



BCJS Weekly Update Friday 3rd November 2023



Important News:



NEW Value of the Month



This month, the children will be focusing on being **adventurous** which in school may include, using new and exciting words in your writing, performing or speaking in front of others or answering a question in class even if you are not sure.

The competition entries last month were amazing. Mrs. Sheargold would like people who are interested to design a poster all about being adventurous in your learning. There will be one winner that will be selected on Tuesday 7th November 2023.

The winner's poster will be displayed in classrooms and around school to promote our value of the month. Entries are to be handed to Mrs. Sheargold (Cedar Class year 4).

PTA spooky disco – Thank you to the PTA for organising the disco and to all the staff for supporting the event, the children had a great time!



PTA Smarties Challenge – Thank you to everyone that has returned their Smarties tubes, we appreciate all your generous donations!





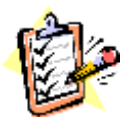
School Uniform at BCJS – Please check that your child’s PE kit follows the school uniform guidance which includes traditional green shorts (not cycling shorts) if warm weather. If you are unsure, or need support, please contact the school directly.



If your child does not have the appropriate kit, they may not be able to take part in PE lessons and will receive a green slip reminder or letter home.

Appropriate hair for school – Please be reminded that all the pupils’ hair (both boys and girls) should be tied up fully e.g. full ponytail or bun (not half ponytail). This is to ensure the children are not distracted from their learning and to minimise the spread of headlice, should we have an outbreak.

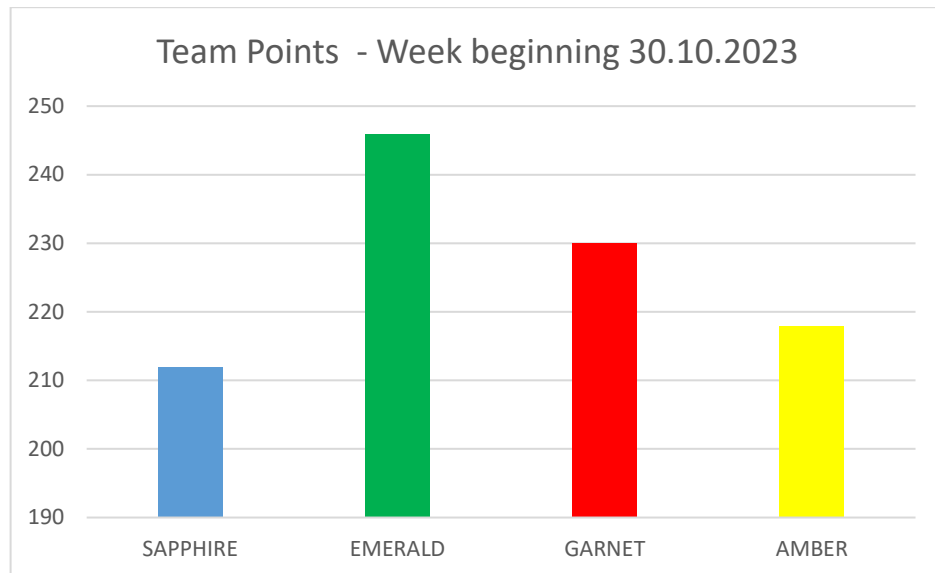
Police Visit in Year 6 - Year 6 had the pleasure of being visited by the MET police this week, specifically the territorial support group. The pupils were taught about using their phone safely and to be mindful of what they see online. They have also learnt to appreciate that police officers are approachable and are here to keep us safe. Year 6 had the opportunity to try on various parts of the uniform, use shields and look into the police van.



Attendance – A huge congratulations to **Oak class** who had the highest attendance for last week (16th – 20th) with 100%!

Sir Linkalot – Each year group should have received their Sir Linkalot spelling words for this half term.





A message from Banstead Rotary - Watch out Santa's sleigh is coming to Banstead and holding the reins will be Banstead Rotary.

Many Ho Ho Ho's and a big thank you to everyone for helping us raise over £10,840.00 last year. Every penny raised went to local charities.

He will be landing in a street near you between the 1st & 20th December 2023.

Also, he will be making flying visits to Asda at Burgh Heath, and, Waitrose at Banstead.

For more information or to donate please visit:

www.bansteadrotary.com,

<https://twitter.com/bansteadrotary>

www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub

Please see the attachments for further details.

Homework – Tasks are set every Thursday and due back the following Monday.

Maths Activity in our new Maths homework booklets.

English See instructions for the task in the purple homework book.

Reading Read at home for 20 minutes, 5 times this week.

A green slip may be handed to your child as a reminder to complete their homework. If reading homework is not completed, your child will be asked to read during the school day. This could be during assembly, break or lunchtime.

Reminders:

School Fund and Wish List - BCJS set up the School Fund a few years ago to help fund resources for the pupils that we could not otherwise afford. The additional funding we receive critical over the last three years as school budgets have been steadily falling in real terms. Last year we also set up a Wish List, whereby parents could buy a specific item which the school required. Previously you could support the school by donating/purchasing through ParentMail. However, as we move over to School Ping this facility has not yet been finalised. This should be completed by next week when we will inform you of the new process.



Merits – Merits are awarded every Monday to two children from each class for great choices at school. If your child is awarded a merit, they receive a certificate in our whole school assembly. A list of awards is shared on our website, under the 'Parents' tab.

Attendance - Just a reminder that if you take your children out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.



Safeguarding - Our designated safeguarding lead is **Mr Scott**.
Also on the safeguarding team is **Mrs Shooter, Mrs Danbury, Miss Bowry and**



Miss Woodman

Children can contact **Childline: 0800 1111**

Wellbeing – Please refer to the wellbeing tab on our school website for any supportive resources for you and your family.

Important Dates:

Surrey Fire Service visit to Year 5	Monday 6 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	13 th -17 th November
Odd Sock Day (no cost - normal uniform/PE kit)	Monday 13 th November
Children in Need (mufti – spotacular - £1)	Friday 17 th November
Book Looks <i>Book Looks for Years 5 and 6 will be taking place in the Spring Term</i>	Oak Class – Monday 20 th Elm Class – Tuesday 21 st Ash Class – Thursday 23 rd Fir Class – Friday 24 th Cedar Class – Monday 27 th Willow Class – Tuesday 28 th All appointments will be 9.05-9.50am (more details to follow)
Planetarium visit for Year 5 (in school)	Wednesday 22 nd November
Book Fair	20 th -24 th November
Parent Forum	Thursday 23 rd November 6-7pm (agenda to come)
School Nurse visit Year 6 (height and weight assessment)	Tuesday 28 th November
Year 3 visit to Christ Church (Narnia Experience)	Friday 1 st December

You can now find term dates and dates for your diary, under the 'Parents' tab on our website:

www.bcjs.org.uk

The best way to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or queries is by email – office@bcjs.org.uk . We will endeavour to reply to you as soon as we can.

School website: www.bcjs.org.uk

Follow us on X (formerly Twitter): **@BansteadJunior**

Please help us by not naming anyone in comments you make. If you have not given permission for your child to appear on social media, please discuss this with them so that they understand they will not appear on our Twitter feed.