school has also been awarded the Food for Life Partnership Bronze Award for its healthy and climate-friendly food culture.



Inclusion Quality Mark Award

On Thursday 6th October the school was awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark in the Banqueting Room at the Guildhall. This award celebrates the schools attempt to care for all members of the school community.

We are very grateful to SEN Governor Mrs Clarke and Special Needs Co-ordinator Mrs Wood who led the project seen here with our Chair of Governors Mrs Linda Fursland.



The School Orchestra played two compositions really well. Ms Johnson conducted. We had chosen to show this aspect of school life as it is one that a surprising number of children in the school participate in, and at a high level. It was a very enjoyable event during which the children sat at banqueting tables and were treated like VIPs!

Links Abroad

Key Dates

Monday 31st October Start of Term 2
Thursday 3rd November: Bonfire after school

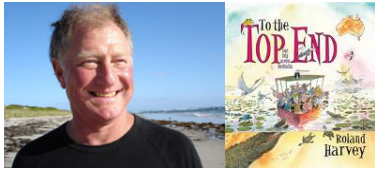
Friday 4th November INSET Day 3

Wednesday 14th December Carol Service
1.45 p.m.

School dates online at

www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar

Gift from 'Down Under'



On Friday 7th October the children in Class Four and Five attended the annual Service in St Nicholas Church for Admiral Arthur Phillips, first Governor of New South Wales. Pauline Lyle-Smith spoke at the service and then presented the school with a superb gift. It is a wonderful world map illustrating the journey made by the First Fleet. The map is created by popular Australian illustrator Roland Harvey, and it is one of only four in the world. It is now in the school entrance hall, and you are invited to enjoy studying the map in detail!



Head teacher, Paul Falkus, together with Reverend Paul Burden, who conducted the service, Pauline Lyle-Smith, and Commodore Peter Lockwood Naval Defence Advisor for the Australian High Commission holding the magnificent map.

Fund Raising



Ted's cool 'Flower Power' Day Out...Man!

On Friday 14th October the exceptionally cool kids at Bathampton celebrated Ted's Big Day Out by dressing up in 'Flower Power' kit. We were able to talk about the history of the Flower Power movement in assembly. It was great to see the children in their colourful costumes!

New Building & Changes



Here a small group of Year 6 children admire the new classroom currently under construction. We will look forward to showing you the new building in November. It is going to be an amazing resource!

This term the local authority asked us, as a popular school, if we would be willing to accept an additional eight children in 2012 and each September after that. The birth rate figures means that additional places are needed for this area for the foreseeable future. The governors have discussed this request, and feel that overall it is in the best interests of the school and of the many local families who would like a place at the school.

This will enable us to have six classes in September and seven at a future date. The immediate impact will be that we will have a straight reception class, and the other children will be spread though the remaining five classes. We will also initially have a spare classroom for small groups in addition to the 'Learning Zone'.

The temporary building will be sited in the fenced off area by the rope swings and the area landscaped. The classrooms will be superb for KS2 children as they are bigger than our upstairs classrooms. They will be fully refurbished and equipped to a high specification.

Obviously a lot of work is needed to make this happen successfully and the staff and governors will be busy preparing for this change. We are aware that parents are likely have some questions about this change and intend to send out a more detailed information sheet in the second week of Term 2 and set up a display in the hall. Apologies that this isn't ready yet but it has been an exceptionally busy term! We do want to ensure that if possible everyone is on board and supportive of the move.

Out and About

Class Three Trip to Rocks East Woodland

Class Three had a tremendous day and enjoyed warm sunny weather at Rocks East. The children were told a story which they then acted out. Their mission; to locate the 'Last Dragon's Egg,' transport it safely down the coachman's track and then build a home for it. The children worked in small groups following a trail of flour and collecting items on the way to present to the guards of the cave. Once through the valley of the rocks they reached their destination and with trepidation stepped forth into the narrow and rather damp tunnel. There they found the dragon's egg.



