



BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTER NEWSLETTER- MARCH 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another term has come to an end. It has been a strange yet busy term, as we transition from Mrs Hazeldine as our headteacher to Ms Shahi.

Thanks to those of you who came to Parents Evenings to meet with your child's class teacher and to learn about their progress and targets. It is important to us that we have a good relationship with you and that education is a partnership between home and school. We are always here to talk about any issues or concerns and, of course, to celebrate your child's achievements.

Although it has been a short term, everyone is ready for a break. We close for Easter today (28th March) and re-open for pupils on **Tuesday 16th April**. (Monday 15th April is a staff training day).

Thank you for your support this term, I have appreciated it. Have a lovely Easter with your families.

Yours sincerely,
K. John

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Thanks to all parents and other family members who supported children to make decorated headwear. We put all entries on display in our reception area. There were so many creative ideas for decorating and creating hats, it made a wonderful display. Our Governing body found it extremely difficult to judge between them! All of the winners chose an Easter Egg, Easter Bunny or cone of sweets to take home.



The Easter Services were led by the children and Revd. Joe at St. Oswald's Church.

COMPETITIONS THIS TERM

Our EIB1 children had a fantastic time at the Penthalon event. They participated in various activities and were all awarded a medal!



A group of our Year 3 pupils took part in Wirral Schools Poetry Festival earlier this term. The children met a poet and performed "Gran can you rap?" they achieved a wonderful second place.

Attendance Awards

Thanks to all parents and carers who have helped their children to be in school as often as possible. Unfortunately, our whole school attendance is 91.3% this term, which is below government guidelines.

Congratulations to the 76 children who have had an impressive 100% attendance this term. They were presented with certificates, badges and pencils in our end of term attendance celebration assembly. Ms Shahi will be inviting them all to her 100% afternoon tea parties or treats after the Easter holiday.

Congratulations are also due to 72 children whose attendance has been very good (97- 99%) and 44 with good attendance (95%- 96.9%), well done!

GREEN ZONE AWARDS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR

We pride ourselves on the excellent behaviour of children at Bidston Village and your ongoing support in achieving this is very much appreciated. I am delighted to inform you that for spring term 2024 **we awarded certificates to 300 children who have managed to remain in the Green Zone every day.** This represents the majority of pupils from F2 to Y6 and it is a great achievement. The children deserve to have it celebrated both at home and in school!



STARS OF THE TERM

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen as stars of the term from every class in school. Parents/ carers of these pupils were invited to join our celebration assembly on Thursday when we presented books and certificates to them.

Foundation 1	Tadhg O'Quigley and Mila Campbell
Foundation 2	Dehan Kumarasinghe (F2L) and Nula Locke (F2S)
Year 1	Ezamay Smith (1H) and Rayan Mozafari (1K)
Year 2	Ted Watson (2L) and Sara Nawratek (2G)
Year 3	Mia Allen-Edwards (3B) and Sofia Langford (3T)
Year 4	Jessie Lee (4DJ) and Nethuki Abeysekara (4VJ)
Year 5	Ainsley Sefton (5B) and AJ Boylin (5O)
Year 6	Christopher Thomas (6A) and Evie Williams (6GJ)
EIB/Nurture	Bailey Hart (EIB1), Amelia Whiting (EIB2) & Georgia Bazeley-Jones

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We continue to use our Pupil Premium and School Sports Grant to buy in a range of before and after school clubs, as well as several activities during curriculum time. This term a number of our pupils have attended the following clubs

Gymnastics- Y6 curriculum enhancement

Clarinet- Y4 which culminated in a wonderful concert for their families.

Dance, Athletics and Football Clubs

Yoga- Rainbow programme- Y6 pre SATs relaxation classes.

Pirate Scooter Stars workshops - Y1

Bikeability - Y5

Swimming- Y5



VISITS, VISITORS AND SPECIAL DAYS

We have had a number of visits and visitors to school this term. These have included:

- Mr Gardiner who led an assembly on the Active Schools project to encourage walking, cycling and scooting to school. We have appointed **Junior Travel Ambassadors**, who will be **leading projects to decrease pollution and parking to improve pupil safety**.
- Y4 had a Viking Experience at Tatton Hall, which was interactive and educational.
- Y3 visited the Wirral Deen Centre as part of the RE curriculum.
- EIB2 had a trip to the Eureka science museum to learn about the digestive system.
- The whole school participated in **World Book Day** activities including drawing characters from their favourite books on T-shirts.
- Members of Bromborough Gospel Church delivered a Bible Exhibition assembly for all KS2 pupils, as well as an Easter Workshop for Y6.
- Children enjoyed taking part in **Comic Relief** – Red Nose Day; Do Something Funny for Money. Some of the outfits and hair dos were fabulous!
- The whole school took part in **World Down Syndrome Day** by wearing odd socks and taking part in activities based around the number 21.
- Our Y6 pupils attended a two night/ three-day residential visit to The Towers in North Wales.

