



Year 6 Newsletter

The Year 6 Team could not be prouder of our children for the determination, resilience and maturity they demonstrated throughout SATs week. They approached each day with positivity, confidence and an outstanding attitude, giving their very best effort every step of the way.

We know how much hard work, preparation and commitment went into reaching this point, and the children rose to the challenge brilliantly. Their focus, perseverance and eagerness to do their best were evident throughout the week and they should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your invaluable support in the lead-up to and during the assessment week. Your encouragement, reassurance and practical help - especially those early morning starts to ensure children arrived at school on time - made a real difference. We are incredibly grateful for the strong partnership between home and school that helped our children feel confident, prepared and ready to shine.

As a reward for their hard work, commitment and positive attitude, the children enjoyed a well-deserved fun-filled day at school. There was plenty of laughter, smiles and excitement as they took part in a range of activities with their friends. Here are some photos capturing some of the highlights from the day.



Online Safety

It is vital that children are supported in keeping themselves online. Here are some tips on how to help your child stay safe:

- Apply parental controls on your home internet and devices.
- Keep devices that connect to the internet out of your child's room at night.
- Encourage positive communication about what they are doing online and ways in which they can keep themselves safe.
- Agree clear boundaries with your child about what they can and cannot do online.

For more advice, visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Preparing for Secondary School

Our transition programme is well underway! Representatives from local secondary schools have begun meeting with the children and they are also taking part in weekly transition sessions with a confidence coach to help build confidence and prepare for the changes ahead. Our PD lessons will continue to provide opportunities for children to ask questions and discuss any concerns.

Parents and carers can support a positive transition by:

- Exploring the secondary school website together
- Practising the journey to and from school
- Purchasing uniform and equipment in advance
- Encouraging greater independence with morning routines
- Talking positively about the move to secondary school and discussing any questions or worries

Summer 2 Topic: Changes and New Beginnings

What will my child be learning?

English: Inspired by Matt Goodfellow's award-winning novel *The Final Year*, the children will be writing their own reflective monologues about their final year at Bannockburn Primary School. Through this unit, they will explore how authors convey emotions and engage readers using a range of literary techniques, including repetition, sentence fragments and symbolic language. We look forward to seeing the children draw upon their own experiences and memories to create powerful and meaningful pieces of writing.

Maths: The children will be developing their understanding of prime numbers and prime factorisation. They will also be taking part in the Pay It Forward initiative as part of our Maths Investigation Week, applying their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills to real-life contexts.

Reading: Pupils will continue to develop their reading skills through texts that support learning across the curriculum. They will learn more about light, the human eye and influential figures such as Lewis Latimer. Towards the end of the term, the children will also explore performance poetry, considering how poets use language, rhythm and expression to engage their audience.

Science: In Science, our topic is Light. The children will explore how light travels in straight lines, investigate how the human eye works and discover the fascinating rules of reflection, including how the angle at which light hits a surface affects the angle at which it is reflected.

RE: The children will explore the themes of grief and loss in an age-appropriate and sensitive way. They will learn about different ways people remember, celebrate and commemorate the lives of loved ones, while recognising that everyone experiences and responds to loss differently. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or queries regarding this.

Art: Following Arts Weeks, the children will use collage techniques to create self-portraits, exploring how different materials, textures and colours can be used to express their individuality.

PE: Team games and Athletics.

Humanities: In Geography, the children will explore climate change around the world and use data to create and interpret climate graphs, helping them to identify patterns and trends.

Dates for the Diary

6th July: Year 6 production (matinee)

7th July: Year 6 production (evening)

8th July: Summer Fair

9th July: Sports Day

17th July: Last day of term

20th July: Summer holidays begin

Value of the Month:

Equity

Please discuss the meaning of *equity* with your child, including what it means to them and how it can be shown in everyday life.



“Change is hardest at the beginning, messiest in the middle and best at the end.”

Robin Sharma

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

- A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh

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