



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Summer 2023-Issue 102

Hello families,

We hope you are all well and that you managed some kind of break whilst we were away. It has been really lovely to see the children again and the sunshine at the start of the week made their return to school even more enjoyable.

We know that leaving families and getting back into routines again can be hard for some children - if you feel your child is struggling with this and you would like some support, a few ideas or just a listening ear, please do not hesitate to get in touch either by popping in, calling or emailing enquiry@ or Head@.

Our term has started well and has included some small changes to the way we run assemblies. In response to parent voice, we are anticipating being able to **invite parents to join our 'Values' assemblies on Friday mornings**. We have ordered some new chairs and once they have arrived, we can ensure you can come in for these events and sit in comfort!

It's been a busy four days in school: Year Three have been out and about yesterday and today and we are looking forward to hearing about their ventures. Year Four are continuing with their swimming lessons and our last Reception class have begun their Forest School sessions... see below for more details of the Year 3 adventures!

As you will have heard, **there are two more planned days of industrial action for teachers**- these are Thursday 27th and the following Tuesday 2nd May. As before, teachers are not obliged to inform us of their decision to strike or not, so we do not know how many classes will be affected until the morning of each date. In order to enable us to remain open for children whose parents have no other option than to send their children in to school, we are authorising absence on that day where families have notified us in advance. Please look out for an online form to let us know of your intentions- thankyou in advance for your support.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Mon 24 Apr	Y5 Bikeability begins for 3 Weeks
Mon 1 May	<i>May Day - Bank Holiday School Closed</i>
Tue 2 May	4A Begin Swimming for 2 weeks GB -Pupil & Staff Welfare
Mon 8 May	<i>Coronation Day - Bank Holiday School Closed</i>
Tue 9 May	Y6 SATs week begins YR Farm Trip – RGR/RR
Thu 11 May	YR Farm Trip - RS
Wed 17 May	GB Buildings Committee
Fri 26 May	Year 3/4 Annual Music Concert (Information to follow) <i>Pupils Breakup for end of Half Term</i>

At the start of each term, we have traditionally shared a 'curriculum leaflet' on our website for each year group. We are currently reviewing these and are in the process of putting together a series of 'knowledge organisers' for each subject, per year group for this term. We are hoping that these will give you a clearer idea of the main concepts and skills children will be learning in units of work. Dates that were previously included on these leaflets will now be shared via this weekly newsletter.

It will soon be time for us to join the country in celebrating the Kings' Coronation! We are currently working on plans for activities children will be doing in school on Friday 5th May in the build-up to the special day. At the moment we know we will be inviting children to come to school in clothes that are RED, WHITE and BLUE and we are planning a 'street party' type lunch (fingers crossed for good weather!) Once we have confirmed other plans, we will let you know. The PTA are also getting involved....read on for more details!

In order to make sure our school site is a safe and relaxing place for everyone, **please can we remind you that only guide/ assistance dogs are allowed on the playgrounds-** please read on for more guidance.

Finally, we would like to share some news with you. Mr Emmott, who is a KS2 teacher here at BVP (and Bournville Junior School before amalgamation) is moving on to pastures new at half term. Mr Emmott has been a tremendous asset to our school and has taught a great many children in his 6+ years here. **We are certainly going to miss Mr Emmott but we are sure you will want to join us in wishing him all the best for his new adventures.**

Finally, we would like to wish all those in our BVP family who are celebrating Eid today, a really wonderful time with their families and friends, and we look forward to hearing about all the festivities from our children on Monday.

That brings us to the end of my bit...but there's plenty more to read! As mentioned before, if you have any ideas about what families might find more useful in our newsletters, then please do get in touch.

Take care all and have a good weekend.

Mrs Amy Cooper
Head Teacher

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is the responsibility of everyone in our school and at all times we consider what is in our children's best interests. We work to ensure our children are safe and cared for and by doing this we are protecting their health and development and preventing them from harm. If we are worried, we will raise concerns, share information, and take prompt action with the aim of ensuring families receive the right help at the right time.





Whilst many of us love to see four-legged friends when we are out and about, some adults and children are worried when they see dogs.

Please support us by not bringing dogs onto the playground.

If you do have your dog with you at drop-off or pick-up time, please wait well away from the gates as it is difficult to navigate past you and your dog, especially if dogs scare us.

Thank you



Support your child with films and activities from Thinkuknow – Resources:

- 4 – 7yo** Jessie & Friends cartoons – <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>
- 8 – 11yo** Play Like Share cartoons – <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/>
- Band Runner game and advice website – https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

You'll find lots more advice on keeping your child safe online at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

If you're worried that a child is at risk of harm online, you should call the police. Children can make a report to CEOP at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>.

Other recommended resources:

Parent Info – Expert information for parents about digital family life www.parentinfo.org

NSPCC Net Aware – Provides reviews and guidance on the most popular social networks, apps and games that children use. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

NSPCC PANTS (The underwear rule) – A simple way to keep children safe from abuse, by teaching them to remember the 5 rules that spell 'PANTS'. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-childrensafe/underwear-rule/>

Internet Matters – A useful tool showing how to set parental controls across a range of devices and websites. <http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/>



We are extremely grateful to the grandparents of Rosanna W in Y3, Mr Morley and Mrs Morley MBE, who have very generously donated this wonderful painting by J. Roybal to BVP. The painting will be displayed in the music room to be enjoyed by our children for many years to come.