FAMILY SUPPORT

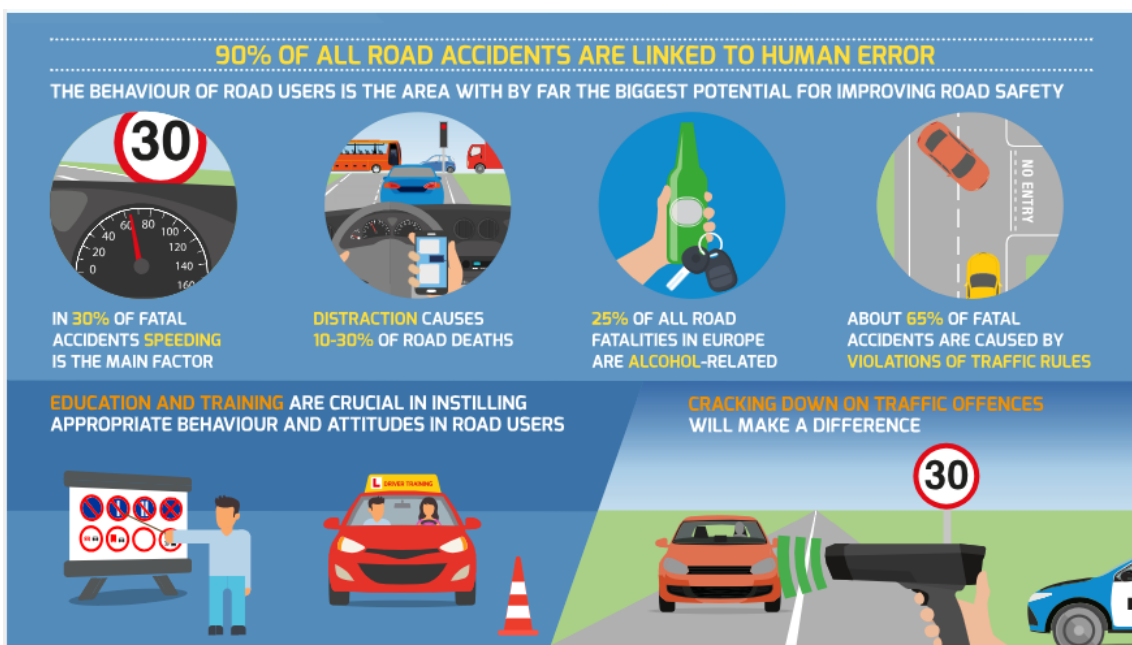
- Bev, our Family Support worker supports parents and pupils on a daily basis. She attends social care meetings and works to address concerns highlighted by staff. She signposts parents to a range of support agencies and runs courses which benefit our families.
- Bev has been leading a Nurture programme for parents this term, as well as facilitating the TA course. Next term a British Sign Language course will be run.
- Linda (Mental Health Support Team) comes into school every week to support some pupils whose mental health is a cause for concern. Jess will be taking over from her after Easter.
- Louise and Claire from Liverpool speech therapy support our pupils every week.
- Hi Impact staff regularly support all staff with workshops aimed at developing the computing curriculum. The children always enjoy their workshop sessions.
- Mrs Bain- our volunteer reader from the Beanstalk group- comes into school on a weekly basis to read with targeted children. They really enjoy their sessions with her.
- It is lovely to see the school library being used by both children and adults.

Thank you for all the kind words and support regarding the devastating loss of our longstanding teaching assistant, colleague and friend, **Mrs Griffiths**. I know that many of you have known her for many years. Her family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers. She will be fondly remembered.

Mrs Latimer (F2L) is moving on to pastures new, we are sad to see her leave, but wish her well in the next stage of her life. Miss Hughes, who has worked in nursery, will teach her class.

PUPIL ROAD SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention, by parents, residents and staff, that there have been a **considerable number of near misses involving pupils and cars**. As a consequence, we will be working closely with Wirral Borough Council and our Junior Travel Ambassadors to make the roads and parking spaces around our school a safer environment for children. In the meantime, PLEASE encourage your children to walk, scoot or ride to school, where possible, or park a little further away from school and walk the last section with them. **Parking on blind bends or double yellow lines is extremely dangerous and could result in accidents**, please be considerate and careful.



TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2024

SUMMER TERM 2012

Tuesday 16th April -School opens for Summer Term

Monday 6th May -School closed – May Bank holiday

Friday 24th May- School closes for half term

Monday 3rd June - School closed – INSET Day

Tuesday 4th June-School reopens after half term

Tuesday 23rd July- School closes for summer

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

A letter from our new Headteacher, Ms Shahi.



Dear Families and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Headteacher of Bidston Village C of E Primary School.

I have been blessed to work in Primary Education in different schools, on the Wirral for over 18 years, in a range of roles and with varying responsibilities. Over my career to date, I have grown in my love of teaching, nurturing and working with children and their families. I also enjoy supporting, inspiring and assisting staff to develop so that they can provide high quality, motivating and engaging provision for children. I have high expectations of myself and the team and am looking forward to us working together to help the children of Bidston Village CE Primary School realise the amazing purpose and plan that God has for them. I believe we are called to serve in schools and so should make them happy, safe places where children can grow emotionally, academically and spiritually. Positively working with families to ensure children are supported and their needs are met is my prime purpose. I have a strong sense of community and feel that effective education is a shared privilege of schools and families working together for their children and am excited to become part of the strong, loyal community in place in Bidston.

I am aware of the great reputation that Bidston Village CE Primary School has in the community and how hard the staff, governors and parish have worked to establish this. I have been visiting school over the last few weeks for some transition days and have been humbled by the warm welcome from all of the staff, led by Mrs John. I have had the privilege and joy of meeting your children; they are truly delightful! I am looking forward to getting to know children, families, governors and staff over the coming months and I am incredibly excited for what we can go onto achieve together for this very special community.

I look forward to starting at Bidston Village CE Primary School after Easter. Please do come and introduce yourself to me; I look forward to meeting you as we live out our school vision to: 'Join together to support and encourage one another to promote love and good works,' creating an inclusive, successful environment where everyone feels welcome and can reach their true potential, demonstrating that together we: 'Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.'

Many thanks,

Ms Mina Shahi