



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Summer 2023-Issue 105

Dear families,

We welcome you to this week's newsletter which comes after a slightly shorter, but very busy week!

Our Year 6 children have completed their last SATs paper this morning and have done a marvellous job at staying focused and calm throughout each test. We are sure they will be feeling relieved at the end of today; their attention now turns to the many events planned for the end of term, including the Year 6 Production. Please look carefully at the dates for these and please note that this year we have decided to have two performances of the production.

We know it is very frustrating when we announce or plan events at short notice- this really isn't something I want us to be doing going forward- **in September families will have a calendar for the year that you can refer to**; it goes without saying that some events, particularly those that are outside, sometimes do have to be rearranged because of the weather- I'm afraid that's the bane of schools up and down the country! Having the year set out in front of us will also help us be more mindful of the timing of events that involve costs to families, such as trips/ residential.

On the subject of planning events, we know many of you are waiting for the date for **Sports Day**- we are waiting for the grounds-people over at Cadbury's to confirm availability so as soon as we know, we will share the date.

Thankyou to the families who have expressed an interest in the 'Values, Behaviour and Relationships' steering group. Once the survey is closed at the end of the day, I will get in touch with parents who have responded. If you missed this last week, the link is [here](#).

DATES FOR DIARIES

WHOLE SCHOOL

Children break up for half term – 26th May
 Class Photos – 15th June
 Annual Summer Music Concert – 22nd June
Founder's Day - school closed – 23rd June
 Transition Day – 5th July
 Open Evening – 18th July
Children break up for summer – 25th July

RECEPTION

Paediatric Eye Service -26th June

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

Birmingham Botanical Gardens Trip – 12th July

YEAR 3

Year 3/4 Annual Music Concert – 7th July

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YEAR 5

5M and 5E BCMG Workshop– 7th / 9th / 14th June
 5GW BCMG Workshop – 8th / 19th / 29th June

YEAR 6

Kilve Court Parents meeting George Hall – 23rd May
 Kilve Court Residential – 19th – 21st June
 Leavers' Production (evening) – 19th July
 Leavers' Production (afternoon) – 20th July
 Leavers' Assembly – 24th July

This time last Friday we were celebrating the King's Coronation- thank you to the children and families who took time to get in touch and express their thanks for the organisation of the day. As you may have seen on Twitter, the school was covered in bunting and there were plenty of coronation activities... read on for some insights from some of our children.

As part of [Mental Health Week](#) next week, we will be talking to children about Anxiety, which is the Mental Health Foundation's theme for 2023 (read on for more details). Next Wednesday is also [National Numeracy Day](#), but as we have so much going on, we are marking this event the following week.

Please do read on for lots more information, but that's all from me- have a good weekend everyone, look after each other and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

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.

Coronation Celebration at BVP



I enjoyed everything! But I especially enjoyed having a picnic outside because we never get to have a picnic. I also enjoyed colouring the cloak I designed.
Amber

I enjoyed just how everybody had a smile on their faces wherever they were.
Raiyan

I enjoyed the Coronation last Friday because I liked singing, We Will Rock You in the playground.
Atticus



On Coronation Day my favourite part was lunch time because I liked the carpet bit and I liked when we made our crowns!
Seth

I enjoyed having a picnic. I enjoyed dancing to the music. I enjoyed having ice-cream after school.
Logan P





As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the wellbeing of our children and families, we are marking Mental Health Week from Monday 15th May, and the theme this year is 'Anxiety'.

Please see the link below for ideas of how you can support your child:

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/11452/tmh-parent-leaflet-final-web-updated-by-ed-april-2020.pdf>

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

Please see this link for support for adults:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/MHAW23-coping-with-anxiety-tips.pdf>



Reception are looking for donations of the following small world:

Sea creatures

Farm animals

Jungle animals Minibeasts

We would be grateful for any donations that are in good condition. Please pass them onto any of the Reception teachers.

Thank you.

Music News



School Choir - Youth Prom Invitation

Next week, choir members in Year 4 and 5 will receive an invitation to take part in the SFE Youth Prom on Tuesday 11th July. The theme for this year is 'Under the Sea' and details of the music, dress code, etc., can be found on our school website under the music tab. For this concert the children will travel by coach to the Symphony Hall but will need to be picked up by parents/carers after the concert at 9.15pm from the Symphony Hall. The invitation to take part will have a full explanation of all requirements. This will be an amazing opportunity for our singers.

Tickets are now on sale for this concert via the link:

<https://bmusic.co.uk/events/services-for-education-youth-proms-2023>

Music Lessons Next Week

Music lessons and choir will resume next week.

Woodwind Lessons with Mrs Taylor (Mondays)

We are sorry to inform you that Mrs Taylor has badly damaged her shoulder and is unable to teach. SFE have found a replacement teacher who knows the school very well. Olivia Quilter will start after half term. A refund will be issued for the remaining two lessons of this half term. We wish Mrs Taylor a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back very soon.

Year 3 and 4 Musicians Concert - POSTPONED until Friday 7th July

Given the news about Mrs Taylor, we have decided to postpone the Year 3 and 4 concert until Friday 7th July at 2.15pm. This will allow Olivia Quilter time to prepare our young flute and clarinet players for this concert which will also feature our bassoon, oboe, violin, viola, brass and percussion players.

Message from Admissions at The Grammar Schools in Birmingham

We write to advise that registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham (entry to Year 7 in September 2024).

Registration can be made online by visiting www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2023.

The test will take place on 16th September 2023.



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Birmingham SEND Parents and Carers Survey 2023 - [BirminghamSendSurvey2023](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/parents-carers-survey-2023)

This survey seeks parents and carers views about their experiences of SEND services for their child/children. It follows on from a similar survey that was carried out last year and now aims to measure any improvements made.

This survey has been co-produced with the Birmingham Parent and Carer Forum (BPCF).

We would love to hear your current views on SEND services provided by Birmingham City Council (Education), Birmingham Children's Trust (Social Care) and Health (NHS) in Birmingham, alongside the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum.

All parent and carer survey responses will be automatically entered into a prize draw with a chance to win one of four £25 shopping vouchers. The survey will officially close on Friday 26th May at 11.59pm and the names will be drawn at random on Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Please contact us on SendSurvey@Birmingham.gov.uk if you need any assistance to complete the survey.



Today, teachers have awarded the values certificate to the following children for demonstrating *compassion*.

KS1

RR - Fred L

RGR - Zachary R

RS - Cara Z

1T - Olivia S-P & Sophia S-P

1C - Aamari T

1G - Oscar C

2B - Alice W

2S - Rosa W

2THP - Remi K

KS2

3C - Yassine E

3B - Seth M

3H - Phoebe W

4S - Isla A

4A - Sarah C

4KS - Dylan F & Keelan M

5E - Adam H

5GW - Holly H

5M - Sebby O

6T - Jackson P

6C - Jess M

6Q - Hadley O



Action For Happiness

Meaningful May 2023

MONDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

TUESDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

WEDNESDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

THURSDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

FRIDAY

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

SATURDAY

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

SUNDAY

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

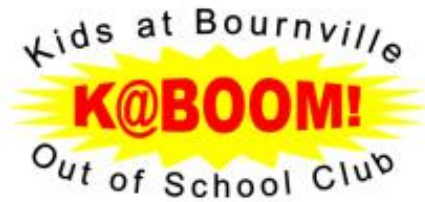
21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight



FOR HAPPINESS

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 THURSDAY 1ST JUNE
 FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

10AM-2PM

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