

Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Lewington and Miss Walker at the end of last term and would like to thank them both for all their hard work and support towards the school. We wish them both well in their next ventures.

We welcome back Mrs Lane, who has returned from maternity leave and will be working in Beech class.

We also welcome Mrs Watts who will be working with Beech & Elm classes for one day a week and Oak class on Tuesday mornings.

Our Christian Value for this term is Justice.

Crisp Packet Recycling

Every year countless crisp packets end up in landfill sites across the UK. We are working with TerraCycle® to put an end to this enormous loss of resources. We now have a collection box at the Upper School site.



Health & Safety Inspection

The school had its formal Health & Safety Inspection in January (carried out by Wiltshire Council) and we are proud to have received a clean bill of health, with no action points at all. Our Health & Safety procedures were described as exemplary. Thank you to all the staff who work so hard to make the school such a safe place to be.

Rowan Class – Phases of the Moon

In art we printed the phases of the Moon using Oreos and paint. It was hard work keeping the Oreos from cracking whilst painting with them. Some people managed to do all eight phases of the Moon. By Mary.



Willow Class – Ice Experiment

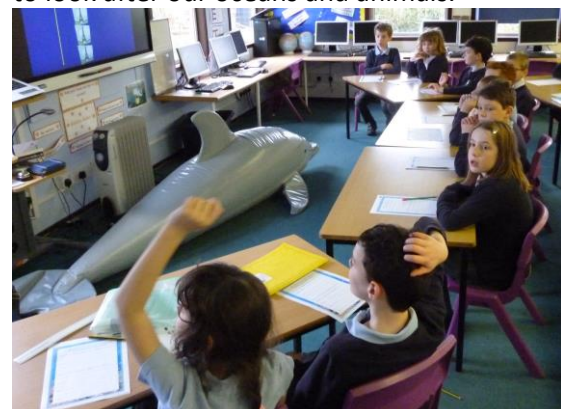
Year 6 have been studying the Frozen Kingdom as a topic. The class were trying to make icebergs out of ice with no flat edges. Three children decided to do an experiment using: de-ionised water, a small water bottle, salt, a thermometer, a large bowl and lots of ice. They started by putting the small water bottle of de-ionised water into the bowl and covered it half way up in ice. After that, they filled the bowl with freezing water and put 1.5kg of salt and the thermometer in too. When the water inside the bowl was at -8°C, the job to do was taking out the bottle and placing some ice on the table. By undoing the lid of the bottle and pouring it gently onto the ice, the ice slowly built up and made a stalagmite of ice that came out of nowhere.



To see a video of the experiment, please visit the [Willow Class](#) page on our website.

Blue Abyss

The topic for Birch Class this term is 'Blue Abyss' and the children enjoyed a visit from Bernard who is a volunteer at the Whale and Dolphin Centre in Chippenham. He told us lots of facts about whales, dolphins, other sea life and the importance of looking after our oceans. We really enjoyed our learning and are going to try and encourage others to look after our oceans and animals.



School Lunches

Those children who ordered a school lunch on Tuesday 5th March all thoroughly enjoyed the pancake dessert! We are also offering a Spanish Day on Wednesday 13th March and we now have grab bags available to order on 2 days each week at Upper School. So don't forget to place your orders by the Monday deadline for the following week.

We will soon be taking orders for Mother's Day lunches – separate information will follow.

Leave of Absence During Term Time

Requests for leave of absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him or her.

Persistent Absence - From the beginning of the 2015–2016 academic year, the government have reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. This would mean, according to the government, that a child missing seven sessions (3½ days) in a term, up to 38 sessions (19 days) in an academic year, will be considered to have persistent absence.

At Brinkworth Earl Danby's, we are keen to work with pupils and parents to ensure pupils' attendance is good (95%+) to enable pupils to make maximum progress and achieve their potential.

Allergies

We have children in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and sesame. As you are aware, this could be potentially very serious indeed for the child if he/she came into contact with nuts and sesame. As a precaution, we are therefore requesting you DO NOT send your child to school with any nut or sesame (including hummus) based foods in order to avoid a possibly dangerous situation. We do realise that many foods contain traces of nuts and we are not asking that you stop using these. Thank you for your co-operation.

Book Week & Dress Up Day

Our School Book Week will be from Monday 25th March to Friday 29th March.

