

Dear Parents,

This week started with a focus on healthy lifestyles with workshops for every class. The children explored healthy lunch boxes and even took part in a bushtucker trial – tasting foods including spinach, dates and sugar snap peas. We were really impressed with the children’s bravery in tasting the food. The workshop also included discussions around being active and the importance of sleep and keeping our minds healthy too.



Thank you to the parents that completed the survey on our wrap around care provision. A new policy has been set up for Breakfast club and CAST which will take effect after Easter, in line with our move to Arbor. If you child currently attends either club, please read through carefully. We have also attached a registration form for parents to complete before their child attends. Please let us know if you would like a word version of the document. They will also be available to collect from CAST next week.



This week we have also discussed Red Nose Day and learnt about how the charity supports people around the world. We spoke about different ways in which the charity could be supported, it was lovely to have some children bring in their red noses today.



Finally, a big thank you for all the donations for the Bicester Foodbank.

Wishing you all a sunny weekend,

Nadia Gosling

## **Breakfast Club and CAST**



## Our Stars of the Week

Freya

Lara

Evelyn B

Minnie

Daisy B

Kyle

Amelia

Mackenzie

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5&6 with:

**98% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**95%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

## Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am  
8:30am—8:45am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm  
or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

## ECO COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Bicester Foodbank food collection. We will be arranging the delivery of the donated food to them next week. I'm sure they will be very grateful. The next topic we will be focussing on is Marine. The Eco Council will share the next task in an assembly.

## Volunteers needed

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to start up a Community Speed Watch group. We need a minimum of three, plus a coordinator. PC Turnham attended our meeting last night which was very positive. Please contact the clerk or any Parish Councillor if you would like to volunteer.

## Diary dates

- **21st March—Re-scheduled Girls Primary Football Event**
- **22nd March—Tag Rugby Festival Yrs3-6**
- **25th March—Yr5/6 Youlbury trip meeting for parents**
- **27th March Yr5/6 Bicester Schools Football League last match**
- **28th March—School finishes for Easter**



## FSU

This week in our **Living Things** topic we have been looking at Lifecycles. We have read the Eric Carle Story- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. This helped us learn that a butterfly lays an egg, then it hatches into a caterpillar after growing bigger it builds itself a little home (cocoon) and after about two weeks comes out as a butterfly, which lays an egg...

Reception children drew and labelled this cycle independently in their writing books, whilst Nursery children practised their mark making by drawing a butterfly or caterpillar in theirs.



## Year 1 & 2

Our class has been very green fingered this week. We have planted potatoes, broad beans and are currently experimenting with cress to see if the location and how much water it gets will affect its growth. Our maths topic this week has been all about measuring with a ruler and metre stick, we have had lots of fun measuring items in the classroom.



## Year 3 & 4

This week Year 3 and 4 have been ploughing on admirably with Fractions in Maths, as well as delving deeper into our Science topic of Flowers and Pollination and our History topic of Ancient Egypt.

Real highlights for most this week include Computing lessons, where we have been experimenting with inserting text and pictures of various shapes and sizes into a document to create bold and eye catching magazine covers, and Gymnastics, where some have been mastering the handstand!

## Year 5 & 6

This week we had some exciting post! Back in January, we wrote letters to some children at a school in Watford as part of our school vision week- welcoming others to our community. Luckily, our new friends wrote back to us and we are starting a pen pal process with them. It was so exciting and we have been busy writing our replies.



## Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Clarke, Miss Giles or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.