



Newsletter

2023-2024

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Believe to achieve!

'Roots will grow down into God's love to keep us strong.' – EPH 3:17

This term's value focus is Respect

Message from Mrs Walch

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start my message today with a huge thank you to you all for bearing with us on Monday, and for changing sites at such short notice. Thankfully the power was back on by the middle of the afternoon, so we were back to normal on Tuesday.

I'd also like to give a huge shout out to the amazing staff team at BEDS. With no notice, they completely changed their planning around and provided a really fun and special day of learning. It was wonderful to walk around the site and see classes coming together for their activities. During the afternoon, the older classes paired up with the younger classes to share some reading time and it made my heart sing to see everyone enjoying books together. We also had the opportunity to share a whole-school worship, which was led by Rev Christian. Thank you for bearing with us at home time!

Further on down in this edition of our newsletter, you will see a poster, designed by Fay and Poppy, all about litter. They have been thinking about climate change, littering and the ocean, and wanted to do something to try to make a difference. You will also see a message from the Upper Site Worship Council, who have been reviewing our school values. They would really appreciate any feedback, so if you have a few minutes, please email them to let them know your thoughts.

Finally, please note the dates sections to the right and below - some items (Elm class assembly and Beech parents' evenings especially) have needed to be changed; please accept our apologies for this. Parents evenings for Y1 to Y6 will be held as originally planned on 27th and 29th February. Parents evening for Beech Class will now be held on Wednesday 21st February. Emails will be sent out nearer the time with the link to book online.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Walch



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 29th January

BEDSA Meeting, The Angel,
Wootton Bassett - 8pm

Monday 5th February

Y4 Braeside Parents Information
Meeting, Birch Classroom -
4.30pm

Tuesday 6th February

Elm Class Assembly
POSTPONED

Wednesday 7th February

Safer Internet Parent Zoom
Meeting - 7pm. Zoom link will be
sent out via email

Thursday 8th February

Willow Class Assembly - 9.15am

Friday 9th February

BEDSA Cake Sale
& Second Hand Uniform Sale -
After school, both sites

Friday 9th February

End of Term 3

Half Term - 12.02.24-16.02.24

The Value of Respect

We continue to work on our understanding of the value of respect, and how we can develop this in our lives. I have spoken recently about how we can show that we respect others by the way in which we behave. It is truly special that I can walk down a corridor anywhere in the school, and children will say good morning/afternoon to me and ask me how I am. What wonderful citizens you are raising, and how bright the future will be, if everyone treated each other like this.

Pupils of the week

The following children have received certificates in the last few weeks: Rafe, Tate, Cerys, Alan, Daisy G, Paddy, Alex M, Hope, Harry R, Aubrey, Solly, Ryan, Kingsley, Arlo, Ada, Finley G, Alfie, George K, Bradley, Lucian, Angus, Sophie L, Connie, Teddy N, Cole, Amelia J, Rosemary, Reuben, Olivia, George S, Elijah

Well done, everyone!



Spotlight on ... internet safety

Something that we take very seriously at BEDS is our responsibility to prepare the children in our care for their futures, and internet safety plays an increasingly large part in this. It is a vital piece of work, and is one part of how we work to keep the children at BEDS safe. The children take part in online safety lessons every term as part of our Computing curriculum, and we also have yearly visits from Richard Pomfrett, who is an online safety expert. You may remember that he visited school last year, and he is coming again this year on Weds 7th February. He will lead class workshops during the day on various age-appropriate themes, and an online session at 7pm for adults. This was well-received last year, and Richard always gives time for questions from parents, as online safety can be quite a worrying idea for parents.



Linking to their topic of Stone Age, Birch class created cave paintings under their tables



and built Stonehenge out of giant Jenga blocks,



custard creams and lego!

Mrs Cross Update

Dear Parents

I will be off school now until early March having the second part of my treatment.

As before if you have any SEN concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher and/or Mrs Walch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cross

PROBLEM



In one bottle there
is 240000 different
types of Plastic

clean
Ocean
ü

Dirty
Ocean
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Litter is ugly
It hides the World's
beauty



The world is
beautiful don't
Wreck it.



