



Newsletter

July 2022



Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the summer break I just want to thank everyone for all the work and support you have given your children and the school over the last year.

I am very sad to be saying goodbye to all of you as I leave to take up my retirement. I have loved working with you and your children over the last 11 years and wish you all the very best for the future.

I am happy to be leaving you in the talented and capable hands of Mr Odedra as he takes over as your new Headteacher. I am sure the school will continue to thrive under his leadership.

We are saying a big welcome to Mrs Watts, who will be your new Deputy Headteacher and to Mr Lloyd who will be teaching in year 4.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Kittridge, Miss Taylor and Mrs Stevens, who are all taking up posts at other schools. We wish them all the very best in their new roles.

We all wish our year 6 children a very special goodbye and good luck to them all as they move on to their secondary schools next academic year.

I hope you all have a lovely Summer Holiday

With my very best wishes

Mrs Bailey



GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 6



Curriculum News

Nursery

This term we have been learning about our Big Wide World. We found out about the global community to which we belong and explored how living things, communities and climates differ around the world.

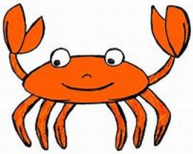
We enjoyed our trip to Beaumanor Hall where we used our super senses to explore nature around the garden.

The children moving up to reception had a lovely time with their new teacher for next year!

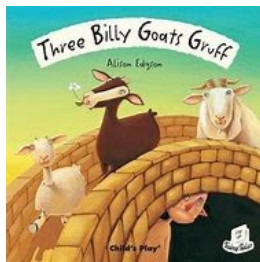


Reception

The children in Reception have finished our year with a fantastic half term learning all about the Seaside. We have enjoyed listening to a variety of stories including 'sharing a shell' and having a go at writing our own postcards! We have spent a long time exploring our knowledge of rock pools and the types of creatures we may find there. We have even been using our oil pastels to create some detailed drawings of crabs and shells. A particular highlight of the half term has been our very first sports day! All of the children worked hard as a team to compete against others and all showed excellent sportsman ship. We are now looking forward to celebrating our year with our end of term parties and a well deserved summer holiday!



Year 1



In Year 1 this term we have been reading a range of traditional tales including: The Ugly Duckling, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have really enjoyed creating character descriptions and a set of instructions based on these stories. In Science, we have planted beans in the school allotment and we have observed and watered these daily. The beans are growing very tall! As part of our learning on plants and flowers, we had a wonderful day at the Botanical Gardens in Leicester. The children enjoyed learning about where different everyday objects and foods come from. They also planted cress in seed pots and they were able to bring their pots back to school. In June, all of the children sat the Phonics Screening Check. Well done everyone! It has been a pleasure to teach you all this year



Year 2



What a busy term we have had in Year 2! The children worked so hard in their learning and we are really proud of them. They enjoyed reading and writing about prehistoric beasts in English, practising their measures and problem solving in maths and learning how to grow and look after plants in Science. We have had some lovely events this term too: RE days, when we learnt about Islam and had a special talk from Mr Fojdar about Islamic prayer; Jubilee day, where all the children had their faces painted in red, white and blue by Mrs Moody and Sports Day, where we enjoyed taking part in all the activities as well our picnic afterwards! We will be sad to say goodbye to your children but know they are ready for their next step into Year 3. We would like to thank you for your support this year and hope you have a lovely Summer.



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Year 3

The summer term has been very exciting in Year 3. We have visited Abbey Park to complete a botanical art project and refine our observational skills. Whilst there we enjoyed an additional treat of delicious ice cream and had a great time at pets corner. We have designed and made greenhouses to help us grow our sunflower seeds. Our Romans topic has helped us learn many interesting facts about how the Romans changed Britain and the legacy they left which we see around us today.



In PE, we have learnt athletics and rugby skills. These helped us during sports day which we really enjoyed especially the teachers races! We have compared festivals and celebrations on our own calendar with those in Nepal and will be exchanging postcards with children in Nepal. We have had a very busy term! Well done to all the children for all their hard work. We wish them all well for year 4.

Year 4

As we come to the end of a hugely successful Year, we'd like to look back at some of the highlights for Year 4.



Our trip to York, whilst epic, was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Following that, we all became published and seasoned poets, performing both for the expert panel and also for other Rushey Mead staff and pupils.



French week caused much merriment, we learnt a traditional French dance and attempted to build our own Eiffel Towers out of newspapers. It was fascinating to watch the children sort themselves into groups and organise the building projects.

We've learnt about the Ancient Egyptians, Anglo Saxons and Vikings, the children particularly enjoyed the gruesome facts about the mummification process and crime punishment during those eras.

Swimming was by far the most popular event of the year; the children loved their lessons and were hugely disappointed when the term ended, they are counting the days till they start again next year. Sports Day was a hugely successful event with every child participating and some children achieving personal bests.



Mr Morrish, Mr White, Mrs Kirby and all the Teaching Assistants would like to say a massive thank you to all our families, for your valuable support this year; we have loved teaching your children and wish them all the best as



Bonjour! - French Lessons

I just wanted to say a very big well done to all the children learning French this year. They have demonstrated such enthusiasm and have worked very hard indeed. We had a fantastic time during French week too with our special themed menu and both the pupils and lunchtime staff did brilliantly having conversations in French. Throughout the week they had fun learning traditional French dances, playing the French game - Pétanque, singing French songs, making Eiffel Towers, reading French stories, making and tasting a range of delicious French food and producing beautiful artwork in the style of famous French artists.

It would be wonderful if the children can continue to practice their French over the summer break so that they can remember what they have been taught, using Duo Lingo, YouTube videos, BBC Schools' website, French activity books etc....

Key topics to focus on:

Greetings, Colours, Numbers, Seasons, Clothing, Days of the Week and Months of the Year.

Looking forward to more fun French sessions next year! All the best to the Year 6 children moving on to secondary school - go and impress your new language teachers with your fabulous French skills!

Bonnes Vacances! Madame March



Curriculum News

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very enjoyable, busy summer term. They all absolutely loved our visit to the Black Country Museum where they were fully immersed in Victorian history for the day. Of course, we stopped off at the sweet shop and the

children even had a Victorian-style school lesson where Mrs Jenkins was punished for wearing nail varnish!



Year 5 had a hugely successful French Week just before half term where they used their inference skills to unpick the story 'Cache-Cache Cachons' in Reading, plotted Francophone countries on a world map in Geography and produced some lovely Cezanne-inspired watercolour and pastel artwork. But

most importantly, the children had the best time using their teamwork skills to make Eiffel Tower models using different materials. Sycamore rose well to the challenge of using spaghetti and marshmallows!



The children have really enjoyed going swimming every Friday afternoon and it's been fantastic for us to see all of the progress they've made. Well done!

To finish off the term, the children had a brilliant sports day where they showed off their throwing, balancing, dribbling and running skills, to name but a few!



Year 6



Year 6 began the Summer term with their SATs. They have worked so well all year, studied hard and done the Year 6 staff proud! As well as this, the children have been learning all about World War Two and have done some fabulous writing based on this topic. They have written letters as evacuees and 'explode-a-moment' texts as soldiers on D-Day. We were so



Impressed with their ability to include all of the Year 6 features they have learnt over the year! To celebrate the end of a very successful year, Year 6 also had an amazing day in London!

We visited the London Eye and saw a production of the Lion King, which was incredible. The children behaved tremendously and were an asset to our school. We are now working hard on our Leaver's Assembly ahead of our performance to parents next Friday at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!



Bonsai Class

During the summer term, the children in Bonsai Class have been working hard with their phonics, English and Maths lessons. They have also enjoyed being back in the Forest School area, have been cooking lots of yummy food in their cooking lessons, learning about Handa's surprise in Art and developing their gymnastics skills in P.E.



School Information

School Organisation for 2022—2023

Year 1 to 6 will be dropped off and picked up from the playground on Magnus Road

Year Group	Morning - Arrive	Afternoon - leave
Yr 1 + 2	8.40am – 8.50am	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Yr 3 + 4	8.40am – 8.50am	3.10pm – 3.20pm
Yr 5 + 6	8.40am – 8.50am	3.20pm – 3.30pm

Reception and Nursery children will be dropped off and picked up from the nursery playground

Reception	8.45am	3.00pm
Nursery	8.45am – 11.45 am	12.30pm – 3.30pm

School Meals for year 2 children moving into year 3 next year

From next academic year, your Year 2 child will no longer be receiving universal infant free school meals, as the government only funds these for children up to Y2. Therefore, unless you receive free school meals due to your financial circumstances, it will be necessary to pay for your child's school meals next year or provide your child with a packed lunch each day. School meals cost £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week, and can be paid for on the School Gateway app, similar to how you pay for school trips. Could you please contact Ms. Sembi in the school office to confirm if you will be continuing with school meals or whether you will be providing your child with a packed lunch next academic

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96.9%	92.9%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE <i>Best chance of SUCCESS</i>	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE <i>Harder to make good progress</i>	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT <i>Less chance of success</i>	Below 90% Persistent Absentee CAUSE FOR CONCERN <i>Serious concern Possible Court Action!</i>



Rushey Mead Primary school aims for 96% attendance which would bring us in line with the National average. As you are all aware this has been a difficult year for schools, with quarantining and self-isolating which has had a massive impact on pupils' attendance across the country.

Our whole school attendance this year is 94.3%. Well done to the 55 children who have managed to achieve 100% attendance. Congratulations to the first 3 classes with the highest attendance this year.

1 st Place	Class Redwood	96.7%
2 nd Place	Class Elder	96.6%
3 rd Place	Class Ash	96.4%

A big 'thank you' to all of the parents who are working with us to improve our attendance.

School Holidays 2022 - 2023

Leicester City Council Local authority school holidays 2022/2023



Term No 1: 34 days (6 weeks 4 days)	
Schools Open	Tuesday 30 August 2022
Schools Close	Friday 14 October 2022
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 October 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022

Term No 2: 40 days (8 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 24 October 2022
Schools Close	Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Monday 19 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

Term No 3: 34 days (6 weeks 4 days)	
Schools Open	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Schools Close	Friday 17 February 2023
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023

Term No 4: 25 days (5 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 27 February 2023
Schools Close	Friday 31 March 2023
Easter Holidays	Monday 3 April 2023 to Friday 14 April 2023

Term No 5: 29 days (5 weeks 4 days)	
Schools Open	Monday 17 April 2023
May Bank Holiday (schools closed)	Monday 1 May 2023
Schools Close	Friday 26 May 2023
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

Term No 6: 30 days (6 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 5 June 2023
Schools Close	Friday 14 July 2023
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 17 July 2023

190 Pupil Days

(2 further INSET days to be allocated by the school – from the pupil days. Please see term dates provided by your child's school).

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY at Belgrave Library

Get creative with great Gadgeteer activities -
challenges, quizzes, games and stories

WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST 1PM - 4PM



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Visit Belgrave Library for our
Summer Reading Challenge Launch

MAKE A JUNKBOT WORKSHOP

make your very own mini robot
out of recycled materials to take home

WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY

1PM - 3PM

Free to attend
No booking required



Sign up and receive your Summer Reading Challenge poster and stickers.
Borrow your first books for the Summer.

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Have a lovely

