



BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

News Letter

Summer 2015

Dear Parents & Carers,

With the end of term fast approaching, we can again reflect back on a very successful school year. There have been so many positives this year...

We achieved a 'good' in both our SIAMS and Ofsted inspection. We were particularly pleased that both the Diocese and Ofsted recognised the ethos of the school and the caring nature of our pupils alongside their hard work and achievements – *'pupils are well behaved, polite, responsible and hardworking. The school has a caring ethos'(Ofsted) ... 'The very positive relationships between pupils and staff contribute to the pupils' enjoyment of school and their enthusiasm for learning'(SIAMS).*

We have again achieved super SATS results which reflects the Ofsted comment that 'pupils make good progress'. We also had great sporting successes and entertained family and friends with some fantastic musical and drama productions.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our children who have put in so much enthusiasm and effort into making this year a successful one and to all staff, volunteers, helpers, BEDSA and governors for your commitment, support and making this year at Brinkworth Earl Danby's such an enjoyable one.

Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship values this term have been: Honesty, Love, Inclusion, Respect, Excellence and Friendship.

Open the Book has taken place at Lower School and Mr Graham and Miss Withers have shared collective worship at Upper School.

BEDSA

THANK YOU to the dedicated BEDSA team for their hard work in continuing to raise much needed extra funds for the school. Recent donations from BEDSA have purchased dictionaries and thesaurus totalling £244, sand and water play items for Beech Class, breakfasts for Year 6 during SATS week, 5 Easi View visualizers and subsidising coach costs for class trips. Without the support of BEDSA many of the school trips we offer would not be able to go ahead.

Sports Day

THANK YOU to all the children, staff, parents and volunteers for making Sports Day such an amazing day.

The morning at upper school saw many children getting involved in team games. The final of the netball and the football where both thrilling encounters. While Stonehenge may have won both finals, the true winners were all of the competitors and the sportsmanship.

During the morning at Lower School the children took part in sporting activities in their house groups including an obstacle course, designing a sports kit, parachute games and making a medal. Much fun was had by all.

The afternoon saw Upper and Lower School coming together for the traditional races. Barbury were the overall winners of the afternoon events.

Thank you to BEDSA for providing much needed refreshments and very welcome ice creams throughout the afternoon.

The whole day was finished off with Walkers Butchers sausages and burgers cooked on the BBQ by the Governing Body! It was really nice to see parents along with past and present pupils enjoying the sun.

Other Sporting Achievements

In addition to our own Sports day and inter house tournaments, a group of 32 KS2 children took part in a Schools Sports day at Lea and Garsdon.

Year 6 went to the cluster athletics festival at Malmesbury School, as part of their transition. The pupils took part in one field event (discus, long jump etc) and a track event from 60m to 800m. This event was all about trying new things, meeting other year 6 pupils from around the area and having fun. All now have personal bests in the events they took part in!

Congratulations to: Abbie (100m), Joe (60m), Sophia and Joseph (discus) for the fastest times and longest throws in their events.

Huge thanks to the parents who came along (in some unseasonal weathers) to help out.

Upper School Gardening Club

A special Thank You to Mrs Nelson for her time and commitment to the Upper School gardening club. The tubs and pots around the Upper School site look beautiful and the children have been selling their delicious, fresh vegetable produce to members of staff again this term!

Goodbye to Y6 Leavers

We will be saying goodbye to Willow Class at the Leavers' Service in St Michael's Church, Brinkworth on Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 9.30am and we wish them all well in their transition to secondary school.

Year 6 Residential Trip – Minehead

On the 18th of May until 23rd Willow class went on a residential trip to Minehead, Butlins. We were split into three groups, Hello Kitty, Rhubarb Crumble and Team Epic. Each group all did the same activities but at different times, such as: archery, buggy building, team building and sensory trail. Over a span of five days each group had a chance to do every activity, go to the shops and the fairground. The accommodations were three people in a "house" and each had a double bed, two single beds, a shower and a toilet. We were able to pick what food we wanted and what pudding we wanted, as well as being able to have cereal and toast.

In conclusion, Minehead is a great place and is overall very good and hygienic and I would highly recommend it.

By Jacob and Monty



Malmesbury Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 3rd July Stanley, Chris, Tom, Isabel, Alex and I went to Malmesbury Secondary School to take part in a mathematics challenge for year 6, competing against other schools in the cluster. There were 4 rounds which has some problems, a maths relay, a fizz, buzz pop game and maths cross number. We all had fun and have come up with many secret ideas!

By Alfie and Chris

Junior Good Citizen

On Friday 5th July 2015 Willow class went to Scouts HQ in Potterne and we did 8 activities to learn about safety and being a good citizen. In one activity we went in a real police cell! In Hazard Alley there was a massive jump scare as we went through an alley way and the instructor said we could open a door and the other instructor said "Oi, what are you doing opening my door. Get out you naughty kids!"