Litter is horrible

SOLUTION



See a Bin
Use a Bin
That's what they
were made for

THERE'S
NO

PLANET
B!



The Clean Ocean is
Wonderful.

IF YOU THROW THE
WORLD WILL
GO!



Message from the US worship council

Dear Parents,

We are the Upper Site Worship Council, and we have been very busy thinking about our school values. Every few years, it is important to look over our values and see if they are still valid for our school. While we think most of them are still valid, the school has changed and we must change with it. As a worship council, we recommend keeping the values of trust, friendship, respect, perseverance and courage, but changing thankfulness to compassion. Many of us say thank you and are thankful for a lot already and we think that thankfulness comes within respect and friendship. We think having compassion as our 6th value is important because compassion leads us to taking action to help others who are not as lucky as us.

We welcome your comments and questions and Upper Site Worship Council will take all communication into consideration and reply to you. Please email us on uppersite@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk with the subject FAO Worship Council.

Thank you,

From Lewis, Leah, Pippa M, Aubrey, Amelia M, Febe and Cameron

Message from the Governors

Dear School Family,

Following the power outage at Upper Site on Monday, we wanted to express our thanks to Mrs Walch, all the staff and of course the children for making the day such a success and for ensuring the school did not have to close for Upper Site children. Despite the challenges of moving the children from Upper Site to Lower Site, and of coordinating the activities at short notice in the smaller space, everyone pulled together and the children had a happy and fulfilling day. Our thanks also to the parents who reacted at short notice to the change in location, offered their support and provided their help, which was much appreciated. Thank you too for the many positive messages of support received by Mrs Walch. It's clear that our school values of friendship, trust, thankfulness, perseverance, courage and respect were fully in evidence on Monday across the school community, and for this we are very grateful.

God bless and have a great weekend,
Jo Maitland – Chair of Governors
Fiona Hegarty – Vice Chair of Governors

Parent Support Advisor

Terry Jones PSA (Parent Support Advisor)



This is Terry our PSA. She offers a wide range of support for parents including behaviour and offering advice on family matters. Please feel free to contact Terry if you would like some advice or help.

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Wiltshire Sports Academy - Half Term Camp

Wiltshire Sports Academy are running a Holiday Camp over the half term break. To book, please click the link below or visit the Wiltshire Sports Academy website.



Holiday Camps
wiltshiresportsacademy.co.uk

Advance dates



Any updated dates in the future will be marked in red for you to be able to identify them easily..

Monday 19th February - Start of Term 4

Monday 19th February - Start of Birch Class swimming lessons

Wednesday 21st February - Parents Evening for Beech Class - Lower Site

Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th February - Parents Evenings, for Y1 to Y6 to be held at Upper Site

Tuesday 5th March - Jonathans Jungle Road Show - Lower Site

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - BEDSA Book Sale - after school

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th March - Y4 Residential Trip to Braeside

Friday 15th March - Oak Class Assembly - 9.00am

Thursday 21st March - - Rowan Class Assembly - 9.15am

Friday 22nd March - BEDSA Sponsored Event & Boiled Egg Competition

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Service - Whole School Day at Upper Site

Thursday 28th March - TD Day - Children not in school

Easter Holidays - 29.03.24-12.04.24

Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5

Monday 13th May - KS2 SATS week

Wednesday 15th May - Beech Class Assembly - 9.00am

Tuesday 21st May - Oak Class Trip to Steam

Wednesday 22nd May - NextGen Class Photographs

Thursday 23rd May - Birch Class Assembly - 9.15am

Friday 24th May - BEDSA Disco & End of Term 5

Half Term - 27.05.24-31.05.24

Monday 3rd June - Start of Term 6

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June - Y6 Residential Trip to Morfabay

Thursday 20th June - Induction Meeting for Parents of new Foundation Stage children

Friday 28th June - Sports Day

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July - Malmesbury School Transition Days

Thursday 4th July - Brinkworth Earl Danby's Summer Fete - 6-8pm

Friday 5th July - TD Day - Children not in school

Thursday 11th July - Shuffle Up Day

Friday 12th July - Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 17th July - End of Year Leavers Production - afternoon & evening performances

Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tuesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers' Church Service - all of school at US in the morning

Tuesday 23rd July - End of Term 6