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Newsletter 8 – Summer Term

11th June 2021

A message from the head.....

It has been a very challenging couple of weeks at school and I can't thank you all enough for your support this week in helping us get our children back to school and learning safely. I know half term was not as enjoyable and relaxing for so many of you and our staff as we had hoped, but I really hope we are starting to get back to 'normal' now. The children have returned to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn despite the heat this week!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Public Health whose support have been amazing over the last couple of weeks.

Here's to a quieter few weeks now!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Sports Day Update

Unfortunately due to the local situation we have made the difficult decision not to allow parents to attend our sports days over the coming weeks. I know this will be disappointing but we need to prioritise safety first. The children will still take part in their sports day activities on the school site on the dates advertised and we will do our best to get lots of photos to share! KS2 will not be going to the athletics stadium for their day this year and the KS2 sports day will take place in a different format on the school site instead.

Nursery & Reception New Starters September 2021

Unfortunately we have also made the difficult decision to cancel our face to face events for our new starters including our parents meeting and stay and play sessions. We will be making alternative arrangements though and will be writing to families next week with the details.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

We have heard from many of our feeder secondary schools that they will not be holding face to face transition events this year - individual schools should be in touch with the families directly.

This week's letters home – look for them on our school website under

parents/letters home/2020-21

Y1-2 (current Rec & Y1) Mead Farm Trip

Y3-6 (current Y2-5) Hunstanton Beach Trip

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 14th June** – Nursery – Marvellous middle
- **W/C Mon 14th June** – Head boy & girl elections
- **CANCELLED Mon 14th June** – Rec – Hearing screening
- **CANCELLED Tue 15th June** – Y1 – Hearing screening
- **Tue 15th June** – Y1 – Marvellous Middle
- **Tue 15th June** – Young Voices "Big Sing" in school
- **Wed 16th June** – 4pm – Y6 – Deadline for Leavers' hoodies
- **Wed 16th June** – Y3-5 – Intra-sports cricket competition (in year group bubbles – no mixing between year groups)
Children to wear PE kit to school
- **CANCELLED Thu 17th June** – 10am – Virtual Coffee & Chat (Zoom) with Simon Burns - Early Help
- **Thu 17th June** – Y6 – Intra-sports cricket competition

Young Voices "Big Sing"

We will be taking part in the Young Voices big sing at 2pm on Tuesday virtually where we will be joining thousands of children around the country to sign a song along with the young voices team!



Head boy & girl election

Next week we will be holding the elections for our new head boys and girls - good luck to all the children in year 5 who have shown courage and put themselves forward for the positions!

- **Mon 21st June / Tue 22nd June** – Y5&6 – Marvellous Middle
- **W/C Mon 21st June** – National Sports Week
- **Wed 23rd June** – Y3&4 – Roman Day

Our joint attendance winners this week are Tucana & Serpens with 95.8%.

TEST & TRACE SUPPORT PAYMENT SCHEME

You may be able to get a payment of £500 if you have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, or you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate. If you are eligible for either the Test and Trace Support Payment or a discretionary payment, you will receive the £500 payment in addition to any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay that you receive currently. Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme:

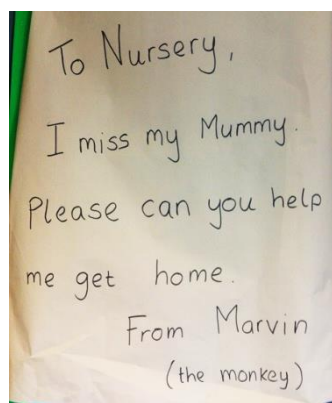
[Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/claim-test-and-trace-support-payment)

NURSERY UPDATE

At the beginning of term the children were perplexed that someone had been living in the nursery; there was nuts, banana skins and sticks all over the floor. Who could it be?

Well, it turned out to be "Marvin" the monkey, he had decided to leave his home and go for wander and ended up in our nursery, he liked it so much he decided to stay for a while.

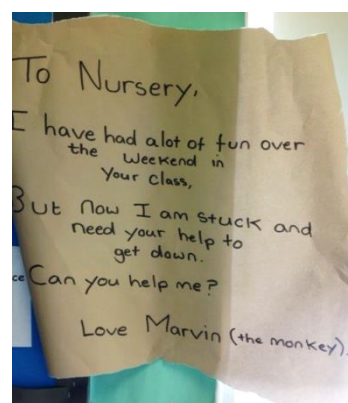
Marvin was a little cheeky at times, he managed to get stuck, and the children had to work out how to get him down. The children made ladders out of the wooden blocks, paper, Duplo bricks etc. to entice him down. Marvin managed to get down and really enjoyed his time in nursery with all the children BUT one day Marvin left a letter.



Marvin wanted to go home; he missed his Mummy. So, the children are making him a cage so we can send him home on Zoo Day (14th June) when someone from the Zoo will come and collect him.

When the children came in on Tuesday some eggs had been left. Who do they belong to? What could hatch out? Could it be dinosaur eggs? Could it be dragon

eggs? Mmmmmmm I wonder.....



As the weather has been beautiful the children had the opportunity to splash in the paddling pool and some even wanted to sunbathe. Oh to be young!!!



Sports Update

KS2 intra school cricket competition

This event is taking place for Years 3-5 on Wednesday and Year 6 on Thursday next week. The families will compete in their classes to see who can score the most runs!

Good luck everyone

Events coming up

21st-25th June National school sports week

Stars of the week

Little Stars: Finn

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Louie, Tucana – Albie, Orion – Scarlett, Aquila – Logan, Pavo – Sofia, Cygnus – Evie, Volans – Joseph, Delphinus – Finlay, Serpens – Sam, Andromeda – Lewis, Pegasus – Alex, Perseus – Lewis, Auriga – Tommy, Vela – Ramin, Lyra – Summer-Star, Lacerta – Harrison, Circinus – Szymon, Phoenix – Amari.



Values:

Cassiopeia – Leo, Tucana – Rose, Orion – Isaac, Aquila – Freya, Pavo – Summer, Cygnus – Maya, Volans – Dominic, Delphinus – Paige, Serpens – Rayyan, Andromeda – Imogen, Pegasus – Isaac, Perseus – Laura, Auriga – Mohamed, Vela – Florence, Lyra – Lucas, Lacerta – Leona, Circinus – Saima, Phoenix – Rio.

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS




BRAND NEW TO BEDFORD THIS SUMMER!

TAKE ON THE LITTLE BANDIT'S ASSAULT COURSE

Starting 27th April 2020



- BOOTCAMP GAMES
- OBSTACLE COURSE
- PRIZES
- FREE T-SHIRT & SCARVE

TACKLE OUR LITTLE BANDIT COURSE WITH TIME TO PRACTICE AND LEARN TO NAVIGATE EACH OBSTACLE

Boys & Girls Aged 7 - 13 Years Old (All Abilities Welcome)

- 7 Foot A Frame
- Cargo Net
- Monkey Bars
- Hay Bales
- Tyre Runs
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- Spider Net
- Over And Unders
- Balance Beams
- & More!

Free T - Shirt for every child who takes part with certificates for fastest laps. Exclusive Lil Bandit scarves for those who show confidence, bravery or team leadership skills.

Fun Boot Camp style games to entertain your little stars and keep them enjoying exercise whilst developing Fitness, Strength, Speed and Balance!

Saturday Mornings + Birthday Parties On Request

Availability starting from Tuesday 27th April 2020, please call Camille on 07725510643

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COACHING BLOCKS

Option 1:

Wednesday 7 July 17:00 - 18:00

Option 2:

Wednesday 7 July 18:00 - 19:00



For more information or to book your place go to
www.girlsgolfrocks.org/BedfordshireGC

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Thursday 10th June - 10am

Sleep Workshop

We will have nurses from the Sleep Clinic running a workshop and joining us to discuss any sleep issues you may have with your child. Please join us to ask any questions you may have and listen to what they have to say.

Get Together for parents of children age 0-5

Thursday 17th June - 10am

This get together is for parent carers of pre-school aged children who have a form of SEND (whether Diagnosed or not). Please join us to have a conversation about diagnosis, services and anything else that is important to you and your child.

FREE Dyslexia Training from the Dyslexia Association

Tuesday 22nd June - 6.30pm

Tuesday 29th June - 10am

This is the very first module and it will help you gain a proper understanding of what dyslexia is. By developing this understanding, you will be able to appreciate the challenges that your child faces with many aspects of learning as well as recognise the strengths and abilities that they have.



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SENDIASS**
Bedford SEND Information Advice
Support Service



Telephone support line

For parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and / or Disability (SEND) or suspected SEND

- Telephone line manned between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday term time only, with a 24hour voicemail for parents to leave messages for the service to call back
- Parents/Carers can request to book a 30 minute appointment slots which are available before a meeting and again afterwards as well as the ability to support with reviewing paperwork.

Appointment slots: 10.00am – 10.30am 10.45am – 11.15am
11.30am – 12.00pm 13.00pm – 13.30pm 13.45pm – 14.15pm



To book a slot parents / carers can call or email SENDIASS on:

📞 01234 276267 @SENDIASS@bedford.gov.uk





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