

Bathampton Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our February Newsletter.

I hope you all had a super half term break and it's great that sun has finally decided to have an appearance today!

In case you missed my letter earlier this week we'll be sharing full details of our school return next Thursday but I can tell you that the majority of it is very similar to how we were operating before Christmas so hopefully not too many changes for us all!

To help the children with the transition back to school I have a little project below so please do read and encourage your child to take part.

Best wishes

Mr Brewer
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

March 4th – World Book Day

March 8th – All children return to school



**April 2nd – End of term 4.
Bank holiday-Good Friday**

April 19th – Term 5 begins

Mr Brewer's return to school project!

When we return to school on the 8th March I'd like all the children to take part in our transition project entitled

'Bathampton Community Family'.

Children need to bring in with them during the week of 8th March one piece of work or one photograph of something they are proud of from lockdown. Something they have completed at home, a piece of work, some cooking, an art project, an exercise or achievement. Take a photo if it's not on paper. If you can't print it, email it to us! Anything that children are proud of. Mr Brewer has a huge board in the hall that we will attach all these onto to help us feel together again!

Donation of precious gems to RUH

Eve from Class Three has made the headlines with her huge act of kindness, raising funds for the NHS. Well done Eve, a lovely gesture. Read her story here:

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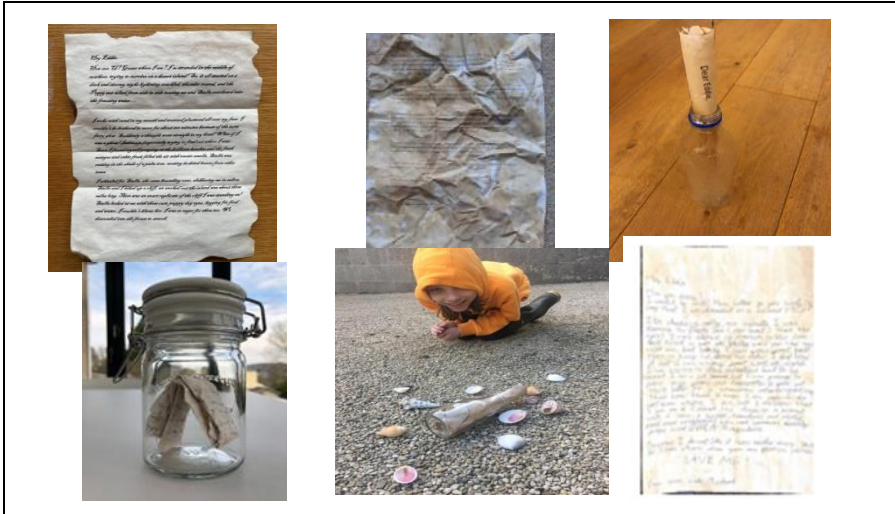
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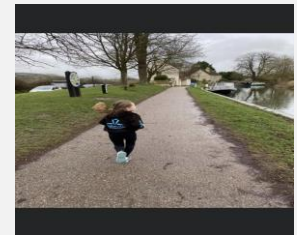
Kensuke's Kingdom

This term Class Five have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. To help save Michael last week we wrote a letter to send across the ocean to his friend Eddie in England. The class did an amazing job of writing a letter and then tea staining and putting it in a bottle to show the distance it had travelled to reach its destination. Thank you to Isla, Luca, Eve, Alexa GB, Amelia and Harry for these super examples!



Marathon Runners

In the last newsletter we heard about Elliott in Class One who wanted to make it "virtually" to London during lockdown. He successfully completed 170km on foot and by bike since January! He is also going to run the first mile of the Virtual Bath Half Marathon with Mum in March, and has raised sponsorship for the school playground equipment. Fantastic work!



Grace in Class One has decided to run a half marathon between now and the 14th March to raise money for the new school playground equipment. So far she has ran just short of 6 miles and even though it's rained and been hard at times she has kept going. Amazing resilience! Go Grace!

Reception Class



Last term Reception Class spent time learning about Canals. We read some stories about canal boats called Muddy Waters. One of the tasks was to design a new character for the stories. The Author was so impressed he sent us a set of the stories for our school library. Well done Reception class!

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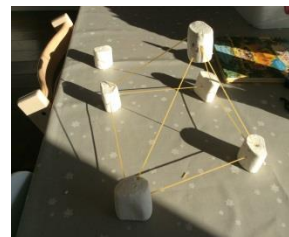
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Class Three

Class Three have been creating some amazing pyramids out of Lego, cardboard and even snow. Some of the designs look good enough to eat!



Class Three have also been writing poems based on Allan Alberg's Excuses poem from his book Please Mrs Butler.

The poems are composed of a list of excuses, each more fantastical for not handing in your homework. The children have written a wonderful set of amazingly witty excuses. Here are some extracts from their poems:

You may not be happy,
As it was used as a nappy,
And it will for sure make you
'LOL',
To know it is fantastic to use as
toilet roll!

I dropped it in the fire miss,
It burnt the words away,
I tried to blow it out Miss,
Can I Just go outside and play?

My doggy had a party
She invited her doggy friends
I arrived home to the police
cars and uniforms
This will never happen again!

The dog chewed my pages,
My Mum's phone call took ages,
I forgot how to write Miss,
It was too long ago!

My homework fell asleep
miss,
I got it all wrong.
It went on holiday to Brazil
And burnt up in the sun.

I think it's gone to Mars Miss,
On a supersonic jet.
I dropped it in a puddle
Miss,
I think it got all wet.

I was watching the telly, and it dropped in my
jelly

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Friends

Dear Friends

Hoping that you all had a restful half term and managed to see some glimpses of Spring on its way. We all definitely need some sunshine and flowers to give us a boost!

So, we are back to the juggle and challenges of home-schooling for a few more weeks – hang on in there, as there is at last light at the end of the tunnel! Roll on 8th March! You and your children have achieved a great deal – even if it is just managing a little laugh a day, that is indeed a success.


Last term ended with a full screen of happy faces and infectious energy, as the kids enjoyed a Super Pirates Disco for KS1 and an amazing Magic Show for KS2. I think we all want whatever those Super Pirates had for breakfast!

Thanks to all the ticket sales and donations for these virtual parties, we raised an amazing £477 which will help go towards IT resources and replacing the playground train. Thank you so much to everyone who bought tickets and donated, it is so appreciated by the school.



AMAZONSMILE

Just a little reminder that if you are using amazon for any purchases, shopping via AmazonSmile helps fundraise for the school. It costs nothing to do, but from every eligible purchase you make on Amazon, a donation will be made to the school. Win win!! You get your parcel next day, and the school gets a little more money in the pot!

- Simply go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>
- In the search box,  select 'Friends of Bathampton' as the charity you wish to support
- Shop as you usually would, but through AmazonSmile

RUN RUN RUN!!!

You will have hopefully read the recent email about our School Community Running Challenge, for which our aim is to raise funds to help replace the old wooden train in the playground. This is a much-loved piece of playground equipment but has seen its time and desperately needs replacing. 11 of our teaching and support staff, as well as a number of parents and children are running 5km, 10km or a half marathon in an epic effort to raise funds for the playground train, and we really hope you will be kind enough to support us by making a donation – however small. At the same time of raising money for our own community, we would love to also recognise and support the incredible work of Young Minds. Therefore 20% of funds raised will be donated to this leading charity to support their mission of ensuring no young person ever feels alone with their mental health.

To donate, please visit gf.me/u/zi2b5n. Thank you.

Finally, leading up to Easter, we are planning a little surprise treat for the children to celebrate their amazing efforts and resilience through the last few months. So watch this space for something egg-citing!

Looking forward to seeing all your faces soon!!

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