We all had a great time and at the end we got a bag with things in.

By James

Science at Malmesbury

On Thursday 2nd July, Willow class went to Malmesbury Secondary School to take part in a science lesson. We learnt about Bunsen burners and how different chemicals react near the flame.

The first experiment consisted of mixing Benedict's solution, distilled water and sugar/sweetener (two solutions were made by each group). The sweetener solution would simply do nothing over the hot flame produced by the Bunsen burner, however the sugar solution turned bright orange. Surprisingly, some groups managed to successfully turn the sweetener mix green! This information was then used to identify different kinds of lemonade, diet and real.

We then proceeded to test different elements under or in fact over the Bunsen burner. The chemicals burned green, blue, pink, red and orange.

After several "wows" and excited descriptions, we saw a truly amazing magic trick, except of course, that it was real. I am talking of when our science teacher set fire to his hands, which were coated in green bubbles. As though he were in a fantasy film, he would repeatedly swish his hands from side to side and the fire would roar and follow his hands. It would then inevitably go out.

After this mind-blowing mesmerising display we returned to the coach and came back to that large building, which is: school.

By Chris

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to all who sent in Sainsbury's vouchers. We have used them to purchase some playtime and PE equipment for both sites.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your generous support for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. We managed to raise a total of £283.49 through a non-uniform day and cake sale last term.

Womad

On Thursday 9th July, Willow and Rowan classes participated in a WOMAD workshop. We started by listening to a jazz organisation call Tomorrow's Warriors play. Then after the performance we did some activities. First we got to go to our favourite instruments and got to see how they work. Then we got in a big circle and learned a dance move while clapping our hands to a beat emitted by a wooden stick and a metal cow bell (sort of). After we were taught a chanting song that was from the 19th century from American prisons when prisoners were put to manual labour.

By Grace and Issi

On Thursday 23rd July some children from year 6 and year 5 are participating in a huge concert called Womad. We are practising every day and the week before the concert we are performing in the Abbey in Malmesbury for some parents.

This concert is a very loud and musical way to show talents and bring music and dance to the people of the world. The word Womad stands for "World Of Music And Dance". This particular concert is Jazz and Blues and very loud with a cool beat definitely going to get people dancing.

By Niamh

Music Lessons

In addition to whole-class curriculum music lessons, pupils have the opportunity of learning an instrument or having vocal lessons with a visiting specialist teacher.

Lessons are available in:

Woodwind, brass, strings, piano/keyboard, guitar and voice – provided by Swindon Music Cooperative

Drums - provided by Rob Cooper

Lessons can be provided in small groups or individually.

Financial assistance may be available for pupils entitled to free school meals and the school does have some instruments available to loan.

Application forms are available from the school office and further information is available on the school website at:

http://1222354937.web4.sitemove.co.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=After+School%2FExtra-Curricular+Activities&pid=41

Equality Data

The following objectives were agreed by the Governing Body in the Equality Policy. It was agreed to report on these annually in the newsletter. (A full report is available from the office).

To proactively monitor and review progress and attainment of children receiving free school meals, annually.

To proactively monitor and review the progress and attainment of children whose parent(s) are members of the armed services, annually.

The progress and attainment of children in receipt of Pupil Premium and those whose parents are members of the armed services is monitored regularly through our tracking data and discussed at pupil progress meetings by staff. Any concerns regarding progress are recorded and interventions put in place to support greater progress. The progress of this group is monitored by the governing body at committee and full governing body level.

Change of Details

Can you please let the school office in writing or by email if any of your contact details change. This ensures we are able to keep you updated with activities in school and get in contact with you in an emergency.

Governor's 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

Don't forget...

to check out the Notice Board page on our website for details of local activities and events over the Summer Holidays at:

http://1222354937.web4.sitemove.co.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=Notice+Board&pid=108

BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S SCHOOL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
DIARY DATES 2015/2016

SEPTEMBER 2015

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| Tue | 1 | TD Day – Children not in school |
| Wed | 2 | TD Day – Children not in school |
| Thu | 3 | Start of Term 1 for Children |
| Mon | 7 | Start of Y5 Swimming Lessons |
| Thu | 24 | NextGen Individual and Sibling Photographs – Upper School |
| Fri | 25 | NextGen Individual and Sibling Photographs – Lower School |

OCTOBER 2015

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| Fri | 2 | Harvest Festival – St Michael's Church, Brinkworth – 2pm - Provisional |
| Wed | 14 | Parents' Evening – Lower School Hall – 4.00pm to 6.00pm |
| Thu | 15 | Parents' Evening – Lower School Hall - 4.00pm to 6.00pm |
| Fri | 16 | BEDSA Disco - Lower School Hall |
| Mon | 19 | Start of Book Focus Week |
| Wed | 21 | End of Term 1 |
| HALF TERM | 22nd October 2015 – 30th October 2015 | |

NOVEMBER 2015

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| Mon | 2 | Start of Term 2 Start of Y4 Swimming Lessons |
| Fri | 6 | BEDSA Recycling |
| Thu | 12 | Y3/Y4 Trip to The Egg, Bath |
| Fri | 13 | Kindness Day – Children In Need |
| Mon | 16 | Start of Anti Bullying Week |
| Fri | 20 | BEDSA Christmas Fayre |
| Mon | 23 | Start Road Safety Week |

DECEMBER 2015

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| Wed | 9 | Lower School Christmas Production – 2.00pm |
| Thu | 10 | Lower School Christmas Production – 9.30am |
| Tue | 15 | Upper School Christmas Production – St Michael's Church - 9.30am and 2.00pm |
| Wed | 16 | KS2 Trip to Pantomime – Wyvern Theatre |
| Thu | 17 | Christmas Lunch – Upper and Lower School |
| Fri | 18 | End of Term 2 |

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – 21st December 2015 – 1st January 2016

JANUARY 2016

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| Mon | 4 | TD Day – Children not in school |
| Tue | 5 | Start of Term 3 for Children |
| Mon | 11 | Start of Y3 Swimming Lessons |

FEBRUARY 2016

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| Tue | 9 | Safer Internet Day |
| Fri | 12 | End of Term 3 |
| HALF TERM | 15th February 2016 – 19th February 2016 | |
| Mon | 22 | Start of Term 4 Start of Y2 Swimming Lessons |

MARCH 2016

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| Fri | 11 | BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall |
| Mon | 14 | BEDSA Recycling |
| Wed | 16 | Parents Evening – Lower School Hall – 4pm to 6pm |
| Thu | 17 | Parents Evening – Lower School Hall – 4pm to 6pm |
| Thu | 24 | End of Term 4 |

APRIL 2016

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| Mon | 11 | TD Day – Children not in school |
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| Tue | 12 | Start of Term 5 for Children |
| Wed | 13 | Start of Y4 Residential Trip to Braeside Education Centre |
| MAY 2016 | | |
| Mon | 9 | Start of SATS week |
| Fri | 13 | BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall |
| Mon | 16 | Start of Money Focus Week |
| Mon | 23 | Start of Y6 Residential Trip to Eden Project Adventure Central, Cornwall |
| Fri | 27 | End of Term 5 |
| HALF TERM | | |
| 30th May 2016 – 3rd June 2016 | | |
| JUNE 2016 | | |
| Mon | 6 | Start of Term 6 |
| Mon | 13 | Start of Sports Focus Week - Olympics |
| Fri | 17 | Sports Day |
| Fri | 24 | Reserve Sports Days |
| | | NextGen Class Photographs – Upper and Lower School |
| Thu | 30 | BEDSA Recycling |
| JULY 2016 | | |
| Wed | 6 | Transition Day |
| Thu | 21 | Leaver's Service |
| | | End of Term 6 |
| Fri | 22 | TD Day – Children not in school |

These dates are provisional and may be subject to change

Amnesty International



Rowan Class
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08 July 2015

Dear Rowan Class,

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation of £84 raised by selling copies of your wonderful book 'Mightier than the Sword' – I have passed it around all my colleagues in the office and everyone has loved reading it. It is only with the help of supporters like you we can work to protect individuals from human rights abuses including torture and detention without a fair trial and harassment.

Thanks to your support we are able to campaign to promote and protect human rights across the world. This work makes a real difference to people's lives. People like Moses Akatugba, who was arrested for stealing mobile phones when he was just sixteen years old. He was tortured by police and forced to sign a confession. Later he was sentenced to death. Amnesty supporters sent thousands of letters demanding his release, held demonstrations and sent Moses letters of support. Finally, 10 years after his arrest in May 2015, Moses was given a full pardon. He had this message for Amnesty supporters after his release:

'I am overwhelmed. I thank Amnesty International and their activists for the great support that made me a conqueror in this situation. Amnesty International members and activist are my Heroes.'

Once again thank you so much for your kind donation and please get in touch if you need any information, materials or advice for future fundraising activities.

Best wishes,

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From The Direct Communications Unit

7 July 2015

The Children
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Dear Children

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter and copy of your book 'Mightier than the Sword' which you have illustrated with your lovely drawings.

It is good of you to get in touch and for sharing your views about democracy and freedom of speech. Mr Cameron very much appreciates the time and trouble you have taken to write sharing your views and thoughts and he wishes you all well with your continued studies.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Correspondence Officer