



Newsletter



Summer term

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14th June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another couple of really busy weeks in school again and it is great that our attendance has picked up slightly this week.

The children in Year 4 have completed their multiplication tables checks and Year 1 have completed the phonics screeners, well done to all of the children who approached them really well and tried very hard.

Year 3 have been busy making their own bread and butter this week, the aroma in the building was amazing! I am looking forward to seeing the evaluations of the project and sampling the finished product. Some of the children from Kingfishers shared their learning in assembly this morning and spoke confidently about the ingredients and the process. They also shared some fabulous poems and frames they had created at Forest School using whittling and knot skills.

Year 5 and 6 are looking forward to their residential trip to Gulliver's Land in a week or so; we are really pleased that we are now able to organise these types of experiences for the children. I will be able to share the children's accounts of this when they return.

Mrs Headland

Attendance

A big well done to Kingfisher class last week with 97.8% and Owl class this week with 99.7%.

The whole school attendance is 95.4% but we are aiming for 98%



Diary Dates

16th June—Year 6 Trip Payment Deadline

18th June—Year 1 Trip

24th June—Year 5 Victorian Age Workshop

26th-27th June—Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip

28th June— Reception Cake Sale

2nd & 3rd July- Year 6 Transition Days

2nd July-Sports Day parents from 1.05pm- Reception and Years 1 & 2 (Letter to follow)

3rd July—Sports Day Parents from 1.05pm- Years 3 -6 (Letter to follow)

4th July—Movie Night (Further information to follow)

8th July—Coffee Morning 9-10am
—New Parents Only

9th July- Year 6 Sports Day from 1.05pm (Letter to follow)

11th July—Transition Day

15th July—Coffee Morning 9-10am

17th July- Leavers Assembly 9.30am & 2pm (more information to follow)

19th July—Last Day of Term



Fund Raising Events

It was Year 1's turn to host a cake sale last week. They did themselves really proud and managed to raise £154.30 for their class funds. Well done year 1 and thank you to all parents and carers who supported this.

Next it will be Reception classes turn on 28th June.



Warmer Weather

As the weather is getting warmer can we please remind you to send your child to school with a named sunhat, also please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. There are some sun creams that can be purchased that last all day and we would encourage you where possible not to send bottles of sun cream in to school. Thank you.



Please be reminded, staff at Cotton End Forest School are not allowed to apply sun cream to any child.



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Year 2

Woodpecker and Skylark classes have been busy in history. During their powerful voices topic they acted out a protest on equality as part of their learning about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. They made banners and plaques with their own messages.



During Forest School they have earned their first aid stamps in their Forest School passport for practicing what number to call in an emergency, who to ask for and where to send the emergency service. They also practiced the recovery position.



Year 6 Art

Year 6 have entered The Harpur Trust Art Competition. We are pleased to inform you Jamie Anderson and Sara Scipien artwork has been selected to be displayed at The Higgins Gallery for the summer exhibition.

On Friday 28th June the exhibition will be open to all students whose work is being displayed. This will be for a private viewing for the families and teachers 11am until 5pm.

TOGETHER FOR BEDFORD

THE HARPUR TRUST ART COMPETITION EXHIBITION

A DISPLAY OF ART PUPIL'S WORK FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 13 FROM 40 SCHOOLS ACROSS BEDFORD BOROUGH

29th June - 8th September 2024

The Higgins Bedford, in Castle Lane
Parking at Lurke Street Car Park



www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk

The exhibition will then open on Saturday 29th June to the general public until the 8th September. Please do pay them a visit!

Street Tag

We are thrilled to have been awarded fourth place in this term's Street Tag competition! Thank you to everyone who is part of our team - we're ready to start again for the summer!

Season Date: 7th February to 5th June 2024

1	SCOTT PRIMARY 35,411,780 pts
2	BALLIOL PRIMARY 18,769,965 pts
3	KEMPSTON RURAL 16,926,580 pts
4	COTTON END FOREST 11,067,575 pts
5	BRICKHILL PRIMARY 7,557,450 pts

Reminder—Holidays in term time

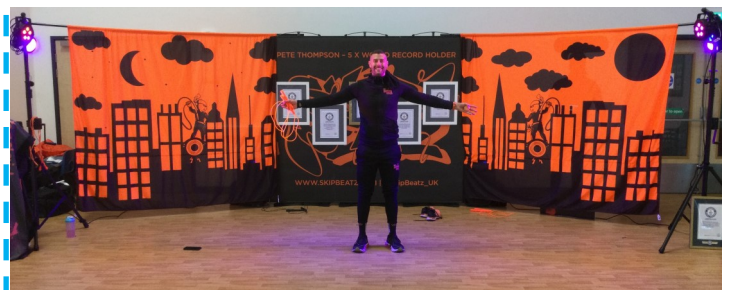
Any unauthorised holiday will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council guidelines. Should your child be absent from school for more than 3 or more consecutive days the school will need to be provided with medical evidence to support their absence.

From September there will be change's to the guidance for schools requesting fixed penalty notices. More information to follow.



Skipping Workshop

The children had a very exciting visitor to school last week The Skipping Ninja- world record holder Pete Thompson. He spent the day with the children in skipping workshops where everyone was encouraged to have a go.



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