On their return journey they had to work as a group to carry the egg safely back to base. The afternoon was spent constructing a home for the dragon consisting of all the essential items including a lookout, a treasure trove, food, somewhere to hide and something to play on. The children worked brilliantly in their groups and made intricate homes with working swings, zip slides, trampolines and comfortable beds.



The day was extremely enjoyable and provided the perfect rich experience for the children to practise their recount writing skills. Thanks to all those parents that helped which enabled the children to be well supported.

Report by Mrs Wood

Cirencester



'Class Four went to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester to find out more about Roman Britain.

First of all we looked at a picture of the Roman Army. The horses and soldiers looked very fierce! The soldiers who rode on horses were called The Calvary.



We went to a workshop where we dressed up as Roman Soldiers. First we put on linen underwear, next we put on an itchy wool tunic and finally a cloak. The soldiers also wore a heart shaped metal chest protector.

After this we went to see the amazing mosaics: the most interesting of these was the season mosaic which showed the four seasons. In one part it showed a man with horns being attacked by dogs. The man was a hunter who was turned into a stag by the Goddess Diana. The hunter was looking at the Goddess and she flew into a rage and gave him antlers. The mosaic showed blood pouring out of the hunter's leg. Rich Romans had mosaics individually created for their homes.

It was a day we thoroughly enjoyed. We had beautiful weather; the museum was a very handsome building. The Roman artefacts helped us to imagine how the Romans lived. The Romans were a brave and ingenious civilisation'.

Report by

Elle Metcalfe, Davide Montani, Louis Messer and Hannah Benjelloun

Wookey Hole



Class Two have had a busy term learning about dinosaurs and fossils. To enhance the topic they enjoyed a day out at Wookey Hole where the children learnt about the different chambers in the caves, looked at the huge model dinosaurs and got lost in the mirror maze!

Visitors



Theco-dontosaurus Visit

On Tuesday 18th October Class Two welcomed Ed Drewitt, a visitor from The Bristol Dinosaur Project. He taught the children about the theco-dontosaurus whose remains were found in Bristol and was only the fourth dinosaur to be discovered! The class also had the chance to hold and feel a wide range of fossils.



Dino- Dig

To round off the term, Class Two acted as palaeontologists for the day. 'Professor' Tania Orgill led the dig, looking for dinosaur bones along the canal and in the school grounds. It's amazing what can be found when you search with determination!

New Zealand



Class Three have been learning all about New Zealand this term and our links with the southern hemisphere have been developed by the characters above. Noah, James and William were all born in New Zealand, and have been reminding us about this during the Rugby World Cup. They demonstrated the Hakka in assembly, and James and William's father Mark came in and taught Class Three the Maori dance, while Bridgette Richardson taught them how to use Poi! It's great to feel that we have real links to the wider world!

Creativity in the Woods



We are very keen that children use the woods in creative ways, and the children's experiences with Mrs Wood's 'Dragon Egg' visit to Rock's East and Tania Orgill's PlayWood Club are encouraging some really imaginative play. The children have produced some beautiful intricate miniature worlds using natural materials. Every additional piece of log, wood, and stone is treasured by the children. Thanks to Piers Sweetingham for donating some wood and to Tania Orgill and Sophie Cooper for finding and cutting up some logs recently. We would love to have more logs and branches that could be used for den making.



A Twig Maze made by Robin McGuinness

We now have a Lunchtime Supervisor, Mrs McDonald, who is dedicated to encouraging play in the woods and field.

Friends Events

Bonfire Night



On Thursday 3rd November, there will be a bonfire in the school playing field, after school. This will include lots of lovely refreshments (soup, hot dogs, mulled wine) plus a 'guy' competition with a prize for the judges' favourite. Children are invited to come to school on the day in 'wild west' themed mufti, but please make sure they have warm clothes and suitable footwear. If you are able to offer any help with this event, or donate suitable wood for the bonfire, please contact Hannah, Kev or Hayley.

Xmas Fayre

This will take place after school on Friday 9th December. It is always a really fun event which usually raises lots of money for school, and we hope this year will be no exception! If you would like to be involved in this year's fayre, please come along to a planning meeting that will be held on Wednesday 9th November at 2.00 p.m., or speak to Hannah, Kev or Hayley if you would like to help but are unable to attend.

Sport and Fitness



Ex- Bathampton pupils 'Belouis and Oscar Archer made sure proud dad Mark was out of pocket after scoring hat-tricks at the same time - but for two different Bath clubs - on Sunday afternoon.

Despite breaking his right boot, Belouis, 15, netted three times in Bath Arsenal under-16s' victory at Frome. Oscar had a stint in goal for Larkhall Athletic under-14s but still managed a treble at the other end in their away success over Temple Cloud.

Both had the incentive of a £10 hat-trick bonus from Mark, who was on the sidelines at Frome while receiving text updates from his wife Cate, who was cheering on Oscar's Larkhall side.

Well done to Belouis and Oscar! This article is from the Chronicle. It is worth pointing out that the main reason the boys did so well is the many childhood games in the park with Mark over the years gaining skills and experience.

Secondary Transfer

Late addition: I have been asked to give a reminder to the parents of Year 6 pupils who haven't yet submitted an application to transfer to secondary. The deadline is 31st October 2011. There is now a Choice Advice Service available for parent/carers who would value advice. Rowan Tanner can be contacted on a free phone number 0800 073 1214.

We would be grateful if parents could ensure that:
Children bring book bags to school every day (Please do check these for letters and slips, as even families on e-mail have paper items occasionally)
Children wear the correct school uniform (blue, grey or white socks)

Could long hair be tied back for health and safety reasons
Children bring water bottles to school each day
Could parents of younger children please be in a position to make eye contact on handover at the end of the day

Please continue to bring in Morrison's growing vouchers. Thanks for your support in this area! Thanks to those who contributed towards the Harvest collection.

Clerk for the Governors
We would like to recruit a new clerk to the Governors. Please talk to Sue Avres for further information

Please transfer to home diary!

Diary Dates

Bathampton Primary School
Together on a learning adventure



Diary Dates

Look out for 'The One Show' during the holiday!
There is one very special local family appearing on Garden Watch! The Franks family are featured. ☺

Monday 31st Start of Term 2

& Parent/ teacher interview fortnight.

& Swimming starts for Class Four

November

Tuesday 1st SEAL Assembly

Thursday 3rd Friends Bonfire Night Event after school

Friday 4th INSET Day 3

Tuesday 8th Miss Grayson Special Assembly

Monday 14th National Anti-Bullying Fortnight 2011

& Class One visit to The Egg for 'Dance Please'

Thursday 17th Y5/6 Football Tournament @ Glasshouse Fields

Monday 21st Class Four to Roman Baths

Friday 25th Class Four Assembly 9.15 a.m. Parents welcome & Roman Feast at lunchtime

December

Monday 5th Children's Christmas Post begins

Friday 9th Christmas Fair after school

& Mr Milne finishes

Monday 12th Mrs Edmund returns from Maternity leave

& Class Three Party

Tuesday 13th Class One Party

Wednesday 14th Carol Service @ St Nicholas 1.45pm

Thursday 15th Class Two & Class Five Party

Friday 16th Class Four Party

& End of Term 2

January 2012

Tuesday 3rd INSET Day 4

Wednesday 4th Start of Term 3

Monday 23rd Class One Spanish Trainee Teachers begin visit

February

Friday 10th End of Term 3

Monday 20th Start of Term 4

March

Tuesday 13th Class Four to WW2 event @ Swindon Steam Museum

Friday 30th End of Term 4

April

Monday 16th Start of Term 5

June

Friday 1st End of Term 5

Monday 11th INSET Day 5

Tuesday 12th Children start Term 6

July

Thursday 19th End of Term 6

All term dates available online

www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar

Anyone able to look after us when our feeder Charlotte Forster heads off to Cornwall? We will need some TLC!



Could parents please ensure that children are given safety instructions if visiting the railway crossing to watch trains. It is important that they are under adult supervision if they wish to cross, and they use the public footpath. They should stay by the gate at the end of Tynning Road and not track side. Also throwing things is not appropriate for obvious reasons.

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