



Great Bedwyn CE Primary School Term 6 newsletter

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Dear Parents,

As I write, the rain is pouring down and the skies have been grey all day. It may not have been a terribly warm and sunny June but that has not stopped the pupils and staff making the most of the summer term!

News from Early Years

Earlier this month Reception children from Ramsbury School, St Michael's, Aldbourne and Preshute all came together here at Great Bedwyn to have fun and learn together. Our special guest for the day was John Kirk, a professional story teller. He enthralled us all with tall tales and encouraged us to dress up and join in. This has then inspired many fantastic stories of our own. It was a super day with many new friendships formed and a lot of fun was had by all.

Year 2 Trip to Crofton Beam Engines

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day at Crofton Beam Engines and took part in a range of super activities during the day. We began by making a human Beam Engine so we really understood how it worked and what it was for. We also enjoyed a tour and a fun Maths activity predicting and measuring the height of the chimney. Later we saw a lock working then heard and acted out the memoirs of a family who lived at Crofton in the 1820's.

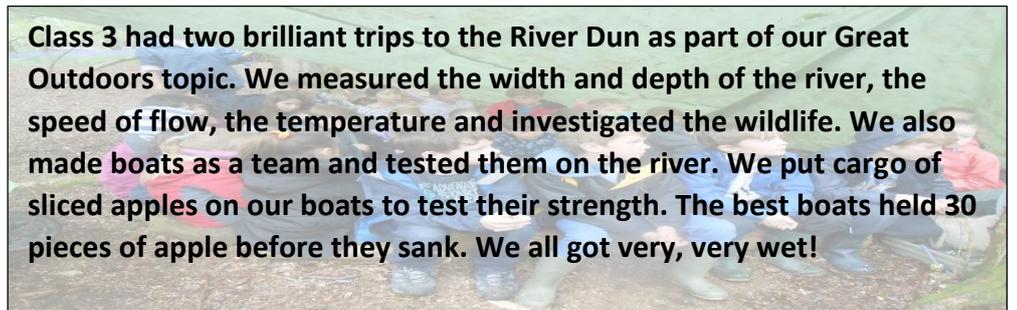
Trip to Bristol Zoo

Year 1 had a brilliant day at Bristol Zoo. We had an African workshop where the children got to 'go on safari' and hold mealworms, giant snails and meet a pancake tortoise called Rocky. The highlights of the trip were the seals, penguins and gorillas. The children have produced some super writing about their trip.



Outdoor Learning in Action!

Class 3 had two brilliant trips to the River Dun as part of our Great Outdoors topic. We measured the width and depth of the river, the speed of flow, the temperature and investigated the wildlife. We also made boats as a team and tested them on the river. We put cargo of sliced apples on our boats to test their strength. The best boats held 30 pieces of apple before they sank. We all got very, very wet!



Dates for your diary:

Monday July 4

Forest school

**Tuesday July 5 &
Wednesday July 6**

Year 6 induction days –
St John's

Tuesday July 5

Forest school: Year 4

Wednesday July 6

Forest school: Reception

New Reception class visit

Choir concert at St John's

Monday July 11

Sports day

Wednesday July 13

Forest school: Reception

Year 6 Production

Thursday July 14

Year 6 production

Friday July 15

Cross Country

Monday July 18

Year 4 Farm visit

Wednesday July 20

Leavers' service

Last day of term

**Thursday July 21- Friday
September 2**

School closed for
Summer holidays

News from Class 4 - Oxenwood Residential

On our residential at Oxenwood, we went on a hike as soon as we arrived and in the evening we went down Spooky Alley in the dark. It was a bit scary when some of us thought we had lost our way!

In the morning we did archery and cycle skills; cycling over ramps was tricky but fun!

Finally, before we left we were challenged to scale the climbing wall. Some of us had to face our fear of heights. Overall, Class 4 thought Oxenwood was amazing!

By Guy from Class 4



A huge thank you goes to Miss Butcher, Mrs Heber Percy, Mr and Mrs Pearson and to all parents for supporting the school in providing this fantastic opportunity for our Y4 children. These are great experiences which will stay with the children for a lifetime.

Den Building in the Forest

Year 5 have enjoyed two trips to the forest this term and have been challenged to build waterproof shelters. This has led to much creativity, a degree of frustration and loads of co-operation – well done everybody!



School terms and holidays 2016/17

Autumn term 2016

Monday 5th September –
Friday 16th December 2016

Half term
24th – 28th October plus
TD day Monday 31st
October

Spring term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January –
Friday 7th April 2017

Half term
TD day Friday 10th
February, then 13th – 17th
February

Summer term 2017

Monday 24th April –
Thursday 20th July 2017

Half term
29th May – 2nd June

Bank holiday
Monday 1st May

TD days 2016/17

Thursday 1 September

Friday 2 September

Monday 31 October

Friday 10th February

Friday 21st July

Sporting Success

Mini Marathon

On the 25th June, some pupils from Great Bedwyn school did a 2.3 mile race, called the Mini Marathon. Maisie Allen in Year 6 came first in the under 11 girls category and many others finished in top 10 positions for their categories. In the team event Great Bedwyn won the Under 9 Boys, Under 11 Girls and Under 11 Boys and we came second in the Under 9 Girls team event. We all had the best time ever!

By Eve and Olivia in Class 4

Tennis matches continue this term. Here is a report by Matthew in Class 4 from earlier in the month which unfortunately missed the last edition of the newsletter.

