



# Newsletter

## 2023-2024

### Issue 10 – 9th February

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,

We’ve made it to the end of what feels like a very long term! I feel so blessed to be a part of this lovely community, a community that have rallied around us this term while we have been so stretched and challenged. With staff absence, power cuts and potential flooding, it has been a long term, so I have to say a massive thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly through to ensure that we provide your children with the very best education that we can.

What a lovely class assembly Willow Class put on this week! It was a true celebration of much of what they have learnt over the last term or so, and it was great to see their obvious enjoyment as well.

Thank you to those parents who joined in with the online safety meeting with Richard Pomfrett earlier this week - he was very positive about the contributions and questions. I was happy that we could provide this platform for you to seek advice on how to navigate parenting and the online world.

Thank you to the parents who came along to the Year 4 Braeside information meeting earlier this week. We will be putting the information onto the school website just after half term, so for any parents who were unable to attend, you will still be able to see the information, including the kit list. One important point to note - we talked about how many pairs of socks to take! Thank you to Mrs Gordon and Mr Haydon who will be taking the Year 4s this year.

The cake sale is being set up as I type. There is a huge variety, including some amazing cookie monster cupcakes! Thank you to everyone for supporting BEDSA with raising money for our school projects.

Whatever your plans for the half term break, I hope you enjoy spending time with your family, and that everyone has a safe and happy time.

Take care and God bless,  
Mrs Walch



## UPCOMING DATES

### Half Term

12.02.24 - 16.02.24

### Monday 19th February

Start of Term 4

### Monday 19th February

Birch Class Swimming Lessons  
Start

### Wednesday 21st February

Beech Class Parents’  
Consultations

### Tuesday 27th February

Y1-Y6 Parents’ Consultations

### Thursday 29th February

Y1-Y6 Parents’ Consultations

### Tuesday 5th March

Jonathans Jungle - Lower site

### Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

### Friday 8th March

BEDSA Book & Uniform Sale

## The Value of Respect

We have concluded through this term that respect means looking after others, and treating them how we would like to be treated. I would love to make a scrapbook all about respect and what the children have learnt about this important value, so if your child would like to create something at home to go into my scrapbook, I would love that. I'd like to put one in the entrance to both sites, so that visitors to our school can see how we show respect to everyone.,

## Pupils of the week

The following children have received certificates in the last few weeks: Alex M, Bethan, Febe, Eric, Harry L, Evie H, Sophie L, Elsie H, Joshua, Poppy D, Seth, Teddy N, Tyler, Aina, Kingsley, Ada, Zoe, Christopher, Anya, Ollie P, Ellie F, Eva, Arlo, Lottie, Daniel, Connie, Leo S, Maillle, Harry O, Esmae, Ferne, Eliza

The whole of Beech class together received a certificate for showing respect as well. Well done, everyone!



## Spotlight on ... free school meals

All children in Beech, Oak and Elm classes receive universal free school meals as part of the government's provision for younger children. However, many primary-aged children, from Reception through to Year 6 may be entitled to something called pupil premium. This is a means-tested benefit, and would mean that your child would receive free school meals throughout primary school. It also means that the school would receive some extra funding on top of paying for the free school meals, which would allow us to support your child in any way we feel would be beneficial for them - helping with uniform costs, training staff in specific needs, providing ELSA support to name but a few.

If you think that you may be entitled to apply for free school meals (even if your child is at Lower Site), then please visit [Wiltshire Council Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Funding](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals) to see if you qualify.



Elm Class - Safer Internet Day



## House point winners for this term

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Stonehenge House has collected the most house points this term. This means that they can come to school in non-school uniform on TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY, which is the second day back after half term. Well done, Stonehenge!



## Message from the US worship council

26/01/2024

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@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:uppersite@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk) with the subject FAO Worship Council.

Thank you,

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

## Update for 09/02/2024

As of this morning, we have not had any parents emailing our lovely US Worship Council, so if you could find a few minutes to drop them a line, they would really appreciate it. They are keen to set up a meeting date with me to go through any emails received, as they plan to reply to them all. Even if all you would say is 'I think it's a great idea', I would appreciate this, as they are so keen to make a positive difference to our school.

I am keen to make the change of value too, as compassion helps us work to understand people who are different from us.

## 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/picture below or visit the Wiltshire Sports Academy website.



Holiday Camps  
[wiltshiresportsacademy.co.uk](http://wiltshiresportsacademy.co.uk)

**BEDSA**  
Brinkworth Earldanby's School Association

**PRELOVED  
BOOK  
SALE**

Donations of  
good quality  
children's books  
to the school  
office please

**Friday 8th March**  
**3pm Lower site**  
**3.15pm Upper site**

## Advance dates



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

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