



The Bader Bugle



Spring Term 4

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27th January 2023

A message from Mr Hodgson

This week, has been particularly hectic. Lots going on in school as usual, as you will have seen from twitter and class dojo but I haven't managed to get into classes anywhere near as much as I would have liked. Fortunately, I have had a lot of visitors - reaching the sun for the 1st and 2nd times, reading/showing their work to me, telling me about their ambassador visit to one of our trust schools and other positive rewards like giving out spelling/ time tables and handwriting awards. These are the best parts of being a Head Teacher!

Super Spellers

We continue to push with spelling in school this year. The class Spelling Bee is a weekly class reward for the class with the best spellings scores and an individual reward of a 'Super Speller' certificate and a pencil are earned by any of our children who achieve full marks in spelling test consistently.

The latest recipients are as follows: **Marshall Moseley, Afiya Ahmed, Phoebe Catchpole, Isobel Potter, Jack Duff and Frankie Brown.**



Pen Licence

For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is a 'Pen Licence'. This allows them to use a pen for all writing in school. Also, they are presented with a certificate in assembly, are given a pen licence card to carry with them and are given a special place on our 'Roll of Honour' board.

This week's lucky pupil to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) is **Isobel Potter.**



Read for the Stars

This week saw our first group of children who have reached the sun, not just once but TWICE!

Huge congratulations to: **Logan Daniels, Ella Johnson, Jake Pinchbeck, Bobby Leeson, Thomas Meadley, Finlay Scott, Meg Fletcher-Hill, Millie Williams, Alex Bryan, Safferah Deen, Mia Todd, Rosie Joyce, Scarlett Roberts, Leon Callen, Sadie Carroll, Dylan Roberts, Lacie Frost, Daisy Robinson, Saif Ahmed and Matilda Wadlow.**

The following children have also reached the sun for the first time:

Isla Titley, Elsie Hutchinson, Marni Sewell, Dalton Walker, Daisy Mai Barfoot, Gracie Hawken, Desirae Davies, Niamh Screene, Isabel Emms, Marshall Moseley, Mason Foster, Harley Ashcroft, Mya-Rose Foster and Izzy Livingston.

A very big well done to them too!

Reading every day is part of our home school agreement and home learning. Please read with your child or encourage them to read aloud to you or to find a quiet place and lose themselves in a really good book.

Thank you for your support.



Author Visit and Forthcoming Author Visit

The author and illustrator, Simon Murray, visited school this week and worked with children from reception through to Year 4. Simon is the author of the 'Icky Doo Dah' series of books. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed working with Simon and created their own 'Icky Doo Dahs'.

Speaking of really good books, the author Tom Palmer has written 57 of them – including 6 award winning historical fiction titles and 3 Puffin football series, Football Academy, Foul Play and the Squad. His latest book is called 'Resist', a story inspired by the childhood of Hollywood legend, Audrey Hepburn.

We are really thrilled to announce that he will be visiting school next month to officially open our library and work with children in KS2.

A letter will be sent out today if you would like to order any of Tom's books and school are subsidising these greatly, as part of our continued promotion of the importance of reading.



Industrial Action

As advised earlier this week via class dojo, there is industrial action taking place on Wednesday 1st February by members of the NEU teaching union. To reaffirm, **school is open** to all pupils on this day although there will be some classes affected by the strike as regards to the adults teaching/supervising them.

School Crossing Update

You will be aware (again from class dojo), that we have had another 'near miss' on the pelican crossing on Thornaby road. Again, the Year 6 involved is a very sensible girl and therefore no blame is attached to her at all. We have now been in touch with Stockton Borough Council, the highways department and Thornaby's mayor, Ian Dalgarno, in an attempt to secure a school crossing patrol warden to improve the safety for our children and community. Watch this space for more news as it happens.