‘Great Bedwyn pupils went to Ramsbury in the afternoon and played 4 matches each. We had two teams – Great Bedwyn A and Great Bedwyn B. Team B won a game and Team A were lucky enough to play in the semi-finals. The overall winners were Ramsbury but we all had a really good time!’

Quad Kids Athletics

The school has enjoyed great success in this event and we have been asked to field two teams for the County Final. Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in Quad Kids.

Y Ball

There is a new sport in vogue and it arrived here at Great Bedwyn thanks to Mrs Richardson who organised a coach to visit the school.

‘To play Y Ball, all you need is a vortex and you’re set to go! You have to pass your vortex to your team and then throw it in to a square box where one person has to catch it. The lucky classes who got to play were years 3,5 and 6 (Year 4 were unfortunately at Oxenwood). Even Mrs Popperwell and Mrs Williams got the chance to play! Overall, we had a fantastic time – thank you Mrs Richardson!

By Sam and Dom from class 5



Dates for next term:

Monday September 5

Start of Autumn term

Tuesday September 6

Reception children with surnames beginning A-H starting

Wednesday September 7

Reception children with surnames beginning J-Z starting

Mon 12 – Friday 16
September

Year 6 Isle of Wight trip

Monday 19 September –
School photographer

Tuesday 20 September

Year 2 swimming lessons start

Kwik Cricket

The year 6 cricket team enjoyed taking part in the Kwik Cricket festival:



'Firstly Great Bedwyn played Ramsbury and enjoyed a very satisfactory win with 282 runs to 252. Bedwyn then played St Michaels and although we played well, we lost and some members of the team felt our fielding had let us down a bit. However, Bedwyn made a great comeback in their next match and this took the team through to the semi finals where we eventually finished in 4th place. Well done everyone!'

Year 6 Technology Day at St Johns

On Monday 20th June, Year 6 from Great Bedwyn, and many other schools, went to St John's for a DT day to do a number of interesting activities. We designed gliders and tested their flight. Also, we were tested on our knowledge of computer science. We worked with flags and solved maths problems involving different country's flags. It was a great experience to work with children from other schools. After the day, we felt a lot more confident about making new

friends in September!



Next week, the children will take part in their 'move-up' day. So I can now let you know that the class teachers for next year will be as follows...

Reception – Mrs de Pass and Mrs Disley

Class 1 – Miss Butcher

Class 2 – Mrs Burrett and Mrs Bengtsson

Class 3 – Mrs Tovey Cook

Class 4 – Mrs Carlisle and Mrs Durie

Class 5 – Mrs Popperwell

Class 6 – Mrs Earl

As you will have noted we welcome back Mrs Earl from her travels and say au revoir to Mrs Mirehouse who is cutting back on her working hours. I have a feeling, however, that we may well still see her from time to time.

We also say goodbye to Annie Brooks who is retiring after 21 years of service to the school. We all wish her well as she embarks on her well-earned retirement! We do hope you keep in touch with the school, Annie.

School reports are currently being written and will be issued on Friday 8th July so look out for these next week.



Our Worship
theme this term:
'Responsibility'

On-line registers and school access

From Monday 4th July, we are going live with on-line registers which means that the teachers will be recording the children's attendance onto our system at 9am every morning. As is currently the case, any child arriving after 9am will be marked in the register as being 'late'.

- If you arrive after 9am and find the gates or external classroom door locked, please go to the School Office to gain entrance as the office staff will need to book your child in electronically from now on.
- If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, be it illness, medical or dental appointment, music exam or similar, please leave a message on our dedicated absence line before 9am. If we do not have any details regarding your child's absence, we will try and contact you by telephone and the absence will be marked in the register as unauthorised.
- If at any time you find any of the external doors to the school open, please do not use these to gain entrance to the school; instead, report to the school office to drop off or collect your child.

These measures are being put in place for safeguarding reasons so that we know whether any child is in or out of school and the reasons for any absence. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Are you a budding archaeologist?

A team of archaeologists from the University of Reading's Archaeology Field School are working on a site called Marden henge in the Vale of Pewsey in Wiltshire. They will be looking for evidence of the early Neolithic landscape and they would love you to join them on site for a full day working as an archaeologist!

Three lucky archaeologists will be joining the team on Sunday 17th July 2016.

During their Dig It! Day our winners will dig, wash finds and learn other archaeological skills too – in fact, they'll learn what being an archaeologist is really like!

To be in with a chance of winning a full day working with the archaeologists on site at Marden henge in Wiltshire on Sunday 17th July 2016, just answer this question:

What are the names of the four British 'superhenges'?

Email your answer to yac@yac-uk.org by 6th July 2016 – remember to include your name, age and address.



Diary dates

JULY		
Monday 4 th	12.45-2.45pm	Forest school
Tuesday 5 th – Wednesday 6 th		Year 6 induction days – St John's
Tuesday 5 th	12.45-2.45pm	Forest school: Year 4
Wednesday 6 th	9.15-11.45am	Forest school: Reception
Monday 11 th	pm	Sports day
Wednesday 13 th	9.15-11.45am 6pm	Forest school: Reception Year 6 production
Thursday 14 th	6pm	Year 6 production
Friday 15 th	9.30am	Cross Country
Wednesday 20 th	2.00pm	Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church Please do join us and take your children home from Church. If your child is having a packed lunch today, please ensure the container is disposable so they DO NOT have to return to school to collect a bag.
Thursday 21st July – Wednesday 31st August - School Closed for the Summer Holiday		

Training Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri 29th April 2016 • Thurs 21st July 2016 • Fri 22nd July 2016 	Trips 2016 / 17 Year 6 Isle of Wight Visit Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th September 2016
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October 31st
2017: February 10th
July 21st