

A message from Mr Hodgson

Following on from last week's good news with our Rights Respecting School's **GOLD** award, I would like to share with you some even better news!

After a very long and complicated process (2 years almost in the making), our school will soon be the proud owner of it's very own Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA, for short). Please see the attached photograph below of a similar MUGA.



This will probably be the best improvement we can make to our school and will follow on from the fitness equipment, iPad technology, our outdoor classroom and our beautiful library.

In terms of providing for the children of Bader Primary School, it will put us in a very, very small group of schools that already have their own MUGA (as these are generally something children experience at Secondary School) – Conyers Secondary School (who are part of our trust, for example have one).

Football

Over the last two weeks, both our boys and girls football teams have attended a competition at Conyers with other schools from the 1590 Trust.

For many members of the girls team, it was their first ever competitive match so a few butterflies were to be expected. However, they all settled into the tournament really quickly, making lots of good challenges and proving to be a hard team to score against. In fact, the only team to score against them were the eventual tournament winners - well done girls.

For the boys team, it was the first time many of them had represented the school but they gelled well together and played as a well organised unit. All their matches were exciting to watch with some good passing moves, dribbling and shooting on show. The boys qualified for the semi-final where they were very unfortunate to lose 2-1.

We are very proud of both teams and the way in which they conducted themselves - a fine example of Bader children at their best.



Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, a big well done to: **Desirae Davies, Maggie Leeson, Alex Bryan, Jackson Moseley, Rhia Grey.**

Children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Emily Simpson, Kit Cooper Gers, Leon Hamilton, Danyal Kadir, Leo McCoy, Roko Adeleke, Harkirat Sidhu and James Hart.** (Keep up the reading!)

All we ask that children read a minimum of 4 times a week in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 5 times a week in Key Stage 2 (up to the maximum of seven times a week). We would love children to read more than 1 book/ chapter a night at home but they will only have 1 stamp a day recorded in their reading rocket card.



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 in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupils to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: **Archie Theakston.**




Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024 (half term begins)

Monday 26th February 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024 (Easter break begins)

Rights Respecting School

As a silver accredited, Rights Respecting School, we look at an Article every 2 weeks. For the next two weeks:

	Right of the fortnight
	<p data-bbox="359 1249 758 1281">Article 17 - Access to information</p> <p data-bbox="359 1321 1356 1422">Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand.</p> <p data-bbox="359 1429 1308 1460">Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.</p>

Valentine's Disco

Thursday 15th February 2024

Rec, Y1 & Y2: 3.30 – 4.30pm

(Parents/carers must stay with the children)

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6: 4.45 – 5.45pm

(Parents/carers drop children off)

Tickets cost just £2.00 per child

(which includes a drink and a cake)

Tickets are available now from the school office.

Tickets must be purchased before the event.



Proposed Trust Merger

Bader Primary has been part of the 1590 Trust since 2017.

You should have received a letter last Friday, from leaders of the Trust, which outlines a proposed merger between The 1590 Trust & Vision Academy Learning Trust.

Staff at Bader were informed about the proposed merger last week and information was shared regarding the advantages of being part of a larger Trust whilst maintaining school's individual identity.

The letter sent covers further detail on the proposed merger and invites you to share your comments, or raise any questions, through the consultation process which is open until Friday 16th February.

Apologies for not informing you of this sooner. The Arbor system we use has had a few glitches owing to the large number of email contacts to deal with.

Please check that the letter has not gone into your spam or we can arrange for it to be resent.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 6th February. This year the theme is 'Inspiring change' making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online. The theme is probably quite pertinent at the moment in light of the vigilance needed when children are using their devices to ensure the content viewed is age appropriate.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

These super children enjoyed a sumptuous hot chocolate with the head for being the second award winners of the 'Best at Bader' in 2024.

They were chosen by their teachers for demonstrating one of our school values of 'Respect' in a exemplary manner.



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 their spelling tests consistently.

The latest recipients are as follows: **Aston Sterling Benson, Chloe Brack and Layton John.**



X



Our X followers are currently **2533** which is amazing. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on X in the last week (@BaderPrimary). For postings of the latest news and events going on in school, please follow us on X. Also, check out our school website:

<http://www.bader.org.uk/> Check out today's photographs too!




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 22nd January 2024

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Ayre	89.63%	3
Y1 Mrs Jatwa/Douthwaite	94.12%	7
Y1 Mrs Poulson	95.56%	0 
Y2 Mrs Jones	83.91%	6
Y2 Mrs S Jones	93.04%	8
Y3 Mrs Spencer	95.88%	9
Y3 Miss Weir	96.47%	4
Y4 Miss Robson	94%	6
Y4 Mr Turnbull	94.74%	4
Y5 Miss Dunn	90.91%	3
Y5 Mr Robinson	96.82%	4
Y6 Miss Bennett	96%	5
Y6 Miss Horrigan	97.04% 	0 

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

Last week's attendance winners were:
Y6H (Bader bear spent the week with Miss Horrigan and all her children)

Attendance Update

The third full week back in school and attendance was 93.54% which is slightly better than the previous week but our target still remains 95% or better. The attendance team also sent out 17 unauthorised absence letters and 13 persistent absence letters. We will be holding more attendance meetings with parents/carers in the coming weeks and working with the Local Authority attendance team to avoid having to refer poor attendance and therefore incurring fines.

Please work with us on attendance and flag up any support needed as soon as possible.

Please also, report any absences to the school office on the day of absence to prevent unnecessary call from the attendance team.

Mid Year Learning Reviews

These have been organised for Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March and a letter will be sent out next week. It is really important that you attend on one of these days in order to find out how your child is finding the learning in their particular year group. Attitudes to learning, behaviour, home learning, reading at home etc are all discussed in these 1:1 consultations and here we will suggest what are the next steps for your child.

100% Attendance and Excellent Attendance

We had 57 children from reception to Year 6 who did not have a single day's absence in the last term and today received a certificate and will get a reward next week. Excellent attendance certificates were also issued to 33 children with impressive attendance and no unauthorised absences. Well done to them all!



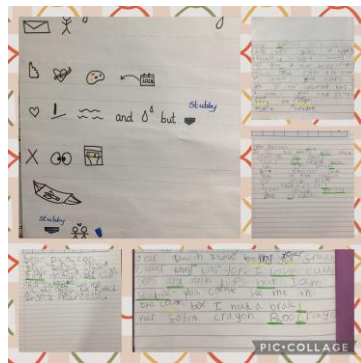
Curriculum

We continue to teach as ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of X posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.



Nursery have been painting trolls in the creative area. The children used paint to make blobs on the paper then folded their paper in half and squished the paint
#RRSArticle29

Year 1 enjoyed reading 'The day the crayons quit' and using Talk for Writing to create an imitation letter to Duncan from Blue Crayon. #RRSArticle29



Year 3 have been testing the hardness of rocks today whilst identifying, classifying and grouping.
#RRSArticle17



Year 5 have been learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. Fantastic understanding and the children were very respectful of the religion. #RRSArticle14



Reception children had a fabulous time despite the rain! We love outdoor learning with Scouted Sam.
#RRSArticle24



Year 2 hand and foot games festival. Good fun using our skills to score points for our sports teams. Well done to Red Vampires for winning the competition #RRSArticle31



Y4 have been comparing the diet of animals in Science. They grouped the animals into carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. #RRSArticle24



Y6 have designed and carried out an investigation into the effect that time exercise has on heart rate #RRSArticle6



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson