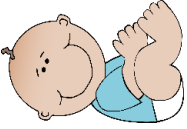




BCJS Weekly Update Friday 6th October 2023



Important News:



Congratulations – We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Phillips who is having a baby. We are very happy for her and her husband and look forward to meeting the little one. Mrs Phillips is hoping to start her maternity leave at the end of the Autumn Term.

Our new member of staff, Miss L Davison, will be teaching Willow Class for the remainder of the year. We are looking forward to working with her.

Goodbye and Good Luck – Miss Traynor, who has worked in our school for many years, will be leaving us to take on a new role outside of education. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support to the staff and children within the school and wish her all the best in her new role.



Parent Consultations – The Parent Consultation appointments have gone live. Please use Ping to sign up to your slot. These will close on Thursday 12th October.

Cycle to School Week – Congratulations to our Cycle to School Week Winners. Please see the separate attachment for further details.



Epsom College Netball Tournament - On Friday, a group of our talented yr 5 and 6 netballers headed to Epsom College and played 4 netball matches against private schools. Isla captained, and Romily vice captained the squad expertly, leading by example with some superb play.

The squad did so well winning 3 of their 4 matches:

3-2 V Aberdour/ 4 nil V Falcons Putney/ 2-1V Hurlingham/ And just lost one game, 1 nil, V Broomwood House.

The girls played with excellent team spirit, and superb sportsmanship and were a credit to BCJS.

Special mention to Erin who received the BCJS Year 5 Player of the Tournament!





Attendance – A huge congratulations to **Ash** who had the highest attendance for last week (25th – 29th).

Black History Month - October is Black History Month in the UK and at BCJS, we are marking Black History Month by recognising inspirational women as the theme this year is 'Saluting our Sisters'. The aims of Black History Month are to promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage and share information on positive black contributions to British society. We at BCJS, will be sharing and discussing those who have made history during our class assembly time and to give the children the opportunity to dive deeper into the history, Miss Argent has set up a competition that you will find attached.

We would also be delighted to hear from you and of any contributions you may have to further the children's learning, such as stories or family traditions. Please let you child's class teacher know by email.

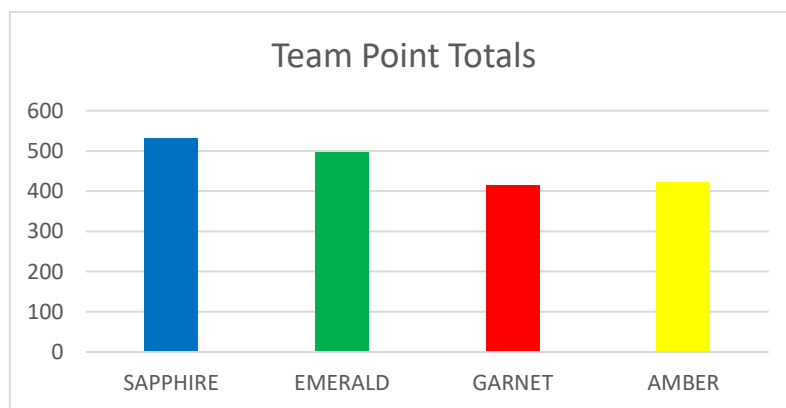


Value of the Month
Resilience



As we have entered a new month, we also have a new value to focus on in school and for October it is **resilience!** All of the children have had great discussions with their classmates about what resilience means and how they can show it. Maybe they could share that with you too! Mrs. Sheargold has also set up a competition to design a poster to promote our new value and has lots of great entries already. The deadline for the poster competition is **Tuesday 19th October**.

Team Points – At school, the children are all put into one of our four team houses; Garnet, Emerald, Amber or Sapphire. Throughout the day, the children will try to earn team points. This could be for example, through good work in the classroom, kindness to a fellow pupil or respect to a member of staff. The team points are counted weekly and the totals announced in assembly. Every term, the team with the most colours wins a mufti day! Each week, we are going to share the current totals for the team points so you can also keep up with how each team are doing too!



Cycling Instructors - The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. Please use the link for more details.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=29155>

DON'T FORGET...Hello Yellow Day - The charity 'YoungMinds' is the leading UK's charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. Their mission, 'To make sure all young people can get mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what', is something we would love to support. On **Tuesday 10th October**, we ask that children and staff wear something yellow (non-uniform) and contribute a suggested donation of £1 towards this great cause. Children in Years 5 and 6 will need to wear appropriate clothing for P.E. - a flash of yellow on their T-shirt, socks or shorts, perhaps! Children will learn more about the charity and engage in related activities during the day.





'Banstead in Gloom' – Please see the attachment regarding the Banstead Christmas lights.

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.

In Year 3, for the first term only, an English task will be set every other Thursday and should be handed in the following Thursday. This is in addition to weekly Maths and daily reading.

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:

Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' charity day	Tuesday 10 th October
Parent Forum Meeting	Tuesday 10 th October at 6-8pm
PTA costume sale	Friday 13 th October
Parent Evenings	Tuesday 17 th (early closure of 1.25/1.30pm) Wednesday 18 th October
PTA Spooky Disco	Friday 20 th October 3.30-4.30pm Years 3&4 5.00-6.00pm Years 5&6
PTA Smarties Challenge	Over half term
October Half Term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October

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

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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.