



Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

6 February 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

It's not even half term and we seem to have packed a lot in already!

As you will see below there have been a number of exciting trips taking place this half term but I wanted to let you know about some of the activities which the children have experienced without leaving the building! In year 3, our young historians have been learning about Egyptian traditions and got to mummify a tomato (yes, a tomato!), in year 2 the children have had a visit from Ernest Shackleton the Victorian, Antarctic explorer, Oak class have been learning about real gymnasts, being coached by a specialist, perhaps some budding Olympians?! Our choir have taken part in a group rehearsal led by Berkshire Maestros for the Anvil concert coming up in the second half of the term and the whole school were rendered speechless by a fantastic bagpipe demonstration to celebrate St Andrew's Day.

Learning is enhanced by experiences and we endeavour to give our children a range of experiences which we hope will inspire them. As always, thank you to all our parent helpers who make many of these trips and opportunities possible and thank you to our teachers who devise weird and wonderful ways of learning! If you or a family member has a talent or skill which you/they would be willing to share please contact the office or the class teacher – I am sure we can fit it into the curriculum somewhere!

Other news:

It has been a busy half term with various trips/events taking place such as:

Y5 Science day at Pangbourne College

4 pupils from Y5 attended a Science Discovery Day at Pangbourne College on 27 January. There were three sessions – Forensic Science (fingerprints), Marine Biology (Coral Reef) and Physics (radiation). The children enjoyed the day and Miss O'Neill who accompanied them said they were all very polite and she was very proud to have taken them. They represented Bradfield Primary in an extremely positive way.



Y6 Living Rain Forest visit

Year 6 visited The Living Rainforest today as part of their science curriculum. The children were great ambassadors for the school, they were able to share their current knowledge and impressed the tour guides with their curiosity and enquiring minds. They were lucky enough to see the armadillo, spot the elusive sloth and have a close encounter with 'Luigi' seen here with one of our year 6 pupils.



Y5 Ufton Court

More photos can be viewed on our website on the Y5 classes page of the Y5 three day/two night residential at Ufton Court. It certainly looks like they had a great time.



Y4 and Y5 St Gabriel's Maths challenge and Oak class post office visit

Four pupils from Y4 and Y5 went to St Gabriel's School recently to take part in a Maths Challenge, and Oak class had a morning when they visited the local post office.

Flu Nasal Spray Immunisations

Our school take up of the nasal sprays this year was 82%. The Berkshire School Immunisation Team say they "have administered over 57,000 doses of flu in over 340 schools this academic year, which will provide protection against the most common strains of flu this winter to those vaccinated, their families and the wider communities. We have achieved our target with an average uptake of over 65% for Berkshire".

PTA news

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes in the recent cake sale organised by the PTA. They managed to raise a fantastic £190. We also have the PTA Quiz night coming up at the end of

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the week which proves to be a fun evening. Tickets can still be purchased through ParentMail/Payments/Shop.

Parking

The Parish Council has received several complaints from residents about unsafe and inconsiderate parking by parents/carers when dropping off and picking up children. Please can we remind you that there is NO PARKING or stopping/turning in the staff car park at any time. We are aware of a few occasions recently when children were nearly hit by a car turning round in the entrance to the car park. We would urge you to park in the Queen's Head car park or the Village Hall car park and walk from there to school. If you do park in Cock Lane, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block driveways, or park anywhere that may obscure the safe crossing of the road by pedestrians. Please make sure that anyone bringing or picking up your child is aware of this too. We have been in contact with the local police team to request their assistance in this matter. They have said they will be visiting us this week or next. We will keep you updated with any developments. Help us to make sure all children can get to school safely.

World Book Day – nearer the time, a book token will be given to each child to exchange for a free World Book Day book or £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more at your local bookseller.

In school the children will be participating in a number of activities including sharing their favourite picture book, "Don't judge a book by its cover", a book swap and contributing to a whole school story. We will be running a competition to make a book in a box, and holding a bedtime story evening – dates and further details to follow.

Dogs - Please can we remind you that for health and safety reasons dogs are not allowed on the school premises. On a few occasions recently we have found dog excrement on the school field. Also a polite reminder to pick up any dog waste around the school on paths or grass, dog waste is especially hazardous to children so, please be a considerate dog owner. There is a dog bin at the end of the lane next to the school.

Coming up:

Indian Dance Company: we are very lucky to be welcoming an Indian Dance Company who will visit school on Monday 16 March. They will be working with all classes, and at the end of the afternoon there will be a presentation to parents. To cover the cost of this visit we will be asking for a small donation from parents/carers. Again, details will follow.

Mothers Day Breakfast and Tea: on Friday 20 March in the morning and afternoon the PTA will be running a special Breakfast and tea to celebrate Mothers Day. During the sessions there will be performances by the children, and refreshments will be served to the parents/family members who attend. Tickets will be available through ParentMail and details of how to book will follow.

