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Newsletter 8 – Spring Term

6th March 2020

A message from the head.....

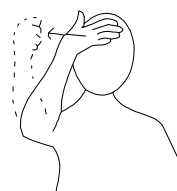
It was lovely to see so many children in their World Book Day costumes yesterday! As a parent I appreciate how much effort and time goes into preparing for World Book Day so thank you! The children had a fantastic day.



This week's letters home – look for them in your child's bag or via ParentMail

Eridanus class staff changes
Coronavirus update
Daffodils for Mother's Day

LEARN MAKATON This week



Hot



Cold



It was also lovely to see so many books in a jar/box too - they were very creative. If you are happy for your child's to stay in school then we will keep them for display.

Next week is the Year 4 Bake Off on Monday and Year 2 on Friday - we look forward to trying your savoury bakes!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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REMINDERS

Pancake Day

If you have any Pancake day donations please return these to the office as soon as you can.

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 9th Mar** – Street Dance Comp
- **Wed 11th Mar** – Y1 Marvellous Middle
- **Fri 20th Mar** – 7.45am – Pre-School – Mother's Day Breakfast
- **Mon 23rd Mar** – 3:20pm – Y4 – Grafham Water Residential parents meeting
- **Tue 24th Mar** – 1.30pm – Y3/4 Fab Finish (At Community Hall)

SPORT RELIEF - Whole school challenge

The sports captains discussed how they would like to celebrate Sport Relief week in school. They agreed that we will not be raising money this year, however, we would like to raise the profile of what the week is all about and set a personal challenge for everyone to try and complete.

This challenge is inspired by the celebrities who trekked **100 miles** across the desert in Africa. Our school challenge is for **everyone** to participate in at least **100 minutes** of physical activity in school, next week....

The sports captains will kick start the challenge off in Monday morning's assembly with a whole school Just Dance challenge and finish Sport Relief week with the mile run on Friday!

We are looking forward to a very active week !



- **Wed 25th Mar** – 9-10am – Y1 Fab Finish
- **Thu 26th Mar** – 2.45pm – Rec – Parents invited to look at Books
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Rec – Bromham Woods Trip
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Pre-School – Dress up day
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Y2 – Fab Finish
- **Fri 27th Mar** – 1.30-3.00pm – Y3/4 Planting Trees
- **Mon 30th Mar** – 2.30pm – Lyra Fab Finish
- **Tue 31st Mar** – Swan Lake Trip
- **Tue 31st Mar** – 2.30pm – Vela Fab Finish
- **Wed 1st Apr** – 2.30pm – Eridanus Fab Finish
- **Thu 2nd Apr** – Y5 Easter Experience
- **Fri 3rd Apr** – Last day of Term

PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE

What a fantastic two weeks of learning the children have had since the half term break! The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the pancake race, this was then followed by eating pancakes as a special treat back in Pre-School.

During this half term we are learning about what is under? So we are learning about the Mini Beasts that live amongst us. We were lucky to have Mrs Eaton come and be part of our Marvellous Middle, she made a wormery with the children, which has been a topic of conversation every morning to count how many worms the children can see.



Mrs Eaton then took Pre-School on a Mini Beast hunt to see what bugs the children could find, ending up at the pond. The children were fascinated to see that a snail not only lives on land but can also live under water. The whole experience enabled children to have an understanding of the world we live in.

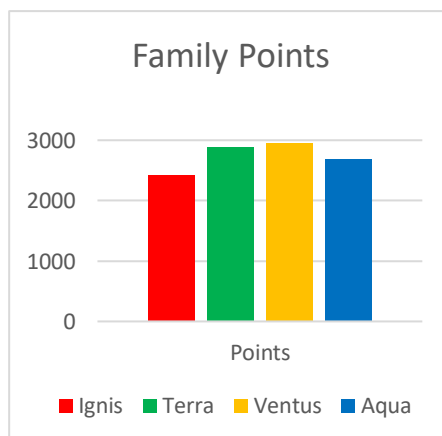
A big thank you to all the parents who came to our stay and play session, the children do enjoy showing you all the things that they have made, they are very proud of their environment.

We look forward to seeing the Mummy's / Carer's at our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 20th March between 7:45am and 8:30am.



Our attendance winner this week is Eridanus with 99.6%.

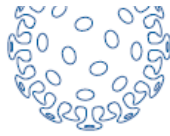
Our Family Points winner this week is Ignis with 116 points.



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.



If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

Dates for your diary

If you have a child age 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities then please come along to any of our events below....

Monday 2nd March 10am-12pm—Coffee Morning—Child Development Centre

Wednesday 18th March 6.30-8pm—Evening Get Together—Kempston Council Chambers

Monday 4th May 10am-12pm—Understanding SEN Support—Child Development Centre

Wednesday 13th May 10am-12pm—Coffee Morning—Queen's Park Neighbourhood Centre

Monday 1st June 10am-12pm—Coffee Morning—Child Development Centre

Wednesday 17th June 6.30-8pm—Evening Get Together—Kempston Council Chambers

Please email me if you are attending any of the workshops/training so we have an idea of numbers communications@bbpcf.org.uk

Our ethos is to 'Empower Parents' with the information and direction they need when navigating the minefield of the 'Special Needs World'



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New!

SHARE
IDEAS

TELL US HOW WE CAN MAKE
BEDFORD THE

YOUR VIEWS AND IDEAS
COUNT!!!

ANYBODY AGED 5 YEARS -
10 YEARS IS WELCOME TO
COME
ALONG

BEST



COME ALONG TO THIS BRAND
NEW GROUP AND

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.



The Engagement and Development Team are excited to announce our brand new group 'Junior Voice' this group is for children aged 5-10.

This group allows children from different schools to come together and discuss issues/ideas/opinions most important to them. We will be holding a group each term on a Saturday, 10am-12pm @ Bedford Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, MK42 9AP starting in May 2020. please see dates below;

SATURDAY 16 MAY, 10AM-12PM

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 10AM-12PM

There will be lots of fun things to do in this group such as, meet new people, meet decision makers, meet members of the Youth Cabinet, discuss problems and talk about how we can make them better, discuss ideas and how we can make them happen.

If you would like to find out more or would like to join the Junior Voice group please get in contact using the details below;



We look forward to seeing you there 😊