

# Bathampton Primary School Newsletter



## Upcoming Events

**February 12<sup>th</sup> – End of  
Term 3**

**KS1 SuperPirates  
Craziness Online(10 a.m.)**

**KS2 Magic show and  
workshop Online (2 p.m.)**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Half  
Term**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Term 4  
starts**

Due to the above, we will change the time of assembly on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and let you know nearer the time.

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021!

It's been a crazy start to the year and one where we've all had to adapt hugely to the current national restrictions during the global pandemic.

Thank you to everyone who completed the home learning survey. The results are so positive. As a staff we are working through the common themes and will have a 'revised offer' by the end of next week. The changes are minor and in a direct response to your feedback (some small changes may happen sooner if they don't affect too many people or things).

Together, parents, staff, pupils, governors and other members of the community have come together to support one another and try to continue normality as best we can. We're all doing a great job! The whole world is struggling but I'm positive we will get through this together.

We all pride ourselves on our kind, honest and cheerful reputation together regardless of if we work at school, if we're a parent or if we simply are connected somehow to the community. Let's all remember to be kind, honest and thoughtful whenever we're interacting with one another regardless of if we're behind a computer, a phone or a mask. We ALL need to look after one another in every situation and now the need is greater than ever before!

Remember, a smile is like a virus. Smile at someone, they smile back and to someone else and then you've created your own pandemic!

Best wishes

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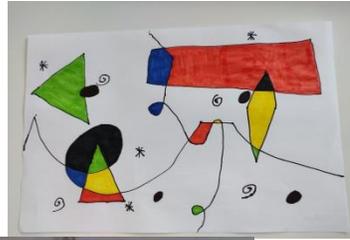
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## Class Five – Art

This term Class 5 are looking at 20th century artists and have been inspired this week by Miro's surrealism style of art. We have been so impressed with children's interpretations and the unique pieces they have been created! Thanks to Barnaby, William, Eve and Freddie F for these examples.



## Class Three – Egyptians

Class Three have been creating their own Egyptian jewellery and Costume designs as part of their Ancient Egyptian home learning.

Here are some examples of their amazing work:



## Message from Perform for children

Perform is running online drama, dance and singing classes during the lockdown via Zoom. All children are welcome to try a Free Trial Session. If you think it might be of interest you can read all about the classes here: <https://www.perform.org.uk/free-drama-class>

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After our whole school Assemblies some children have been getting inspired and doing some of their own curiosity work!



After Mr Brewer's assembly about asking curiosity and teamwork, then watching Bitesize and learning about Brunel and the GWR, Elliott was asking how far it is from Bath to London. He then set himself a challenge to walk / run that distance. He's keeping track on a number line with chalkpens on our glass doors. And practice some subtraction at the same time! As of 21 January, we have 146km to go...



## Friends

Dear Friends,

Not quite the start to 2021 that we had all hoped for...! We know that these last few weeks have been particularly tough and no matter what our circumstances we are feeling the strain. The dark, cold, rainy days certainly don't help our mental health BUT we have done this before, and we can do this again. We know you are juggling a huge amount - holding down jobs, trying to keep family and children safe (and sane), home-schooling – you are doing a great job! It may not feel like it, especially some days but if you are sat upright and dressed (pyjamas count), have wrestled a device from your child for long enough to read this then that's winning! Hang in there, be kind to yourself, we can only do our best on any given day.

A few reminders, some things to think about and dates for your diary this month:

### Dates for your Diary

We wanted to mark the end of term, both as a milestone for us (and our sanity) but also for the children. Please put the following in your diary! We will be using TicketTailor as we have for previous events, tickets will be £3.50 and if you wish/feel able to you can make an optional donation. Proceeds from the event will go directly towards much needed IT resources in school (we don't currently have enough working iPads or Laptops for a full class to use). For those of you wondering about the Library, our Grow £1 was so successful the money raised will cover the budget set to complete and stock it which is why our fundraising focus has now moved to Laptops and iPads at schools' request.

KS1 Friday 12th February – 10am-10.45am SUPERPIRATES END OF TERM CRAZINESS

Grab a coffee, pop the kids in front of Jason and his leggings and hopefully this will buy you 45mins of uninterrupted work/life admin time!

KS2\* Friday 12th February 2pm – Magic Show and Workshop with Olly G (Magic4children)

We know that the older years can find scavenger hunts and online parties a little young for them, so this gem is aimed specifically at 9-11 yrs. There will be a magic show followed by a short workshop using household objects - be prepared to look fascinated by coins and forks 'disappearing' ..! We will list the items they need for the tricks in the ticket, you won't need to buy anything.

\*This will also be offered to Year 3 as a choice.

We will send out links to purchase tickets via class reps (WhatsApp) and school email. We hope the children enjoy it and that you get a precious 45mins with them occupied.

### AmazonSmile

We appreciate that shopping local, with our independent stores is important especially in the current climate. We also know that for ease and speed many of us turn to Amazon. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. We have setup Friends of Bathampton as a charity on Smile and we'd love to invite you to use this. The site looks and behaves just like Amazon.co.uk, it even has your existing account settings and payment options. The only extra effort is your first visit to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) where you need to select our charitable organisation (Friends of Bathampton) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Double check that you are using Amazon Smile each time you shop. The only impact and inconvenience is to Amazon's profit margin! Simply:

- Go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>
- In the search box, search for and select the charity you wish to support
- Shop as you usually would but through Amazon Smile!

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## Facebook Preloved Uniform Marketplace

We set up Bathampton Primary School Preloved Uniform Group on Facebook Marketplace as a way of selling/gifting second hand school uniform but we know it could be more useful in these strange times. Do you have any home learning goodies (such as books you have already read or your kids outgrown), old toys, unwanted gifts that could be of use to another family? Please feel free to post your own items either for sale or free here, anything you post will be your responsibility to manage in terms of what you agree payment or collection wise. You will need to search for the group and request to join – we have 70 members already which is great! When you do list an item please make sure you tick the Preloved Uniform Group checkbox in the 'List In Your Groups' section and this will ensure that our members can see it. We still have some uniform items on there so take a look! Please be mindful that this is a 'public' site and you could get people from outside our school requesting items. If you need help/support then please use the Facebook FAQs as we aren't responsible for the Admin we simply wanted to create a 'space' to make this possible.

[Link to Bathampton Primary School Preloved School Uniform Facebook Marketplace site](#)

## Shout out to you Runners!

A number of our Teachers have caught the running bug! Have you taken it up? Even just to enjoy the feeling of running away from your house? The Bath Half Virtual Series is offering a race pack and medal to runners who register and complete a 5km, 10km or Half Marathon. If you are taking part in this, or any challenge please do consider the Friends of Bathampton Primary School Charity as your cause. Money raised will go directly into improving the environment and resources which our children have access to. If you want to take part in the virtual series and raise money for Friends, we will reimburse your entry fee (as long as the money you raise covers at least the cost of your entry). Please contact us via your Class Rep to tell us about your plans! <https://bathhalf.co.uk/virtual-series/>

## Out and About

The thought of yet another walk can make us all feel a bit allergic (Groundhog Day) so with that in mind we have pulled together a few suggestions for ones that you may not have discovered yet – a special thanks to Dad Oz in Class 1 for collating Winter Welly Walks for you! If you have any favourite walks/activities/takeaways or things you've found fun (or a change of scenery) during lockdown please do share on your Class WhatsApps and the Reps can share with us to pop in the next newsletter. We all need a little inspiration and variety which can be hard to find when energy levels and patience are low! Don't forget your hip flasks...

## Winter Welly Walks

Did you know that going for a walk is healthy AND helps with your home learning! It can be a PE lesson, a maths lesson and a science lesson all rolled in to one. In fact, you can do just about every subject while walking if you know what to look for.

Using the school building as the centre of your map, here are four walks that go North, South, East and West. See, it's a Geography lesson already and we haven't even set off yet.

Put on your coat and wellies and let's go!

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## NORTH – Little Solsbury Hill



Enjoy fantastic views in all directions once you get up to the plateau of Little Solsbury Hill. This walk is rated a “double-splodger”. It’s not too muddy but there are giant cow-pats on top of the hill waiting to give each welly a poo bath.

You can drive to Batheaston village and start your walk from there. If you are feeling super-fit then here is a longer route.

1. Set off from The George car park towards the Toll Bridge.
2. Before the Bathampton Mill Pub, there is a signpost for a cycle/footpath to Batheaston.
3. Follow the path down to the river and on towards Batheaston.
4. Cross the footbridge over the river towards the car park.
5. You could stop for a rest in the “secret garden” which is to the left of the car park.
6. Exit the car park, turn left and make your way safely along the High St to Penthouse Hill
7. Head up the hill. Solsbury Lane is on your left. Be careful here as there is no pavement.
8. Go up the lane. When the road forks, bear right. No, not an actual bear. Head to the right
9. Carry on all the way to the top of the lane until you reach the gate.
10. Go through the gate and make your way up the hill.

Well done! You’ve made it to the top of Little Solsbury Hill! You will now realise that the shapes you often see moving up on the hill are cows. You won’t see the city lights or an eagle fly out of the night unless you go in the dark (not recommended).

**GEOGRAPHY** - You walked North so which direction is the school? Can you see it?

**MATHS** - You are 191 metres above sea level. How many centimetres is that?!

**TRUE OR FALSE** – One of the cows is called Norma and she’s good at trampolining.

## EAST – Brown’s Folly

This walk will take you through farmland, woodland and an old quarry. Once you reach Brown’s Folly, also known locally as the “Pepperpot”, you will have great views across Bathampton and beyond. It is a little bit muddy, but only gets a “single splat” rating.

These directions start from Bathford village but if you are turbo-charged you can walk any number of routes from Bathampton.

1. Park up near The Crown pub in Bathford (parents like walks to start and end at pubs)
2. To the right of the pub is Ostlings Lane. Follow it up the hill until you see the church.
3. Running along the left side of the churchyard is a narrow path. Follow it to the top
4. At the end go right, then into Mountain View. Keep to the right.
5. Go up the grassy bank to the right of the houses, until you reach a style on your right.
6. Go over the style into the field. Spot the noisy farm animals to your right.
7. Cross the field, heading uphill towards the woods until you reach another style.
8. Cross the style into the woods. There is an information board here.
9. Go up the steep path until you reach a track. Go left and then look for another path above you, on your right which is accessed via a gate.
10. You will see the “Pepperpot” up above you. You can follow the steps.

Great work! You have now reached Brown’s Folly. Have a drink and a snack, you have earned it.

**ENGLISH** – Do you know what a “folly” is?

**HISTORY** – Can you identify the year that the folly was built?

**TRUE OR FALSE** – There was also a “Saltpot” but it was shaken down.

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## SOUTH – Bushey Norwood

This is great walk for all explorers. Narrow paths will lead you through woods to caves, big rock overhangs and a rope swing. ALERT – This walk is rated a “triple squelcher”. On this walk you will have to navigate through “the swamp”. If it was any muddier you’d find hippos in there (no, don’t be silly!). Many a welly boot has been swallowed up by the swamp, so tread carefully!

1. Set off from The George car park and head over the canal bridge.
2. Turn left up Dark Lane heading towards the playground.
3. At the surgery/shops, you can either walk to the end of Holcombe Lane and then head up Down Lane to the main road or cut through Holcombe Close/The Chestertons and go up the steps to the road.
4. Once on the Warminster Road cross carefully to the track to the left of the Scout Hut
5. Go up the track and through the gate.
6. When the track turns sharply right there is a kissing gate shortly after on your left
7. YOU ARE ENTERING THE SWAMP/THE MUD BATH/HIPPO HEAVEN
8. Make your way through until you reach the tram track with footpaths in all directions.
9. Follow the footpath signposted left (as you look up the hill)
10. Look out for “Crack Rock” and the “The Bat Cave” on your way to Bushey Norwood.

Awesome, you did it! If you don’t want to face the Swamp on the way back, try heading down via the tramway. It will take you back to the Warminster Rd.

**HISTORY** – The tramway is over 300 years old. What was it used for?

**SCIENCE** – What material was dug out of the quarry and what was it used for?

**TRUE OR FALSE** – The Horseshoe Bat is half horse and half shoe.

## WEST – Sham Castle



This walk is great if you want to see a castle that isn’t a castle! That’s right it’s another one of those “follies”. This one is a total sham. Great views over Bath and across the valley.

1. Follow the South route above as far as step 6.
2. Do not go through the kissing gate. Carry on up the hill. (Phew, no swamp!)
3. Go through the gate which is usually adorned with lost children’s clothing (most recently a Gruffalo welly and a pink hat)
4. Head up into the golf course and follow the footpath heading right (in the direction of the transmitter)
5. Carry on past the transmitter towers. The “castle” is to the left of the golf course Clubhouse.

Good work! You’ve reached Sham Castle. Pretend you’re a King or a Queen and demand an adult fetch you some chocolate!

**SPORT** – From Sham Castle you can see a big sports stadium in the city. Who plays there?

**SCIENCE** – What do the transmitters “transmit”?

**TRUE OR FALSE** – Sham Castle is made of Lego.

Hang in there, don’t forget to look after yourself too.

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