Dates for your diaries – (please keep checking the school website calendar for dates)

Fri 7 February 9am Y5 Ufton Court assembly

Fri 7 February – Y5 Maths challenge at St Gabriel's (selected pupils)

Fri 7 February – PTA Quiz Night

Tues 11 February and Thurs 13 February – Parents evenings

Weds 12 February – Y5 and Y6 to watch Sister Act at Theale Green School

Mon 17 – Fri 21 February – HALF TERM

Weds 26 February – Y5 and Y6 Ukulele sessions

Thurs 27 February – FS2 and Y1 Road Rangers Show on road safety

Fri 28 February 9am – Y4 leading assembly

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Thurs 5 March – World Book Day – details to follow

Thurs 12 March – An evening of chocolate

Mon 16 March – Indian Dance Company in school all day – details to follow

Fri 20 March – Mothers Day Breakfast and tea – run by the PTA. Details will follow

Weds 25 March – Choir at the Anvil Theatre for rehearsal and evening concert

Fri 27 March – Performers Club in assembly

Mon 30 March 9am – Cup presentation assembly

Fri 3 April 9am Y3/Y4 leading assembly

Fri 3 April – Last day of term – school finishes at 1.30pm

Facebook Page. You can find us at www.facebook.com/bradfieldceprimary.

Best wishes,

Caroline Johnson

VE Day 75 Poppy Walk - Sunday 3 May 2020

Ardington & Lockinge Sports Club, Wells Streer, Ardington, Oxfordshire, OX12 8QB

Raise money for the poppy appeal and your preferred charity or good cause

- Sponsored 5 or 10 mile routes
 - For all ages and abilities
 - Dogs welcome
- Goody bag and medal with every entry
- Band, BBQ, family entertainment

Register on the day from 9am (last entry 11am). Questions , queries etc to David Drew on ddrew5193@gmail.com or Peter Davies on harwell.committee1@rbl.community

Theale Library - Fri 21 Feb

Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia help on Friday 21 Feb 1.30 – 4.30pm

Drop in to talk to local dyslexia specialist Jacqui Flisher. Find help and advice on dyslexia in the workplace, obtaining a formal assessment, dyslexia thinking and learning style, how to claim disables student's allowance.

If you are accompanied by children they can read, play or colour in the library while you are talking with Jacqui. For more information ring 01189303207, ask in the library, or visit www.thealelibrary@westberks.gov.uk

Berzerk Productions - "Let it Go!"

Do you want to build a snowman? School Drama Club providers Berzerk Productions are holding an exciting Easter Holiday course "LET IT GO" a Frozen inspired 4 day course from the 14th - 17th April 2020.

The course for ages 6+ will be at South Street Arts Centre Reading from 10am - 4pm. The theatre course will warm the hearts of all those attending with music, dance, singing, creative crafts, make-up and costume. Only limited places available and full details can be found here

- <https://berzerkproductions.com/drama-classes/easter-school-2020>

Bradfield Brownies

The 2nd Bradfield Brownies meet during term time in Bradfield Southend and there are places available **right now** for 7, 8 or 9 year old girls. Brownies enjoy activities such as grass sledging, campfires, sleepovers and many more exciting things.

If you are interested and would like to come along for a try out, make new friends and have some fun then please contact Brown Owl for more information at secondbradfieldbrownies@yahoo.co.uk or go to www.girlguiding.org.uk

Netball camp during half term

Tues 18 Feb at The Wren School. Starting at 10 am. Day Camp. Run by England Netball. Top quality coaching, fun games and match play.

For more information and to book go to <https://nyc.englandnetball.co.uk/selection/event/seat?perfid=10137410096&productId=101372126422>

Burford Academy Rugby Camps for girls

RAMS RFC Camp 20 February 2020
at Old Bath Road, Sonning, RG4 6TQ

Girls Rugby Camp – includes rugby sessions, indoor session, goody bag, prizes to win, certificates for all

Experienced and new players welcome.

Girls 7 – 18 yrs
£35 per person
10am – 3.30pm

For more info or to book go to www.burfordacademy.co.uk or email burford_12@hotmail.com

Fostering Information Sessions

Tuesday 18 February 10 am to 2pm at Park Way, Newbury

Saturday 29 February 11am to 2pm at the Calcot Hotel, Calcot

Come along to our fostering information sessions to find out more about how you could foster in West Berkshire. Hosted by members of the Family Placement Team and some local foster carers.

For more information please contact fostering@westberks.gov.uk or ring 01635503155

Berkshire Maestros

- Spaces available in our Saturday Mini Maestros classes and children’s choir. Fun and lively music classes for children aged 0 - 7 years.
- Free taster session to try out violin, viola, cello and double bass. Tuesday 25 February 4 - 6.30pm at Newbury Music Centre, St Bart’s School RG14 6JP
- Junior Music Festival “All the King’s Men” on Weds 24th and 25th March at the Anvil Theatre, Basingstoke. Over 600 children from West Berkshire Primary Schools will be taking part. Tickets can be booked at www.anvilarts.org.uk
- Music bursary fund - Greenham Trust can offer financial support towards music lessons with Berkshire Maestros. For more information go to www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/help_with_fees.html
- Berkshire Maestros can be emailed at newbury@berkshiremaestros.org.uk or go to www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk