



The Bader Bugle



Spring Term 5

X: @BaderPrimary

7th February 2025

A message from Mr Hodgson

Happy Friday to you all! Once again, we have had a lovely, positive, purposeful week in school with lots of learning opportunities being provided. Welcome to February!

Mid Year Learning Reviews

Letters have 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.

Thank you in anticipation.

Read for the Stars

Another raft of children reaching the sun TWICE, and therefore a big well done to: **Desirae Davies, Marshall Moseley, Finley Lewis, Daisy-Mai Barfoot, Callum Wilberforce, Fearnie Palin, Isla Titley, Archie Johnson, Chloe Brack and Lachlan Barfoot.**

Children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Imogen Brown, Bruce Brown, Layton John, Ivy - Leigh Smyth, Sophie Arnett, Gracie Hawken, Archie Theakston and Lily Jackson.** (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.



Valentine's Disco

Next Thursday is the Valentine's Disco. Details as follows:

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 Pizza and a drink)

Tickets are available now from the school office.

Tickets must be purchased before the event.



X



Our X followers are currently **2516** 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!

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: **Elliott Pollock, Lula Bryan, George Robinson and Ella Wilkinson.**



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>

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.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

One of the things we try and promote here in school is independence and one of the ways that we try to do this is when children come into school on a morning, they do so focused and ready to learn. This week's group of superstars who have been rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' do just that so a big Bader well done to them!








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 27th January 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	91.76%	0 
Rec Mrs Parr	93.75%	0 
Y1/ 2 Mrs Bowe	98.33% 	6
Y1/ 2 Mrs Poulson	95%	5
Y2 Mrs Jones	95.83%	4
Y3 Mrs Robinson	91.74%	1
Y3 Mrs Spencer	92.17%	7
Y4 Miss Robson	97.65%	3
Y5 Miss Horrigan	93.33%	0 
Y5 Miss Weir	93.81%	7
Y6 Miss Bennett	93%	1
Y6 Mr Robinson	95.5%	0 

Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC Public Health Agency



Attendance of the school year

Week 19 or week 4 of the new term saw attendance improve from the previous week to 94.47%, from reception to Year 6. We had 210 pupils had 100% attendance in that week (82.35% of pupils having full attendance), which is very good.

Punctuation for some pupils is still a concern though with 34 lates being recorded across school for that 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 2 persistent absence letters and 2 unauthorised absence letters.

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.
- Build on good progress which leads to reaching age related expectations and above.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is next week, Tuesday 11th February. This year, the theme is ‘Together for a better Internet’. This is a global day of focus and we, at school, will be holding several celebratory events to mark the occasion and raise awareness for everyone who is part of the Bader community.



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.



Our Nursery children have had a fantastic morning playing games on the MUGA. #RRSArticle24

Reception have arrived at Thornaby Library. The children are enjoying a story about a snoring dog. #RRSArticle31



The children in Y1/2 enjoyed a visit from a real life 'super scientist' today. They discussed what it's like to be a veterinary nurse and showcased their knowledge of classifying animals. #RRSArticle29



Year 3 recreated fossil formation in Science using drama, they could talk confidently about the process using the correct vocabulary. #RRSArticle31



Y2 have been learning about healthy and unhealthy food. We used our Super Scientist skill of identifying and classifying to create an unhealthy head! #RRSArticle24



Y4 have been creating paired bridge balances in gymnastics. #RRSArticle24



Year 5 have been editing and improving their Non Chronological Reports on animals from the Arctic and Antarctic. #RRSArticle28

Year 6 are enjoying delving further into 'Skellig' by David Almond. Today, we have been practising our inference skills. #RRSArticle28



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson