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Dear Parents/Carers,

We've got some exciting updates for you about personal development and community work that has been (and will be) happening at Begbrook over the rest of the year. Please see below for details.

Picture News! subscription at Begbrook

Begbrook has now subscribed to Picture News! which is a great current affairs resource for us to use in school as well as for parents to use at home. Each week, we will be sending home a 'newspaper' and a family friendly conversation starter document to support families engaging in current affairs in a child friendly way. We also have a display board in the main hall with other resources that are part of our subscription. This includes pictures, key vocabulary and opinion pieces on current affairs from around the world. We are hoping that this will support our children gain an interest and understanding in the world around them. This will also support our work around British Values and the importance of them in our community and society in general. Look out for the first email this week!

Pupil Voice at Begbrook

At Begbrook we believe that every child should feel listened to and empowered to be part of making our school the very best it can be. We have a brilliant team of class reps who make up the Begbrook pupil voice council and this term, a new team of KS2 reps were voted in by their classmates. This team lead class meetings every other week on a range of topics to gather pupil voice, giving every child an opportunity to have their say and feedback to school leaders. Our first meeting this term is about behaviour at break and lunchtime, and we've already had some great positive feedback, as well as some thoughtful suggestions for improvements. Watch this space for updates from our fab pupil voice team!

Science Week Activities at Begbrook

During Term 4, there will be science units being taught across the school so children can experience being a scientist with a real focus on working scientifically. This will help them to answer questions about the world they live in through a range of experiments, research and recording and presenting their scientific findings. From the 13-17th March Begbrook will be celebrating British Science Week. To start the week, there will be an assembly focusing on what Science Week is and exploring the theme for this year which is 'connections'. On Tuesday 14th March at 3.30-3.45pm there will be a Science Fair for children and adults to attend to promote a sense of awe and wonder. There will be different fun and exciting experiments and demonstrations to watch and get involved with! To link with the theme of 'connections' year groups will be coming together to share their science learning and present what they have learnt. We're looking forward to celebrating science as a school and as a community!

Eco Committee updates from Begbrook

As part of a national initiative called 'Eco Schools', we have established an Eco Committee at Begbrook and together, they will lead on ecological matters with an aim of achieving the Green Flag award in the summer. The committee will focus on three areas, which are, litter, waste and energy. They have already begun to investigate our energy use as a school as part of a 'Cut Your Carbon' project. The findings will help the children to make changes across our school to save energy. There will be other projects throughout the year that the committee will lead on and we hope there will be another CLF Eco Conference later in the year. We hope our eco reps will feel empowered to make changes for the better in our school and in our community.



Intergenerational activities at Begbrook

This term, our Intergenerational Club in Year 6 will be up and running! We will be getting to know the residents at Bishopsmead Care Home and be visiting them towards the end of term. In addition, we will also be working collaboratively on art projects. Our first project will be decorating a cardboard cut-out sheep which will be displayed, amongst others, in shop windows in town in the Easter holidays. The children are excited to spread some joy to members of our community!

We hope you have found this update helpful and please do get in touch if you have any questions about any of the above.

Kind regards,

Miss Counsell
Principal