



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 28th June 2024

## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

It's great to see the weather starting to pick up as we move closer to the end of the summer term. There's quite a lot of information in today's newsletter, so apologies for the information overload!

Today you will have received confirmation of your child's class teacher for next year by email. We have three members of staff joining us next year: Miss Georgia Butler in Year 1, Miss Jade Smith in Year 3 and Mrs Amrit Kaur will take the Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion role; she will also teach two days in Year 4. I hope you will join me in welcoming them to the school team when they come in for a transition day on Tuesday.

We had a beautiful afternoon last Saturday at the Summer Fete. The PTA put a lot of hard work into making it a success and what a success it was! A fantastic £3,237 was raised which will be used to benefit the children at school through making additional trips possible and purchasing resources. A heartfelt thank to all the children who chose me to be dunked with ice cold water!!! You are very kind!

Sports Day was an amazing success. Thank you to Mr Morris and the sports team for the hard work in putting it together and Miss Campbell for organising the KS1 and EYFS Sports Day. To tie in with the 2024 Olympics taking place of the summer holidays, we had children representing various countries. Well done to Australia who won the KS2 Sports Day.

The Year 6s put on a fantastic play for the whole school and parents. Over the 3 performances, they had everyone laughing with well-timed jokes and filled them with fear as they took part in a variation of 'Are you smarter than an 11 year old?' Thank you to Noah for selecting me to be dunked with foam jigsaw pieces - children seem to be enjoying dunking the headteacher at the moment! However, I'm pleased to say I got my own back at the Y6 water fight yesterday!

And finally, a reminder that the end of year reports will be sent out to parents next Friday. It's been great to read about all the amazing achievements children have made this year. I know you'll join me in praising your child for all the hard work they've put in this year!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Brannigan

## Dates for your Diaries



- **Saturday 29th June** - Parent /Teacher Football Match
- **Monday 1st July** - Welland Park Academy Transition Day for YR 6
- **Tuesday 2nd July** - Welland Park Academy and Robert Smyth Academy Transition Day for YR 6
- **Wednesday 3rd July** - First Aid Training for YR 6
- **Thursday 4th July** - YR 4 Twinlakes visit
- **Thursday 4th July** - YR 5 PGL Parents after school meeting for September trip
- **Friday 5th July** - School Reports Out
- **Tuesday 9th July** - YR 6 Leavers Assembly
- **Tuesday 9th July** - Results KS2
- **TUESDAY 9th JULY - END OF SUMMER TERM**

## Weekly Attendance



**Remember: We do not authorise any holidays during term time. Exceptional circumstances can be granted by the Headteacher**

**This week's attendance is : 95.3 %**

**Our Target is 97%**



**Our star class for this week is: 4 BS : 99.23% WELL DONE**

## Attendance Update

Further to the new Government Guidelines relating to the issue of Penalty Notices coming in, please find an information leaflet advising you of the changes that will be coming into force on 19th August.

## Class Updates

### EYFS

This week the children have been continuing to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. The children have been so excited to observe that the caterpillar has transformed into a chrysalis! In Maths, the children have been using manipulatives for sharing, doubling and halving amounts practically. In Literacy, the children have been writing their own end of year report about themselves. In Expressive Arts and Design, the children have been exploring using clay to make a keepsake to mark the end of their Foundation journey. Children have been doing lots of work on transition and are looking forward to meeting their new class teacher next Tuesday.

### Year 1

All the Year 1 children had a wonderful time at our sports day last week! The children really enjoyed having all the support and encouragement from the parents and grandparents. Also last week we practised telling the time using o'clock and this week we have moved on to using half past. Year 1 are also writing a story based on the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers this week.

### Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about what plants need to survive and thrive in science and they have impressed us all with their independence and patience in DT! We are all really looking forward to meeting our new teachers next week!

### Year 3

In Year 3, this week, we've been very busy. In our English lessons children have been planning and writing their own poem based on the original Jim - a Cautionary Tale by Hilaire Belloc. In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and started our statistics unit. In geography we have been learning about the Peak District town of Bakewell. Next week we will writing a letter to our new Year 4 teacher, learning about bar charts and representing data in maths and answering the key question 'how are plants different?' in science.

### Year 4

We have had a busy 2 weeks. Year 4 have been working hard to complete the end of year assessments. The children have done themselves proud even when they have been hot and bothered. We have also been finding about how Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary made the first ascent of Everest. We are now trying to imagine what it would be like for Tenzing Norgay so that we can write his diary. Some children have been to Area Sports and the mini- Olympics while we have all taken part in the school sports day. Australia won!

We have also been planning our pneumatic models. How exciting.

## Year 5

This week the Year 5's have been busy completing the rest of their summer term tests. Somehow the teachers have also managed to squeeze in some yoga lessons in P.E, coding in computers, volume in maths as well as desert climates in geography. In addition, the children have done some descriptive work on The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood in English. They definitely deserve a rest!

## Year 6

Year 6 this week have given 3 phenomenal performances to the school, invited guests and parents. They have blown us away each and every time. Thank you to everyone who came to watch the children, we hope that the whole experience has built lasting memories of their time at Little Bowden. 😊

## Year 5 Trip To Welland Park Academy

On Friday 21st June the Year 5 children enjoyed a variety of taster activities at Welland Park Academy. They participated in D.T, Basketball, Woodworking, Science and History. They saw all of the different classrooms, KS3 teachers and more importantly experienced what it is like to be at secondary school!

The Year 5 team felt everyone got a sense of how important it is to be an ambitious, independent learner with good listening skills and self-control whilst they are at Little Bowden in order to succeed later on in life.







## Sports News



A selection of Year 5 girls and boys competed in the Kick Cricket competition at Harborough Cricket Club with the girls competing fiercely with local schools in the area.



The boys reached the semi finals, just narrowly missing out on a place in the final to Kibworth.



it was a great afternoon at the Harborough Carnival as children from KS1 and KS2 worked together to compete in @It's a Knockout' raising money towards the school. Well done to all who took part.





Some Year 6 students had the opportunity to take part in a Touch Rugby competition at the Mattioli Woods Stadium against schools across the county. They won 2, drew 2 and lost just 1 of their matches. Well done everyone!!