



The Bader Bugle



Spring Term 6

X: @BaderPrimary

14th February 2025

A message from Mr Hodgson

Happy Valentine's Day!

Roses are red, violets are blue, Bader is green and school's here for you!
(The best I can do, unfortunately on a Thursday evening!)



Mid Year Learning Reviews

Letters have now gone out for these: Wednesday 5th March and Thursday 6th March. Please try and attend on one of these two 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.

On these evenings, we will also have school governors in attendance (who would welcome your thoughts about school). Thornaby family hub will also be there, who are able to offer a range of services and advice. Also, our lovely cook, Charlotte will be providing some traditional cake and pizza to go with the refreshments that Mrs Bryan will sell on behalf of Friends of Bader on these evenings.

Valentine's Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's disco – both EY/KS1 and KS2. This children thoroughly enjoyed themselves (which is why we do it, of course) and we raised an amazing £388 which will be put towards treats like pantomime visits etc.



X



Our X followers are currently **2511** 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!

Read for the Stars

Another raft of children reaching the sun TWICE, and therefore a big well done to: **Alfie Richardson, Bodhi Graham, Ivy North, Joey Mount, Eliza Leeson, George Poles, Rhia Grey, Joseph Chambers, Gracie Mae Poles, Isaac Hindby and Sam Robinson.**

Children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Effy Thomas, Finley Sutherland, Youssef Ali, Olivia Bell, Darcie Cox, Ivy Foster, Kaedan Foster and Frankie Brown.** (Keep up the reading!)




Remember, home reading is vital and we are the only school in this area (as far as I am aware) that rewards reading with free books such is the importance that our school places on 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.

Rights Respecting School

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

	Right of the fortnight
	<p>Article 3</p> <p>The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.</p> <p>We are taking part in Mental Health week. The children have had an Assembly explaining what mental health week is. Mandale Mill Primary School kindly gave us a surprise for the children to enjoy of bubbles and chalk, which was very kind and thoughtful.</p>

Staff Car Park

Just a reminder that the staff car park can only be used for school staff and unfortunately not for parents/carers. This has been the case for some time now and follows a risk assessment that is in place following a near accident/ incident at that time. Thank you for your co-operation.



Children's Book Project

We are delighted to have signed up for the Children's Book Project. This is a national charity that believes every child should have access to good quality, exciting and relevant books. If you would like a donation to school of good condition children's books, please drop them into the school office and we will sort them from there. Full details on www.childrensbookproject.co.uk



Head Teacher's Award

A Head Teacher's award has been given to this very thoughtful Year 2 child. As you know, we have lots of exceptionally talented children at our school and this young superstar has very kindly made me a spitfire from clay...the attention to detail is superb.



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: **Sofia Pinchin, James Hart, Amelia Forsyth, Arthur Robinson, Ella Johnson, Freya Thompson, Joseph Chambers, Zac Burton, Gracie Mae Poles and Joshua McKnight.**



Science in School

One of our school priorities this year is to deliver science lessons, that are exciting and that ignite children's curiosity.

On Thursday afternoon this week Y6 took part in an engaging and practical science lesson. They dissected hearts using scalpels and tweezers. Firstly, they identified the ventricles and aorta. As they were doing this, they hunted for valves which allowed blood to flow around the heart. Next, they made a careful incision into the lower part of the left ventricle - this was through muscular tissue. They were fortunate enough to be supported by our excellent parent governor – a doctor who works at James Cook University hospital. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and were able to get hands-on practical experience of a challenging scientific concept. We believe we have a few future surgeons amongst us!



Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's lucky children were children who have tried really hard to learn and make progress with learning their recently weekly spellings. Learning these in school and at home is vital for children to make progress in their writing (and some of the words the children need to learn can be rather 'tricky'.

A big Bader well done to them!



Dates for your diaries

Professional Development Days Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025 (half term begins)

Monday 3rd March 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025 (Easter break begins)

Mid Year Learning Reviews - Wednesday 5th March and Thursday 6th March.





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 3rd February 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	88.24%	0 
Rec Mrs Parr	91.25%	2
Y1/ 2 Mrs Bowe	95.56%	5
Y1/ 2 Mrs Poulson	91.67%	2
Y2 Mrs Jones	97.5%	4
Y3 Mrs Robinson	92.61%	5
Y3 Mrs Spencer	97.83%	12
Y4 Miss Robson	99.41% 	5
Y5 Miss Horrigan	93.81%	4
Y5 Miss Weir	95.24%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	95%	0 
Y6 Mr Robinson	94.97%	0 

Attendance Ladder



Attendance of the school year

Week 20 or week 5 of the new term saw attendance improve from the previous week to 94.9%, from reception to Year 6. We had 213 pupils had 100% attendance in that week (83.52% of pupils having full attendance), which is very good. Punctuation for some pupils is still a concern though with 41 lates being recorded across school for that week. (More than the previous week.) Remember, school doors open at 8.40am and we operate a 'soft' start until the bell rings at 8.55am.

The attendance team sent out 30 school expectations letters, 4 punctuality letters, 3 unauthorised absence letters and 1 CME referral.

Coming to school on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from Nursery onwards. Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain reading and math skills.
- Build friendships.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was this week – Tuesday 11th February. Our Digital Leaders did an amazing job leading our school assembly on Safer Internet Day! They explained about this year's theme 'too good to be true', completed a quiz and reminded everyone what they should do if they see something online that upsets them! #RRS #Article3 Well done to our newly appointed Digital Leaders.



Curriculum

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



Nursery: Messy play has been so much fun! The children shared lots of words to describe the texture of the soapy/ foamy mix. #RRSArticle24

Reception have been doing lots of Valentines themed writing this morning. #RRSArticle29



Y1/2 have been learning about what makes an animal a fish. They worked together to label the basic structure of a fish #RRSArticle24



Y2 had our very own art gallery in class today! We looked around each other's artwork inspired by Henri Matisse. #RRSArticle3



Year 3 are enjoying practicing notes B, A and G with Tees Valley Music. #RRSArticle31



Y4 have been investigating the functions of teeth by trying a selection of foods and identifying which teeth they used and why. #RRSArticle29



Year 5 completed Geography fieldwork, where they noticed human and physical geographical features of their local area and plotted their route on a map. #RRSArticle28



Year 6 enjoyed exploring instructions by following a set of instructions to make a paper aeroplane! #RRSArticle31



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson