



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School Spring 2 Newsletter



Dear Families,

Easter is almost upon us and the children are definitely ready for the holidays! In this half term's newsletter, I will share some learning completed by the different classes and there is also a list of dates for the first half of the summer term.

The friends of school have been working very hard behind the scenes to get ready for this weekend's Duck Race. Please note the change of venue due to the weather forecast. The friends and governors also supported the recent running of the coffee stop which raised over £200 for the playground fund.

All the children are very excited about our playground redevelopment which is due to happen during May half term. The proposed plan is displayed by our school office. Thank you to our school council for helping me with this; they came up with some excellent ideas and points!

As you will be aware from my previous letter, we sadly say goodbye to Jacqui Keith at the end of this term. Miss Keith has been a valued member of the school team for many years and she will be missed by staff and children alike. After interviewing last week, we have appointed Mrs Lydia Scriven as our new TA. Mrs Scriven is a qualified HLTA and has worked in education for many years. She starts with us on Monday 24th April - I know you will make her very welcome.

I hope you have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 17th April.

Thank you for your continued support.

Adam Gough
Headteacher

London Marathon 2023

Mr Gough is running this year's London Marathon on the 23rd April. After a discussion with School Council, it was decided that we should raise money for Mosaic due to the amazing work they do to support children who have suffered the loss of a loved one. There will be a number of different events in the first week back after the Easter holidays linked to running and Mosaic. Thank you to the Friends for supporting these!

- **Monday 17th April** – Assembly about the London Marathon and Mosaic
- **Wednesday 19th April** – Wear your running kit to school – each class will be aiming to run either a half or full marathon during the day! Sponsor forms have been sent home but you can donate online if you wish using the link below.
- **Friday 21st April** - Cake sale after school. Donations of cakes very welcome, please could these come into school on the day, thank you.
- JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adam-gough7>

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god. Micah 6:8*



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Owls: Owls have continued to enjoy their 'Sow, Grow, Farm' topic. We began this half term with a trip to Washingpool Farm and we finish the half term with a trip to Vurlands Farm. Through these visits, we learnt about our local geography and climate and how this influences local farming; we learnt about seasonal produce and cooked kale and potato soup, carrot cake and chocolate beetroot cake and we also learnt about diversification in farming. We are very grateful to Washingpool and Vurlands for welcoming us onto their farms with no cost to our families. We have also planted garden pea seeds which the children have now taken home - we look forward to seeing how these grow and what the children do with their peas when they are ready to harvest!



Wagtails and Little Chicks have had some fantastic learning opportunities this half term. One highlight was definitely our learning about dinosaurs and fossils and the links to where we live. We took a walk to the beach and really enjoyed making an Ichthyosaur out of pebbles, driftwood and seaweed.

We have been noticing and thinking about the seasons, the weather and all the changes that make spring such a special time of year. Our independent art has reflected this, and it has been lovely to watch the children painting from real life objects as well as using their imagination.



For more on events and learning, follow us on Facebook!



Kingfishers: Kingfishers have had an exciting term! They recently performed a fantastic ukulele concert to their grown ups after practicing hard all term. The entire school are very proud of them. Unfortunately, a crime was committed in the Kingfisher Classroom. Children became forensic scientists to investigate the crime. Finger prints had to be taken. The case is still unsolved... Children had the opportunity to design and make their own erupting volcano. They had to strategically plan how to make their model then carefully mix their ingredients to create the explosive eruption.



Robins: The Robins have enjoyed their topic of Bright Lights, Big City. In Design and Technology, they made special London taxis. They also gave lots of advice to Marley the Meerkat about where he should visit in London and what he should pack.



Sport round-up: **Quick Sticks**

Children from KS2 went to Colfox School on Tuesday to take part in a quick sticks hockey festival. They all played remarkably well and showed fantastic team spirit. Well done to all who took part!



School Council

Our School Councillors:

- EYFS - Leon & Orla
- Y1 - Finley & Lola
- Y2 - Hugo & Robyn
- Y3 - Niamh & Aneka
- Y4 - Matilda & Lily
- Y5 - Frankie, Joshua & Ziva
- Y6 - George & Rebecca

Y6 leaders – Daisy & Josh



Summer term dates	Date	Event
W1	Mon, 17 Apr	First day back
		Pilates with Felicity
	Wed, 19 Apr	Wear your running kit to school day
		Premier Education AS Tennis Club
Fri, 21 Apr	Cake sale after school to raise funds for Mosaic	
W2	School led clubs start this week – letter to go out during the first week back	
	Wed, 26 Apr	DMS Piano / Keyboard Lessons Resume
		Handball competition Y5/6 selected children PM
Throughout May – KS1 SATS Assessments		
W3	Mon, 1 May	Early Bank Holiday – School Closed to Students
	Thu, 4 May	Class and Leavers Photos (Tempest)
W4	Mon, 8 May	Bank Holiday for coronation of King Charles III – School Closed to Students
	Tue, 9 May	Key Stage 2 SATS this week
		Tennis @ Colfox Yr3 & 4
	Fri, 12 May	Playground Leaders training – selected KS2 Children
W5	Mon, 15 May	Helen Roberts Family link worker drop in session 3-4pm.
W6	Tue, 23 May	Cricket @ Symmondsbury KS2 selected chn
	Fri, 26 May	Last Day of half term, normal finish time

HALF TERM HOLIDAY 29 MAY – 2 JUNE