Year Three Nature in Art Trip

On Thursday and Friday, the children from Y3 made the trip down to Gloucestershire to visit Nature in Art, a working art museum. Surrounded by beautiful scenery, the children took part in two workshops to make pieces of art inspired by nature. The first was a wire sculpture of a butterfly, with colourful wings created by dipping the pieces of twisted wire in resin. The second was making a tissue paper bowl inspired by natural colours and scenery, such as the sea, forest and sunset. The artwork looks amazing, and I'm sure is now decorating a lot of Y3 children's homes! The children also had the opportunity to explore the grounds and art museum and did sketches of their favourite sculptures and works of art that they were inspired by. We had a brilliant day – check out @Bnvillevillage on Twitter to see some photos!

The Rights Respecting School Steering Group

Below are the two rights picked for this half term by The Rights Respecting School Steering Group:

Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



If your child is struggling to return to school after a break, click the link for information on what to look for and ideas on ways to help.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/our-voices/2021/09/01/back-to-school-anxiety-what-to-look-for-and-how-to-help/>



Today, teachers have awarded the values certificate to the following children for demonstrating our school values:

KS1

RR - Edward S

RGR - Kian S

RS - Eli S

1T - Sam P

1C - Teddy M

1G - Bento M

2B - Toby B

2S - Brandon W

2THP - Connie P

KS2

3C - On trip

3B - Che B

3H - Jude F

4S - Autumn H-S

4A - Sebastian W

4KS - James D

5E - Joel C

5GW - Eliza D

5M - Freddie H

6T - - Naomi B-A & Tiernan C

6C - Dylan J

6O - Oliver W





Welcome back to the Summer Term! Hope all had a good break. Over the holidays, we did some running repairs on the PTA storage, and we gave the Bus a good clean underneath and outside as we prepare for using it much more during this Term as (hopefully) the weather gets better! Thanks to Harry Sharp (Bertie's dad Y6 - pictured) for volunteering his time and his company equipment to complete the tasks. Any other enterprising parents that can help the PTA or School just contact the office and we can get you involved! Keen and able hands always welcome!

A few updates on things to look forward to:

Rearranged Egg Hunt - Crown Hunt Thursday 4th May

Thanks to the great British weather, we had to postpone this last term. We have set the target date for 4th May, straight after School, and instead of hiding eggs, we will be hiding crowns (as part of the Coronation celebrations). This is now available to purchase on ParentPay. If you have previously bought an Egg Hunt entry, you don't need to purchase another entry for the Crown Hunt - we will carry forward your purchase and you can pick up an entry form from the bus on the day. If you cannot attend the Crown Hunt and have previously purchased an entry and wish for a refund, please contact us on bournavillehsa@hotmail.co.uk and we will process the refund accordingly.

Coronation Party in the Playground - Thursday 4th May

Also on Thursday 4th May, we will be putting on some music, providing tea and coffee, opening up the uniform shop and invite you to stick around after school with a picnic blanket and (hopefully) enjoy the sunshine.

Other things happening...

You can expect a Quiz Night this term and we are trying to build momentum for a parent social event, Summer Festival and other fun things around School. We have also started to plan the Y6 Leavers' celebrations to say well done to Y6 and to thank our Y6 Parents for supporting the activities over the last 7+ years.

Music News

Welcome back to another wonderful term of music making at BVP. This term will certainly be a busy one with our two annual instrument concerts for KS2, as well as the Youth Proms concert in the Symphony Hall for our Year 4 and 5 choir members and percussion ensemble. Many of our more experienced musicians in the music service area/central ensembles will also be performing in venues across the city.

Dates:

Year 3 and 4 musicians (not guitars or ukuleles) - Friday 26th May. Time tbc.

Year 5 and 6 musicians (not guitars or ukuleles) - Thursday 22nd June 6pm

Youth Proms - Year 4 and 5 choir members and percussion ensemble - Tuesday 11th July Symphony Hall. Details tbc

Ex Cathedra Singing Playgrounds Song Leaders

This week saw the launch of our Ex Cathedra singing playground scheme. Our Year 4 song leaders met on Wednesday to discuss how they wanted the project to run and today they launched the scheme by teaching our younger children the song 'Bungalow'. Well done to Bethany, Georgia, Layla, Matida, Esme, Taya-Elise, Luisa, Annie, Anna, Shruti, Darcy, Selina, Lamiya, Evie, Lily, Murrin, Emilie, Martha, Isobel, Violet, Gloria, Rita, Sarah, Haya, Lyra, Heidi, Lilah, Julia, Skyla and James for a fantastic start to the project.

Choir

Choir will start back on Monday 24th April. Please keep your eyes peeled for singing resources on our school website under *learning/curriculum/music*.

Instrument Music lessons

If your child is not in school on the day of the lesson but you feel they are well enough to receive an online lesson, **please email their instrument teacher the night before**. The teacher will then send a link on Microsoft teams. This is something we can't do from school.

Our instrumental teachers are really happy for parents to contact them about their child's progress and emails can be found on the school website under *learning/curriculum/music*.

If you have any queries about paying for music lessons please email finance@bournvilleprimary.org.uk and music@bournvilleprimary.org.uk for any general music queries.



Five ways to wellbeing

Have a look at this week's video TAKE NOTICE with those around you - introducing the Five Ways to Wellbeing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDX0cM668M8>

Action For Happiness

Active April 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3 Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do	4 Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water	5 Turn a regular activity into a playful game today	6 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels	7 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening	1 Commit to being more active this month, starting today	2 Spend as much time as possible outdoors today
10 Have a day with less screen time and more movement	11 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge	12 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside	13 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time	14 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation	8 Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh	9 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise
17 Be active outside. Dig up weeds or plant some seeds	18 Try a new online exercise, activity or dance class	19 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often	20 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today	21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day	15 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)	16 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things
24 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting	25 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself	26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes	27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil	28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat	22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it	23 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour

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