



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER- May 3rd

## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

As usual at Little Bowden, we've had a busy two weeks; last week especially. Our Year 6 and Year 1 children have been busy practising for their upcoming national tests. In just over a week's time, our Year 6s will be sitting the SATs tests and I must acknowledge the incredible hard work they've put in. Both the teachers and I are immensely proud of the progress they've made this year. These tests only measure a small part of what our children can achieve: it doesn't celebrate the talented singers; the musicians who blow us away with their polished performances; or the skilled sports boys and girls who represent our school in local competitions; or even the artistic geniuses who sculpt and create amazing works of art. Whatever happens that week, we are incredibly proud of you!

I'm pleased to say that two of our community commitments this year making good progress: parking and the school garden. You can pick up your parking permit from the school office, which provides you with a parking space opposite the Sainsbury's Petrol Station. Take up has been low and cars are still parking dangerously on Scotland Road, so please speak to the office to get a permit. The Council have been in touch about arranging a new lease for our school garden, so hopefully soon, we'll be able to open up the gates and start work on bringing it back to life!

Finally, we have our Science Fair coming up very soon. Please find all the details below to be in with a chance for your child's work to be displayed in the local library for all to see!

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Mr Brannigan

## Dates for your Diaries



- **Sunday 12th May** - Youth China Test, Level 1
- **Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May** - Year 6 SATS
- **Thursday 16th May** - Science Fair
- **Friday 17th May** - Year 6 Welland Park Playground Visit
- **Monday 20th May** - Walk to School Week
- **Friday 24th May** - Break the Rules Day (PTA)
- **Tuesday 4th June** - YR 6 National Justice Museum visit
- **Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June** - Year 1 Phonics Screener Test
- **Thursday 20th June** - Sports Day
- **Wednesday 26th June** - Sports Day (Back up)
- **Saturday 22nd June** - Summer Fete

## 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 : 94.3%**

**Our Target is 97%**



**Our star class for this week is 2 JE : 99.49% WELL DONE**

## News and Notices



### **Toast is going cashless**

**From Tuesday 6th May the toast at breaktime will be cashless.**

You will be able to pay a minimum of £1 to a maximum of £10 via ParentPay - choosing the '**Toast at Breaktime**' option- you can also pay by card to the main office. Children will be able to collect their toast at breaktime - in a similar way to school meals.

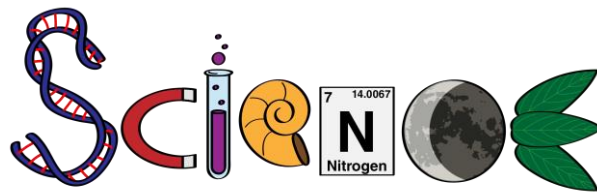
Toast is charged at 20p per day and if your child is not in school we can credit your account.



### Year 3 trip to Leicester Central Mosque and Museum

We all enjoyed a fantastic, interesting trip to two locations during this week. First up, we visited Leicester Central Mosque to complement our learning about Islam. We were extremely proud of the children who behaved respectfully and asked some very thoughtful questions. Next, we boarded the bus again and took a short trip to Leicester Museum where the children participated in a workshop to consolidate their learning about Ancient Egypt. The children had a great time, with many telling us they'd give the trip '10 out of 10!'

We'd like to express a big 'thank you' to all of the parents who volunteered their time to support us on the trip and also our PTA who fully funded the trip.



### Science Fair

As a reminder, we would like to invite your child to take part in the annual Science Fair, alongside other schools from Market Harborough.

Children can join in by posing a question, designing an experiment or researching information and explaining their findings - there is no specific topic area. Children can present their findings using models, diagrams, graphs, photos or pictures - ideally an A3 display works well, we found last year. The deadline for entries is **Friday 10th May**, please bring your projects to Miss Campbell or Mrs Loomes.

The competition will be celebrated in two parts: at school in an afternoon Science Fair, with judges, and then winners will be displayed at Market Harborough Library.

All entries will be displayed, for everyone to see at the Science Fair, in the hall on **Thursday 16th May** between 3.20 – 4.30 for our families to take a look at.

The entries will be judged during the Science Fair and winners (in EYFS, KS1 and KS2) will be announced the following day. The winning projects will be on display, alongside other local schools, at the library from **Tuesday 28th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024**.

## Sports



1 - On Tuesday 30th April, our year 5 & 6 students took part in the Netball event at Robert Smyth Academy taking 2 teams and both reaching the Quarter-Finals! Well done to everyone involved!!



*2 - This weekend Henriette's Borough Alliance U10's football team played Rugby Borough in the Leicestershire Women & Girls Gold Cup County Final - the highest league in their age group - and won. She captains her side and put in a player of the match performance as well as scoring the game winning goal.*

Some Dates to look out for...

Tuesday 7th May Year 3/4 Girls Football Festival @ Harborough Town FC

Thursday 16th May Year 3/4 Girls Tennis Festival @ RSA

Tuesday 21st May Year 5/6 tennis Competition @ RSA

Thursday 23rd May Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket @ Harborough Cricket Club

Friday 24th May Year 4/5 Football Competition