Dates

Spring Term 1: Wednesday 4th January - Friday 17th February 2023

(Half Term: Week commencing 20th February 2023)

Spring Term 2: Monday 27th February 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023

(Easter weeks commencing 3rd April and 10th April 2023)

Twitter



Our Twitter followers are currently **2500** which is amazing. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on Twitter in the last week (@BaderPrimary). For postings of the latest news and events going on in school, please follow us on Twitter. Also, check out our school website: <http://www.bader.org.uk/>

PE Uniform: A Reminder

The PE uniform for indoor PE consists of a plain Bader green t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls and socks. For outside PE, children can wear plain black jogging bottoms and a plain black or green jumper. They will also need suitable outdoor trainers. Please note that leggings are not part of our uniform and jewellery is not allowed to be worn for any school sports.





Attendance

Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

The importance of being punctual and coming to school can never be underestimated, in terms of contributing massively to children's learning. We have started slowly with attendance and cannot stress how important it is that children are in school.

Attendance goal 96%

Week commencing 16th January 2023

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/Kirton	95.26%	8
REC Miss McCall	92.78%	2
Y1 Mrs Ayre	96%	9
Y1 Miss Teasdale	88.64%	0 
Y2 Mrs Jones	98.24%	0 
Y2 Mrs S Jones	84.44%	9
Y3 Miss Beckwith	88.42%	2
Y3 Miss Weir	96.36%	3
Y4 Mrs Mudgway	96.19%	8
Y4 Miss Robson	96.19%	3
Y5 Mrs Spencer	96.8%	0 
Y5 Miss Dunn	98.8% 	8
Y6 Mr Robinson	94.44%	10
Y6 Miss Horrigan	92.22%	9

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!			
ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

Attendance Update

Last week's attendance was again almost 95% which is encouraging as this is school's target. Positively too, we had 250 pupils with full attendance (again this is encouraging). Mr Garbutt sent out 7 letters for unauthorised absences, 6 term time leave of absence letters and 9 punctuality letters were issued. Miss Dunn's class were the best attending class with almost 99% attendance – well done to them!

Punctuality is still a concern at the moment with 73 lates recorded for the school week (too many). Arriving late to school means children miss vital learning at the start of the school day and often play 'catch up' for the rest of the day. Mr Garbutt, our attendance officer, has sent out punctuality letters now to remind parents/carers about the importance of arriving at school on time.

School has a 'soft' start to the school day with gates open from 8.40 until the bell goes at 8.55am – a full 15 minutes to get into school.

Please contact Mrs Jatwa or Mr Garbutt for any support or guidance to help with an attendance issue.

Swap Shop

Mr Gunn, our sports coach, would like to start a plimsoll swap shop. When your child's plimsolls are too small, they can bring them to school and swap them for another pair. In order for this to happen, we would appreciate donations of any unwanted plimsolls or PE trainers. In addition, any donations of unwanted black shorts, jogging bottoms, jumpers and Bader green t-shirts would be gratefully accepted. Any donations can be handed directly to your child's teacher.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

These lucky children were chosen for hot chocolate with myself today for being the first class in school to get 100% in their spellings Miss Beckwith will be over the moon!



Nursery Outdoor Area

The new nursery outdoor area is now complete. If you know if any families wanting a nursery place, please speak to our nursery lead, Miss Ferens or contact the school office on (01642) 762856.



Curriculum

We continue to teach as ambitious broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of twitter posts this week:

Nursery have been drawing their favourite part of the story 'we're going on a bear hunt'



Year 1 have enjoyed illustrating drawings of Activities they've chosen Icky to do in their story



Year 3 had a great time learning to measure in meters and cms



Year 5 have been drawing their initial impression of the warden from the book 'holes'



Reception had some exciting visitors this week



Year 2 have been learning about the importance of exercise and the effect it has on our hearts



Year 4 made smores in the outdoor classroom.



Year 6 enjoyed their first dance lesson in PE learning Samba moves



Have a lovely weekend

Mr Hodgson