



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Newsletter 4
Autumn 2023-2024

Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

3rd November 2023

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please see a Safeguarding Lead (Mr Dakin, Mrs Crane, Miss Collins) or ring Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Mr Dakin or Mrs Fillingham
- We have children with nut allergies so please remember our school is a nut free school
- Mobile phones must not be used within the school grounds
- If you drive your children to school, please park responsibly on the surrounding roads

Attendance

Whole School attendance to date: 95.3%

w/c 16th October

Class with the best attendance:

Owl Class with 97.52%

100% attendance: Well done to Alisha who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 115 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.

w/c 30th October

Class with the best attendance:

Ladybird Class with 98.35%

100% attendance: Well done to Maddox who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 120 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.

Theodore's latest adventures: He has been a busy bear: making puzzles, visiting the library to study Brunel, learning to swim and helping with the gardening / harvesting. He is ready to return for some much needed rest before his next adventure.





Congratulations!

Best wishes and congratulations to Susie Cleere née Watts on her marriage to Paul over the half term.

Nursery

Butterflies went for a walk to the village. We saw different buildings including houses, shops and the church. We also saw a skeleton!



Ladybird Class

The reception children have been looking at the four different senses and this week we explored the sense of sound by listening to the sound of a shell. Children discussed what they could hear and how the sound made them feel.



Our topic focus this term will look at how transport and the local area has changed in children's lives.

This week we looked at the similarities and differences of Taunton and Bishop Lydeard from now and in the past. The children had great fun looking at old photos of the village and of Taunton town. We worked in pairs to try and identify the things that had changed and the things that had not. We then enjoyed sharing and discussing these as a class.



Rabbit Class

DT

In our DT learning we have been learning all about moving toys. As a class we investigated thaumatropes and discussed how they worked. We then applied this knowledge to help us create our own thaumatropes. We came up with some fabulous designs!



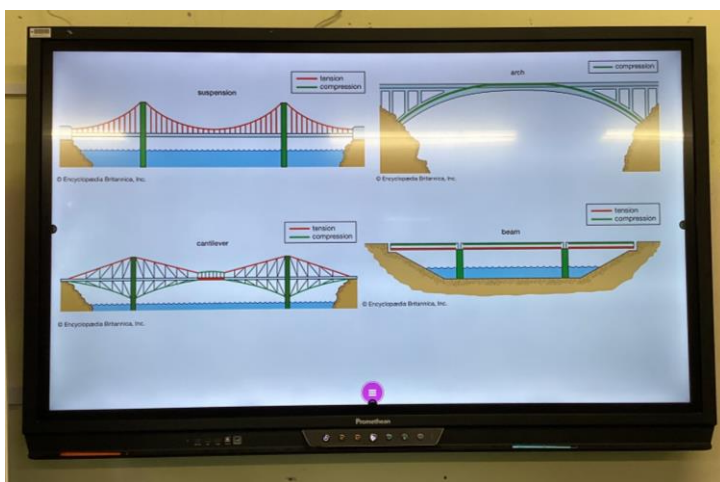


PE

In our PE learning, we have begun our learning on gymnastics. The children have looked at different ways they can move across or over equipment and made different shapes with their bodies. We have also looked at how to move around and carry equipment safely.



Owl Class

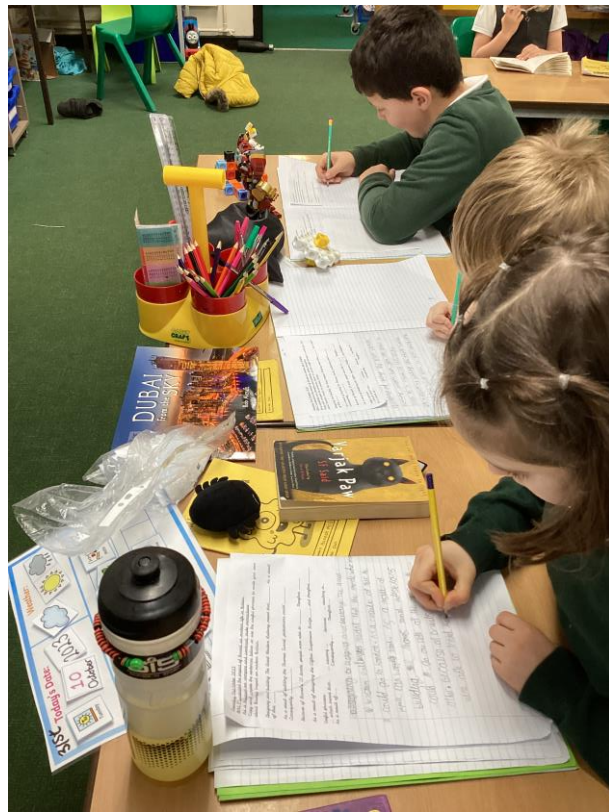


History

In preparation for our trip, we have been looking at the famous engineer, Brunel. We have learnt about his life work and had a whole class debate on whether he was the most influential person of his time. We also looked at how his work has impacted modern day Britain.

MFL

We have been learning French through the use of songs, silly rhymes and chants. We have learnt to confidently count to 10 and are challenging ourselves to count backwards. We are now moving onto simple greetings.



Badger Class

Badger Class led Collective Worship this Thursday by performing to the school the story of The Good Samaritan.

Everyone was involved by being priests, powerful and rich women, bodyguards, robbers, innkeepers and helpers, dad and children, narrators and hosts, and of course the injured man, the good samaritan and his donkey. The children loved the opportunity to perform and to show off their oracy skills. Mr Theodossiou is very proud of them all!



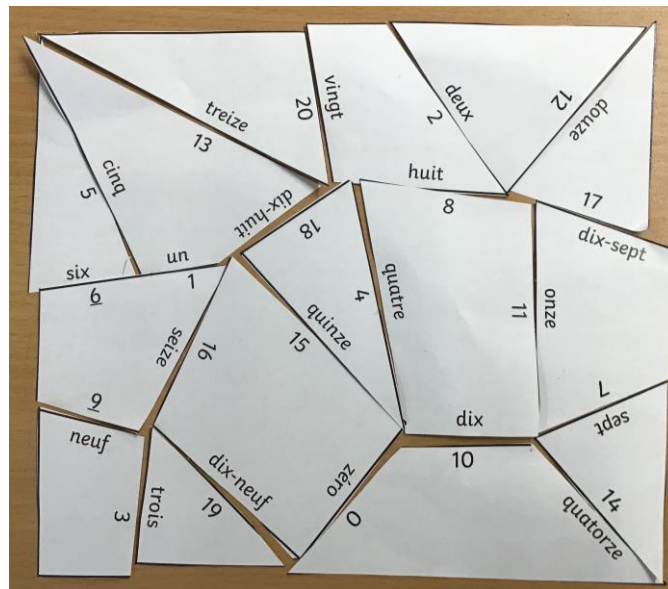
Reading

Badger Class have been looking at Performance Poetry! In particular, we looked at three poems from the Poems Aloud book: Animals, Emotions and The Bones of Pampachiri. Children learnt these poems and ways on how to perform them by using elaborate movements and actions. They performed these in front of the class in the hall, which was a very joyful, engaging and funny experience!



French

We consolidated our knowledge of numbers to 20 in French by piecing together a puzzle. Children worked in pairs to bounce ideas off each other. Bravo à tous!



Dragonfly Class

Music

This term Dragonfly's music lessons are taught by Somerset Music and they are learning to play the flute. In each lesson we recap of understanding of steady beat and rhythm notation and have begun exploring pitch and staff notation too. We have warm up exercises which help our mouths get into the right position to

play the flute - these are excellent fun! Before half term the teacher from Somerset Music played a piece of music on her flute - it was amazing.



History

We have been investigating the historical question of 'Was Brunel one of the greatest designers and engineers of the 19th century?'. We used our researched skills to find evidence using a range of different sources - both primary and secondary. We have then used this evidence in discussions which have helped develop our oracy skills as well as our understanding of Brunel.



Courageous Advocates

Our children believe in being courageous advocates.

These young pioneers decided that they wanted to help the school by doing a litter pick. They spent time at lunch helping each other and the school environment to look spotless.

Thank you!



Harvest



Thank you for your generous donations to Taunton Food Bank. Harry helped organise the collection.

Parent Forum

As a school, we want to give a voice to all our children, staff, parents and the wider community. If you feel that you could give some time once a term to meet with a group of parents and the Head of School, then please contact the office on enquiries@bishopslydeard.bwmat.org

Ideally, we would like a parent member from every class to be involved. If there is a large amount of interest we may not be able to accommodate everyone. However, there will be lots of opportunities across the year to feedback through parent surveys.

If you want to have a say on school policies, bring a community perception of the school, or have ideas to grow the school, in a constructive and solution focussed way, then please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

BLSA Open Afternoons next week

Tuesday 7th November, 3.30pm

Thursday 9th November, 3.30pm

Please join us in the hall for tea, coffee and cake after school next week on Tuesday and Thursday. Children are welcome to stay and play. Come and meet the BLSA, find out about volunteering opportunities and share ideas for improvements. Mr Dakin will be joining us as Head of School to support discussions and be available for questions.

Christmas Cards and Tea Towels

Thank you to all who ordered Christmas Cards and tea towels. Your orders have raised a total of over £500 profit for the BLSA. If you missed the deadline for ordering cards, the online shop will re-open for orders between 17 – 24th November.

Tea towel orders will be sent home early next week.

Swimming

We have secured a swimming slot at Blackbrook Leisure Centre to start after February half-term. Badger Class will swim for six weeks from 19th February. Owl Class will swim for six weeks from 22nd April. We will need parent volunteers to accompany us – please speak to your child’s class teacher if you are able to help. Many thanks for your support.



Remembrance Day

Poppies will be available next week in exchange for donations to the Royal British Legion’s Poppy Appeal.

Children will be paying their respects on Friday 19th November at the Memorial.

Jigsaw puzzles

Ladybird Class would welcome donations of any jigsaw puzzles that you no longer want. Thank you!

Clifton Suspension Bridge

We are looking forward to our trips next week. Years 3 and 4 will visit on Wednesday. Years 5 and 6 will visit on Thursday. If you have not yet given consent for your child to attend, please visit ParentPay or email the school office. Without consent, your child will be unable to attend.

Please remember...

Children should be in school by 8.45am. Gates close at 8.50am.

Unless you have a disability, **please do not drive in to or use the school car park**. This keeps the area safe for children walking in through the school gates and keeps spaces free for staff and visitors.

Gold Book w/c 16th and 30th October

- Ladybird** Maddox for showing resilience when finding things challenging. Rosie for focusing well in her phonics lessons.
- Rabbit** Jacob for working super hard in his maths learning and using some brilliant vocabulary and sentence stems. Leo L. for entering the classroom with a smile this week.
- Owl** Ruby D for always trying her hardest and being a good friend. Emily M for improving her focus and teamwork skills. Zachary R for his positivity toward his learning and school.
- Badger** Grace for going above and beyond with improving her writing. Fergus for having pride in every bit of his learning. Jessica for great learning contributions and joined handwriting. Kaleb for fantastic engagement and knowledge in History
- Dragonfly** Kesha for an amazing first half term at school. Romilly for confidence and understanding in Maths. Leo G, Dylan and Luca for brilliant information writing. Arabella for fantastic effort at all times and with her handwriting. Erin and Jake for challenging themselves in maths. Mollie and Eleanor for excellent effort in everything

Dates for your diary

November

Monday 6th November
Tuesday 7th November
Wednesday 8th November
Thursday 9th November
Thursday 9th November
Monday 13th November
Sunday 19th November
Friday 24th November
Tuesday 28th November

Rabbit Class Dunkirk House visit
BLSA Coffee and Cake, 3.30pm
Clifton Suspension Bridge Yrs 3 and 4
Clifton Suspension Bridge Yrs 5 and 6
BLSA Coffee and Cake, 3.30pm
Ladybird Class Dunkirk House visit
BLSA Quiz night, Lethbridge, 7.30pm
Open afternoon for next year's reception entry, 2pm
Fire Safety for Years 2 and 5



December

Monday 11th December
Tuesday 12th December
Wednesday 13th December
Friday 15th December

EYFS/KS1 Nativity, pm performance
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Christmas Carol Service
Christmas Jumper Day – donate and swap
BLSA Christmas Disco



QUIZ NIGHT

with Quizmaster Pete

SUPPORTING BISHOPS
LYDEARD CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday
19th November

at the Lethbridge Arms
Quiz starts at 7:30pm
(kitchen not serving food)

£2
per person
Teams of up
to 6. Cash
only



To book in your team contact
Sarah Dimond 07368 380523
Or bishopslydeardsa@gmail.com



FREE*

Christmas Festive Food Workshops

Bishops Lydeard Village Hall, Mount Street, Bishops Lydeard, TA24 5BJ

Enjoy making simple Christmas food with your friends and family...

These workshops are taking place as part of the annual Village Christmas Festival.

Come and join in the fun. Take part with your friends and family, and learn how to create some easy Christmas food. Great ideas for gifts for the festive season.

Fun activities for all ages!

What do I need to know?

- ✓ Free for those 19+ who are unemployed, earn less than £25,000 per year, live in Somerset, have lived in the UK for the last 3 years or who have refugee status.
- ✓ Fees apply for those who do not fit this criteria.

*Please see our website for eligibility information.

Saturday 2nd December: 11:00am – 13:00 | 1 Session

Saturday 2nd December: 14:00am – 16:00 | 1 Session

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