

Begbrook Primary Academy

Dear families,

We hope you have a lovely half term. We are looking forward to seeing you back at Begbrook on **Monday 4th November**. Gates will be open at the usual time of 08:45, closing at 09:00.

In this termly newsletter, we aim to share with you updates, key information and reminders about what's happening at Begbrook. You can also keep up to date by following our Academy social media accounts:



@wearebegbrook

You can also follow our Friends of Begbrook (PTFA) account:



@BegbrookAcademy



@friendsofbegbrookprimary



Curriculum and Learning in Term 1

Reception – Our Reception learners have had a great start to school life at Begbrook. They have settled in really well and are already demonstrating our Begbrook values throughout the day. This term they have been developing their communication and language skills by learning and retelling the story of The Little Red Hen using story-making actions and language. They even made their very own bread, just like the Little Red Hen does. They thought it tasted delicious!

Year 2 & Year 3 – Our Year 2 and Year learners enjoyed a visit from the Explorer Dome. Our Year 2 children enjoyed a workshop about the human body and our Year 3 children learnt all about light and colour. Such a great immersive experiences for our young Begbrook Scientists!



Year 5 – Our Year 5 learners have been busy developing their creative skills this term – exploring tie dye as well as 3D sculptures using wire and clay. Miss Adams was very impressed with the quality of art displayed in the Year 5 art gallery in the last week of term.





General Information and Reminders

School Crossing Patrol – Vacancy

We, the Road Safety Team at Bristol City Council, are still holding a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol at your school. We carried out a leaflet drop in the area and have also advertised this position at the end of last term when Mr Day retired but unfortunately had no interest.

Do you want to support your local community? Are you looking for part-time work that is different everyday. This is a paid position and you are paid for ten hours per week term time. The hourly rate is £12.00 and the hours are annualised as they are for other school roles. Full training and uniform will be provided.

We are looking for someone who is a good communicator with an ability to and understanding of working with the general public. A sense of humour is essential. You will need to be active and not afraid of the weather!

We are looking for someone to provide the crossing Monday to Friday an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon at school run times (your duty times will be agreed with the School and it may be that you are not on duty for the whole hour, however, you will be paid for the full hour each shift – 10 hours in total per week). If you can't commit to 5 days perhaps you could share the job, maybe a friend could cover the morning shifts and you the afternoons, or perhaps you could do Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and then a friend take over on Thursday and Friday. We are open to discuss with you how the vacancy might be managed.

Please if you know anyone who may be interested in taking on the role, perhaps a neighbour or family member who is looking for part-time work, pass on the information to them. The role is funded by the Road Safety Team at Bristol City Council.

If you are interested, or you know someone who might be or would like more information please contact us by email road.safety@bristol.gov.uk.

Unfortunately if we are unable to find a replacement the crossing will remain unsupported until such time as we are able to recruit someone to take on the role.

BPA Textiles Recycling Bin

If you are getting rid of any textiles (see list to the right for more info) then please don't forget to use our recycling bin by the main gate so that we can receive the funds for it.

WHAT WE TAKE: (Good condition/re-usable)

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Bed sheets
- ✓ Duvet Covers
- ✓ Pillow cases
- ✓ Soft toys

WHAT WE DON'T TAKE:

- Items that are wet, damaged, stained or washed out.
- Pillows and Duvets
- Cushions
- Books
- Bric-a-brac
- Electrical items

'Wear it Blue' day

A very big thank you to everyone who donated money on our 'Wear it Blue' day. We are pleased to share that we raised £373.34 for St Peter's Hospice – an organisation that we hold close to our hearts.



Diwali Sweet Treat Sale

We also want to see a very big thank you to everyone who donated and bought sweet treats at our Diwali Sweet Treat sale. We raised about £200.



Safeguarding

Thank you to everyone who completed our term 1 parent/carer voice survey on safeguarding at BPA. We will review the feedback and share key information in our next family newsletter.

BPA Safeguarding Team

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child or family, or would like to speak to someone about advise for you, your child or family then please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. Miss Adams is Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs Skade and Miss Allen are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) and Miss Counsell, Miss Mowlem and Miss Earle are also part of the safeguarding team. You can contact us via the main office or please do feel free to come and speak to us on the gate.

BPA Safeguarding Curriculum

Each week we talk to children and staff about different safeguarding themes. We review the safeguarding weekly theme on a daily basis in class and then talk about it in more detail on a Friday afternoon. We record what we have learnt in our class floor book. In term 1, our safeguarding weekly themes covered: who the safeguarding team are, what you can do if you're worried about something, who keeps us safe at lunchtime, lanyards, fire alarm, Mental Health, online safety and attendance and punctuality.

This term our safeguarding weekly themes are:

Week 1 – NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay Safe' initiative – helping children remember their rights to being safe

Week 2 – Anti-bullying week

Week 3 – Road safety

Week 4 – Lockdown alarm

Week 5 – Physical harm

Week 6 – Privates are private

Week 7 – Online safety



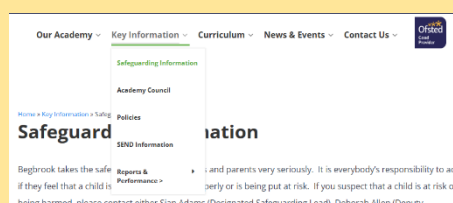
You can find more information about our Safeguarding Weekly Themes on our Academy website. Please follow the link below:

<https://begbrookprimaryacademy.clf.uk/blog/safeguarding-blog/>

BPA Safeguarding Policy

You can find our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on our Academy website along with other key information about who to contact if you have a concern about a child or family.

<https://begbrookprimaryacademy.clf.uk/key-information/safeguarding-information/>





Key Dates

Key dates for this Academic year can be found on the calendar of events that has been shared with families via email. Please see the term 2 dates below (yellow items have been recently added).

Term 2 Jigsaw theme – Celebrating Difference	
04/10/24	Start of Term 2
05/11/24	Reception Information Meeting – Reading and Phonics on TEAMS (18:00 – 18:30)
07/11/24	Reception Information Meeting – Reading and Phonics on TEAMS (18:00 – 18:30)
11/11/24	Remembrance Day Assembly
11/11/24	School nurse drop-in session for families (09:00 – 10:00)
12/11/24	Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week
15/11/24	Wear spots for Children in Need Day
03/12/24	Reception Christmas Performance (09:30)
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09/12/24	Hanukkah Assembly
10/12/24	Y1 Christmas Performance (09:30)
11/12/24	Y1 Christmas Performance (09:30)
13/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day
TBC	Y6 NCMP Screening
17/12/24	Christmas Lunch Day for Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5
18/12/24	Christmas Lunch Day for Reception, Y1 and Y6
18/12/24	Preschool Christmas Sing Along (10:45 and 14:45)
19/12/24	Winterfest (15:30-17:30)
20/12/24	End of Term 2

We look forward to seeing you next week,

Begbrook Team