



Bearnes Primary School Newsletter 21.9.18

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Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding officer is Ms Eeles and the deputy safeguarding officer is Miss Clarke.

It is also possible to express concerns to the multi agency safeguarding team (MASH) directly on 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk

Attendance

Oaks– 96.5%

Chestnuts–97.3%

Sycamores–97.2%

Redwoods– 98.2%

The attendance target is 96% This week we have had the Educational Welfare Officer in looking at attendance and she will be monitoring lateness regularly. Please remember school begins at 8.55am.

This week in...

Acorns and Oaks: What a lovely week we've had in Acorns and Oaks this week! The children have settled well into school life and are engaging well in all their learning. We have been focussing on our feelings and emotions this week and the children have been able to discuss when they have felt some emotions at times. In our Maths learning, we have been counting and showing numbers in different ways. I have sent home books linked to the children's phonics learning this week, please make sure these are also in school daily, so we can read with the children.

Chestnuts: Chestnuts have been working on representing numbers using different concrete materials. They have been able to explain how other numbers are hidden inside bigger ones. We have talked about how it's tricky to know the difference between the teen numbers and tens numbers. 'Fourteen sounds like forty'. In Literacy, the class have begun looking at their first class story together; 'What to do with vegetable glue'. We have been making predictions about what we think is going to happen in the story using the front cover to support our ideas. Ask them about the book and what they think 'vegetable glue' might be. Our Topic, Science, Art and Literacy are all focusing this term on staying healthy. We tasted and chopped some different fruits and described their flavour and appearance.

Sycamores: Sycamores have had a great week. We are really proud about how hard they are trying to build up their resilience and listening skills. Their cursive handwriting is already improving and they even know some French! In Maths we have investigated different ways to record numbers and used lots of equipment to show this. In English, we have planned our setting description and the children have chosen some really exciting places to write about from tropical paradises to enchanted forests. We've had our first lesson on scratch learning to code a flip book animation and we are very excited to learn more about this. PE has been great fun, playing games in Tri Golf and working with coach Ben. Well done Sycamores, keep up this hard work.

Redwoods: In Redwoods, we've been digging around in The Stone Age. We've been reading a book called 'Stone Age Boy' and wrote informal letters from the character's viewpoint. In Maths, we've strengthened our reasoning and explanation skills and applied this to develop our number sense. With Mrs Fraser's encouragement, we've created our own prehistoric cave full of our cave paintings.



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Diary Dates

- *Week beginning 1st October: parent consultations*
- *Wednesday 3rd October– Key Stage Two to Kents Cavern*
- *Tuesday 8th October: Maths Back to School sessions and Open Morning*

A message from the Head of School

We've had another cracking week here at Bearnese with some fantastic learning taking place. In sharing assembly we saw how Chestnuts have built their class culture around super-hero traits and on Monday we had Reverend Gill from The Avenue come and talk to us about Harvest Festival.

Thank you to everyone who attended our coffee morning, we had a really interesting discussion around mental health and we will ensure the next date is secured soon.

At playtime the children often need a snack to keep them going until lunch time. The governments 'fruit for schools' scheme provides fruit for reception-yr2 pupils, we encourage yr3-6 to bring in a healthy snack to enjoy at this time too which keep them going until lunch time!

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any concerns.



Star Learners;

Acorns– Hana

Oaks– Scarlett

Chestnuts– Alby

Sycamores– Narcis

Redwoods-Alana

Awards



-Random Act of Kindness; Paige

-Attendance winners; Sycamores

-House Points; Lemon– 48

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