



NEWSLETTER

12th January 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

Welcome back to school for the spring term of 2024. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and those closest.

As we welcome back our pupils and families, we also welcome Miss Anderson to our staff. Miss Anderson will be supporting the teaching in both Y5/6 and Year 1/2. I am sure she will be a great addition to our team.

This week the children have been sharing their new year targets and resolutions for 2024. A new year is always a lovely chance to reflect and reset and focus on new goals and challenges. Children have returned to school following the break so settled and are already enjoying their new class topics and novels.

We are already looking ahead to the diary for spring and summer term, and it looks to be another two exciting terms ahead at our lovely school. Please keep an eye on our diary dates for up-and-coming events.

Reminders and Messages

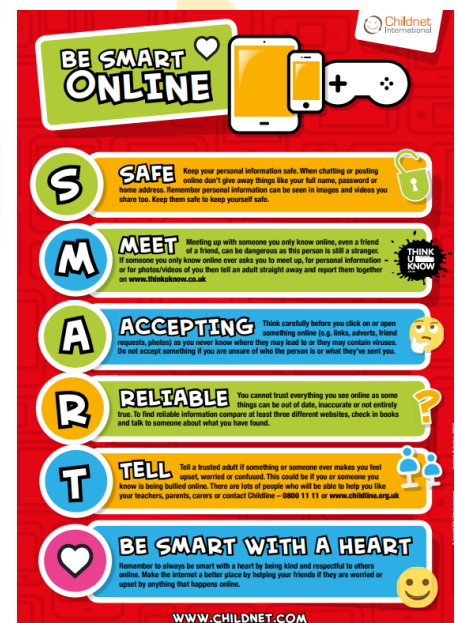
- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- Polite reminder: We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

We have lots of exciting events and activities in store this year. If your circumstances have change or you may have a little more free time, why not come along to our next Friends meeting, which will be advertised shortly. Or you could express your interest, in helping in our school, to Mrs Morris in our school office.

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	87.5%
Year 1+2	95.7%
Year 3+4	99.2%
Year 5+6	99.6%



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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

This week's story in Nursery has been, 'Mouse Paint' - Nursery have absolutely loved making their own stained-glass mice, which we have placed on our windows. They have also done some fantastic story retells and drawings about our story - we were very impressed. Nursery were so amazed when they watched a video of a mouse tidying up someone's shed! The video is on the BBC News website.

Nursery have also signed up for the 'RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch'. The children have been so fascinated, watching the birds fly in and out of our garden and getting food off the bird feeds, we have even made our own bird watch area.

Reception have had a ROARsome start to the new year through our new topic, Dinosaur World! The children have enjoyed learning the names of the dinosaurs through our story, 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants'. They have also made dinosaur masks, created models through play dough and practised their phonics in the dinosaur tuff tray.





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Aislabie and Mrs. Niven

Year 1/2 have had a great week back at school! This week we were introduced to our new text, *The Ugly Duckling*. The children made predictions about the story before we read it, they then acted out the story and sequenced the events of the story in the correct order.

In Maths, Year 2 have been learning to divide using grouping and sharing. We were then learning how to write number sentences for these equations. In year 1, we have been looking at numbers to 20. We have been ordering these numbers from smallest to greatest and greatest to smallest, and finding one less than and one more than a given number.

During our Seasons Science topic, we were finding out why we have four seasons and which months each season is in. We then looked at the season of Spring; discussing what the weather is like, explaining why plants begin to grow and why animals have their young during this season.

At the end of the week, we had great fun working as a team in our forest school session. We collected logs and sticks to make a den - some of the dens even had chairs in them! We also played hide and seek and chilled out in the hammock.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

It has been lovely having everyone back in class again after the Christmas break, and the children have got straight back into their learning.

Last week, the children jumped on Chartwell Airlines and travelled around the world tasting different foods; they had a taste of Caprese Salad from Italy, Tzatziki from Greece and made their own Mexican Salsa.

At the beginning of the week, the children were introduced to a story called, 'Into the Woods' by Anthony Browne, which had them sitting on the edge of their seats in suspense. From this, they have been learning what techniques authors use to create suspense and tension in their books and will begin to use them in their own stories, in the coming weeks.

During our science and geography lessons this week, the children have been geologists exploring rocks and learning about the three main types of rocks: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary, and the structure of the Earth.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

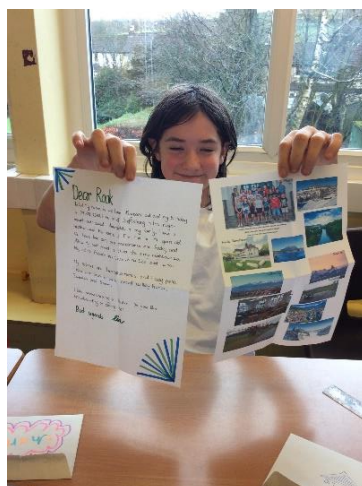
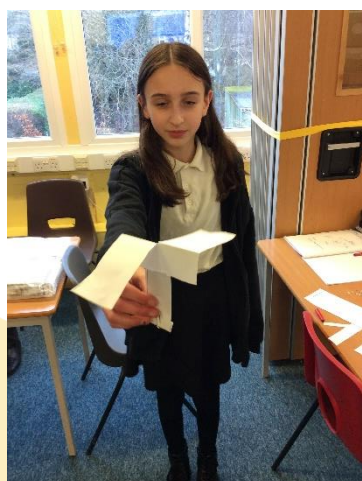
Welcome to the Spring Term!

We have had an exciting start to the term, as we received our eagerly awaited letters from our penpals in Switzerland. The classroom was filled with a buzz as children learnt more about their penpal and Switzerland, as well as learning some German phrases. We hope you enjoyed conversing with your child about this experience!

We have also started our new science topic – Forces! In this unit we have already been introduced to physicist, Sir Isaac Newton, and how he developed the notion of gravity. To begin the unit, we designed our own investigation, to understand what would happen if something falls. We used a paper helicopter and paper clips to see how long the helicopter took to fall. We then recorded our results in a table.

Our PSHE unit is all about our dreams and goals - we began this unit by carefully thinking about what hopes, dreams and goals we have, distinguishing between those that need money to achieve and those that don't.

All children had great fun at the athletics festival at Bishop Barrington Academy on Friday, where we took part in relay's, shotput and javelin.





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
Monday 22nd January	Martin Luther King Day
FEBRUARY	LGBTQ Month
Friday 2 nd February	TTRS (Times Table Rock Star) Dress-Up Day for NSPCC
Wednesday 7 th February	EYFS 'Chinese NY' Assembly for Parents/Carers
Monday 12 th February	Women & Girls in Science Day
Monday 12 th February	Dance Festival - Years 3+4
Friday 16 th February	Valentine's Disco (dress in pink/red)
Friday 16 th February	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 26 th February	School re-opens for Spring Term 2
MARCH	International Women's History Month
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
w/c 11 th March	British Science Week
Monday 11 th March	Tennis Festival - Yrs 3+4
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 16 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term 1