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The Berkeley Academy Newsletter

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Headteacher's welcome

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy start to the school year we have had! I have been working very hard to get to know the children (and families) of The Berkeley and I would like to thank you for making me feel so welcome. The children and staff have had a very busy first half term and we would like to take this opportunity to share some of the celebrations with you.

Staffing updates

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Shorten has given birth to a healthy baby boy (Lucas). Both mum and baby are doing well, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Shorten and her family.

Mrs Moores will be starting Maternity Leave shortly after half term, and Miss Colclough and Mr Nixon will be working closely to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible for the children.

We are also going to be saying goodbye to Mr Socha (our Site Maintenance Officer) at the end of this week. Mr Socha is moving onto pastures new, and will be joining a different school after half term. On behalf of the staff, children and whole school community I would like to wish Mr Socha all the very best.

I hope you all have a restful half term break and I look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 31st October 2023**.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gohr

Curriculum updates

Macmillan Coffee Event

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning and afternoon by joining us at school or donating. The event was a great success and we raised £640.23 for Macmillan. A special thank you to FoBs, the Year 6 Young Leaders, the Year 6 Executive Committee and our School Councillors for organising the fundraising event.



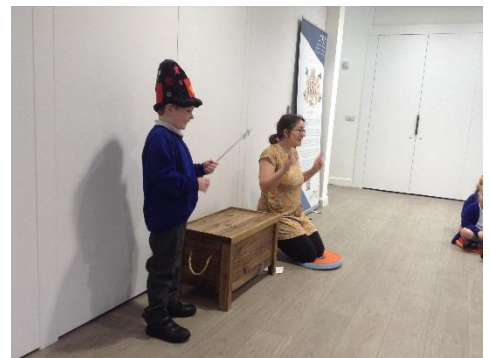
ECO TEAM

This year we have chosen to apply for the Eco-Schools Green Flag award and we have had a very busy first half term beginning our Eco journey. Our Year 6 Eco Ambassadors have been presented with their badges and we have completed our Environmental Review. The review was completed by every class and helped us to gain a better idea of what we do now and how we can become more eco-friendly as well as gain lots of ideas from all the children. We have since drawn up our action plan and the Eco team have chosen to focus on the waste, transport and healthy living goals. After half term we will be focusing on waste. To kick start, Laura and Hazel from ANSA came to school and years 4, 5 and 6 took part in workshops. The children learnt more about recycling and how we can reduce our waste both at school and at home. The children also took home lots of goodies! We will be sending out a letter soon sharing more about how you can support us in achieving our first goal as well as information about our new Eco club.



Year 1 - Museum

Year 1 took part in a story world adventure when we visited Brampton Museum at the start of term. The children entered a story world and travelled through time on a wonderful learning adventure, meeting characters from the book 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy'. Our task was to become toy seekers to solve the mystery of the missing toys as well as engaging in wider curriculum areas such as history where we looked at old toys, design technology as we designed and made our own toys and science where we looked at everyday materials. We used what we had learnt when we came back to the classroom and produced some brilliant writing as a result.





Behaviour Update

Our children have continued to make us feel proud with their behaviour as we have returned to school this term. It has been lovely to see children returning to school looking smart and being ready to learn. Assemblies have focussed on understanding our updated 3 rules *Be respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe* and our values: *Success, Teamwork, Resilience, Independence, Voice and Enthusiasm*. We have celebrated children going 'above and beyond' through the Dojo system and it has been lovely to see that some individuals have already received their first certificate. Congratulations to classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12 and 13 who have all accumulated over 50 dojos as a class which means they have received a curriculum themed reward. This term, visitors to school have commented on the high expectations staff have of behaviour around school, that there is a calm feeling within school and that children show manners. On a recent trip to 'Crucial Crewe' our Year 6 children were commended for their attitudes, manners and behaviour for learning.

Crucial Crew



On 6th of October, we went to Mornflake Stadium (The Alex) to take part in 'Crucial Crew'. Whilst we were there, we were taught how to keep safe on the internet by knowing what to do if someone you don't know either asks you for your name, address or other personal details or for you to meet them somewhere. We also learned how to keep safe by railway lines by 'STOP, LOOK, LISTEN' and watching 'Harrison's Story' which was a true story about a boy who lost his life on a railway line. It was a sad story that really made us think about the consequences of not keeping safe. Northwest Ambulance service taught us how to save the life for someone who may have had a heart attack. We practised on a model using CPR and a defibrillator! One of the sessions which gave us a lot to think about back at school was the '5 ways to wellbeing' (1. Take notice 2. Be active 3. Give 4. Help others 5. Learn). The final station we went to was about electrical safety. We made a human circuit by holding the hand or wrist of the person next to us. A special kind of bulb was held by a couple of people in the circuit and to our amazement it lit up! When we broke the circuit, it stopped working.

We looked at possible electrical dangers around us both inside and outside the home and learned about the different warning signs used to keep us safe.

The presentations by professionals and the activities and games we played made it a really fun morning and inspired us to hold our own Crucial Crew Station the following week where we could pass on our knowledge to parents.

Department of Education Defibrillator



The Department of Education have provided us with a defibrillator which is positioned outside the main staff car park gates. We have collaborated with OurJay Foundation who have kindly donated a cabinet so this is available to the local community 24/7 as well as the school.

Bikeability



This half term, Year 4 and Year 5 have taken part in Bikeability training. This gave the children the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence to cycle safely on roads.

'I enjoyed learning how to ride my bike safely and practising different turns'- Lewis

'I learnt how to park my bike up and how to start off safely from the road' - Lillia

'My favourite part was when we went on our bikes on the roads and we had to manoeuvre around the cars' - Scarlett

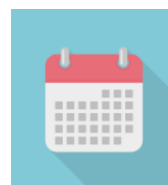
'I liked how we learnt new skills such as going up and down hills, doing u- turns and being able to ride through cars' - Alfie



Important information for parents

Extra - Curricular Activities

Lunchtime Clubs	
Day	Club
Monday	Year 1 Book Club
Monday	Year 2 Drawing club
Monday	Year 5 and 6 chess club
Tuesday	KS1 (years 1 & 2) Homework club
Wednesday	Year 4 book club
Friday	Year 6 homework club
After school clubs	
Day	Club
Monday	A.S Sports KS1 (years 1 & 2) Gymnastics Club
Monday	Storybook club - Reception classes
Monday	Science club - years 2-4
Monday	KS2 arts and crafts club (years 3-6)
Monday	KS2 boxing club (years 3-6)
Tuesday	A.S Sports KS2 Dodgeball club (years 3-6)
Tuesday	KS2 Choir club (years 3-6)
Thursday	Health, wellbeing and mindfulness club - Years 4 & 5
Thursday	KS2 Eco Club (years 3-6)
Thursday	Sign Language Club - Reception-year 2
Thursday	Year 6 Code club
Friday	Crewe Alex KS2 Football club (years 3-6)



Dates for the diary

03.11.23 – 9:15am-10:30am	Year 5 Open Morning	Year 5
10.11.23 – 9:15am-10:30am	Year 3 Open Morning	Year 3
17.11.23 – 9:15am	Class 5 assembly	Class 5
01.12.23 – 9:15am	Class 6 assembly	Class 6
07.12.23 – 9:30am	Nursery Nativity	Nursery
13.12.23 – 2:00pm	Reception Nativity	Reception classes 1 & 2
14.12.23 – 9:30am	Reception Nativity	Reception - classes 1 & 2
19.12.23 – 9:30am	Year 1 Nativity	Year 1 – classes 3 & 4
20.12.23 – 2:00pm	Year 1 Nativity	Year 1 - classes 3 & 4
21.12.23 – 13:45pm-14:45pm	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery

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