



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER- February 9th

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

As I write this, the heavens have opened and we're on Day 2 of heavy rainfall. It's not quite the snow everyone was expecting but it has meant two days on indoor play!!!

Last week we had an incredible performance from the Confucius Classroom who brought in traditional dancers and artists to show how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. Year 4, 5 and 6 were invited to practise a dance, paper folding and calligraphy. We are incredibly grateful for the support the Confucius Classroom provide in helping children to learn the language and the Mandarin culture.

This week, I had the pleasure of inviting parents in for the second Coffee Morning with me. During the meeting we shared updates on things that have happened at school such as bringing back the school bell and issues we continue to have in the local community around parking and the school garden. It was helpful to get some feedback about how we are doing and whether the changes made have been positive or need further work. I will hold the next coffee morning in the Summer term.

Next week I'm looking forward to the end of term assembly where I get hear about all the amazing achievements. I will be presenting the Headteacher Award to a pupil in every class from outstanding achievement throughout the term.

Finally, a reminder to take note of the date for Parents' Evening (5th and 7th March). You will be able to book your slot from 7pm on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Brannigan

Dates for your Diaries



- **Monday 12th February** - EYFS Fireman visiting school
- **Wednesday 14th February** - Wear What You Love Day (PTA)
- **Friday 16th February** - EYFS and Year 1 NHS Dental Check
- **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February** – Half Term
- **Monday 26th February** - School Opens
- **Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March** - Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 12th March** - Year 4 Roman Day - in school
- **Tuesday 19th March** - Heights & Measures (Year 6 & EYFS)
- **Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April** - Half Term
- **Monday 8th April** - School opens
- **Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th April** – Year 4 PGL Bawdsey Manor
- **Wednesday 13th March** - KS1 St Hugh's Church visit
- **Thursday 14th March** - KS2 St Nicholas' Church visit
- **Tuesday 30th April** – YR 3 New Walk & Mosque Visit
- **Sunday 12th May** - Youth China Test, Level 1

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 : 92.1%

Our Target is 97%

Our star class for this week is 1 SC : 97.32% WELL DONE



News and Notices



Coffee Morning

The second Coffee Morning of the year took place on Wednesday. We discussed a range of changes that have taken place at school and took feedback on further changes to look at before doing a tour of the school to see the changes up close. Thank you to those parents who came to listen and share your views. There will be another Coffee Morning in the Summer term and I hope you will join me then.



1 - 5 Star Rating from 5 Star Kitchen!

Well done to Mrs Barnes and Mrs Beasley who passed a no notice inspection of the school kitchen with flying colours!!!

Well done and thank you for all you're doing!



Photo permissions - Please help

Reminder -If you haven't already done so, please log into Arbor and update your photo permissions. We always love to shout about all the amazing things that happen at school but we can't always share the photos. If you're having problems, please email the office and we'll be happy to update them for you.



2 - High achieving climb for charity!

Year 5 boys, Oliver and Thomas Worsley, climbed Scafell Pike for charity. It was a really difficult climb, in difficult weather conditions but they got to the summit and did so in good time! Well Done - what an amazing achievement!



non-uniform day

14th February 2024

£1 donation via www.pta-events.co.uk/littlebowdenpta
or cash on the day

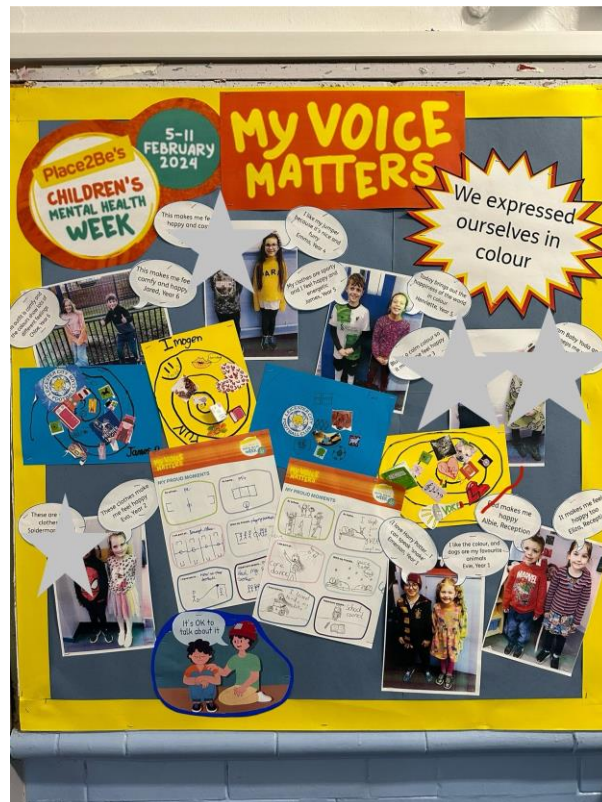


3 - PTA -Wear what you love day

Valentines Day, Wednesday 14th February, is the PTA 'Wear what you love day'

For a £1 donation, children can wear their favourite clothes and it's all for a good cause!

Donations can be made via www.pta-events.co.uk/littlebowdenpta or cash on the day.



Children's Mental Health Week

On Wednesday we joined 300,903 children and 661 schools by taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's message was 'My Voice Matters'. We asked children to come to school dressed to express themselves and we saw some fantastic outfits and a range of colours. Mrs Boa

treated the children to one of her enthusiastic assemblies before they returned to class to complete activities.

Chinese New Year







We celebrated the Chinese New Year with our Mandarin Teachers and visitors from the Confucius Institute in Leicester.

A great day was had by all and part of the day included students from Years 5 and 6 singing in assembly.

There was also lots of dancing involved which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Illness



Tis the season where we start to see a lot of sickness bugs and various other illnesses. If your child is too unwell to come to school, please keep them at home until they get better. If you're unsure as to whether your child is too ill for school, please click on this link which will take you to guidance from the NHS. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you so please ensure your contact information is up-to-date.

Sporting News



Please see below information regarding Sports clubs this term.

Spring Term 23/24 Sports Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 8:15 - 8:40	Tournament / Event Training (invite only)	Year 5/6 LaCrosse - Mixed	Boxercise Year 4-6	Year 3/4 Dodgeball - Mixed	Year 5/6 Hockey - Mixed
PM 3:20 - 4:15	Year 3-6 Multi Sports - Mixed	Archery/Curling Year 4/5/6 Netball - Mixed	Year 3 Football - Mixed	Year 6 Boys Football	Year 5/6 Girls Football

Beginning Week Monday 15th January – Friday 22nd March

sports@littlebowden.leics.sch.uk

Forest School



4 - The children at Forest School have been learning about birds and what they use to make nests.



5 - Then they tried to make their own.



6 - It was a tricky task.



7 - We also put up some bird boxes with the hope some Robins or Wrens will move in this spring.



8 - Can you spot these birds in nature? How many birds do you know?



9 - The children wanted to help the winter hungry birds, so we made bird feeders.



10 - The bird feeders were a success and even fed some hungry squirrels when the seed was all gone.



11 - Looking for birds



12 - With all the talk about birds nesting we decided to make our own shelters.





13 - Some of the children took protecting the snowdrops into their hands and made a border.



14 - The snow drops have come up....not long till spring!



15 - Lots of fishing was taking place



16 - The year 5's started making a dam in the river



17 - They even found a leech!