Don't forget on Friday 29th March we would like all the children to dress up as a character from a book.

A Plastic Ocean

After the hugely successful Plastic Unwrapped Festival last November, Malmesbury Against Plastic is hosting a screening of the film documentary A Plastic Ocean, in Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday, 27th March at 7.15pm. This incredibly informative film shows the shocking impact of plastic on our environment and what we should do about it.

School Website

www.brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

Governors' Email Address

Should you wish to contact the school's governing body, please use the following email address, which has been set up for this purpose:

governors@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

BEDSA Fundraising

Don't forget to take advantage of some of BEDSA's fundraising ideas when ordering heating oil and buying clothes labels. For full details see below.



Useful everyday fundraising



Label clothes without stitching!

Label Planet is seriously great for busy parents and those that don't sew. They produce self-adhesive name labels called stikins that simply stick on and then stay on wash after wash...after wash! And for every order you place Label Planet will donate 30% of the order value to BEDSA.

 www.stikins.co.uk

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We love raising funds from your bags of reusable unwanted clothing and we don't want to miss out in between collection dates.

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Really fun crafty company providing all the materials for an exciting activity for your child. Boxes come personally addressed through the post. All activities are developed by educational experts and come with an illustrated, easy to follow instruction booklet. Anyone who subscribes using our code or the link below will get their first box for free (only £1 P&P) and will raise £5 for our school.

Feel free to share this with your friends and family too.

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Get in touch

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- Match all 6 numbers & WIN £25,000!
- Tickets cost £1 each, per week & 40% of ticket sales goes to our school.
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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before the 15th February 2019
*Terms and Conditions apply. See website



Advanced Sports Coaching – Easter Holidays

Bookings for Easter Half Term Holiday Camp are now being taken. The camp will be held at the 3G sports facility in Royal Wootton Bassett. The Holiday Camps have been oversubscribed over the last few years, so numbers will be limited and bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.

All bookings/payments must now be made via the new **Secure Payment Page:**

<https://www.advancedsportscoaching.co.uk/wiltshire-football-academy/holiday-clubs/>

DIARY DATES 2018/2019

MARCH 2019

Tue	12	Football Festival – Malmesbury Red Bull – 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Wed	13	Spanish Day
Fri	15	Red Nose Day
Mon	18	Year 4 Residential Trip to Braeside (18.03.19-20.03.19)
Fri	22	BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall for all children
Tue	26	Travelling Book Fair – Upper & Lower School (26.03.19-02.04.19) Parents Evening - 4pm to 7pm
Thu	28	Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 5pm
Fri	29	Book Character Dress Up Day

APRIL 2019

Tue	2	BEDSA Recycling
Wed	3	Elm Class Assembly – Lower School Hall – 9.15am to 9.45am
Thu	4	Beech Class Come & Play – 9.30am to 10.30am Y6 – Eden & SATS Meeting – Upper School – 3.30pm
Fri	5	Whole School Day – All children at the Upper School site End of Term 4

EASTER HOLIDAYS 8th April 2019 – 22nd April 2019

Tue	23	Start of Term 5
Thu	25	Orienteering Festival – Malmesbury School Field – 12.30pm to 2.30pm – to be confirmed

MAY 2019

Fri	17	BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall for all children
Mon	20	Year 6 Residential Trip to Eden Project (20.05.19-24.05.19)
Fri	24	End of Term 5

HALF TERM 27th May 2019 – 31st May 2019

JUNE 2019

Mon	3	TD Day – Children not in School
Tue	4	Start of Term 6
Fri	7	Mixed Cricket Festival – Malmesbury Cricket Club – 10.00am to 3.00pm – to be confirmed
Thu	13	NextGen Class Photographs
Thu	20	Y6 Athletics Festival – Malmesbury School Field – 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Fri	28	Sports Day

JULY 2019

Wed	3	Y6 – Junior Good Citizen
Fri	5	Reserve Sports Day
Fri	19	School BBQ – to be confirmed WOMAD Performance – Malmesbury Abbey – 7pm to 8pm
Wed	24	Leaver's Service, St Michael's & All Angels Church, Brinkworth End of Term 6
Thu	25	TD Day – Children not in school WOMAD Performance – Charlton Park

These dates are provisional and may be subject to change