



## BCJS Weekly Update Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023



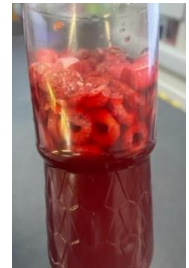
### **Important News:**



**Sir Linkalot** – We were delighted to have the founder of the Sir Linkalot website visit us this week. He worked with each year group to demonstrate the power of making links to improve our ability to remember how to spell tricky words. It was amazing to hear children who struggle with spellings confidently spell words such as **onomatopoeia**, **manoeuvre**, and the children's favourite word...**diarrhoea!** Please take a moment to look at the Sir Linkalot app to see how easy and fun spelling can be!

**PTA AGM** – Thank you to those parents who came along to share ideas and get involved in our annual PTA meeting. We are always looking for parents to join. The work you do throughout the year truly makes a difference. If you would like to get involved, please speak to Mrs Emma Lidefjord (parent).

**Making science learning memorable** – This afternoon Year 6 learned about the components of blood and created a model using yellow colouring (to represent plasma), cheerios dyed red (red blood cells), mini marshmallows (white blood cells) and oats (platelets). "We'll remember this lesson forever!" said a child from Rowan class!



**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Cycle to School Week** – We hope many children are going to take part by cycling to school next week. All children that take part will receive a raffle ticket which will go into a prize draw and get to take part in the cycle time in the Base at lunch.



**Attendance** – A huge congratulations to **Cedar class** who had the highest attendance for last week (11th - 15th).



**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.

**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.



### **Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential**

Please can we remind parents that if you are paying by instalments for the Year 6 residential that the fourth (September) payment is now due on our payment system in SchoolPing.

**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**



**Value of the Month**  
**Respect**



**Homework** – Tasks are set every Thursday and due back the following Monday. (For this week only, the Year 6 writing task is due back next Tuesday.)

- 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:**

**Please can your children come to school in their PE Kit on their PE days:**

- Mondays – Year 4
- Tuesdays – Year 5 & 6
- Wednesdays – Year 3

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

**Important Dates:**

<b>Meet the Teachers</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September: Year 4 at 2.55pm Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September: Year 6 at 8.50am Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September: Year 5 at 2.55pm Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September: Year 3 at 2.45pm
<b>Cycle to School Week</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Young Minds ‘Hello Yellow’ charity day</b>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Parent Forum Meeting</b>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October at 6-8pm
<b>Parent Evenings</b>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> (early closure of 1.25/1.30pm) Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>October Half Term</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October

You can now find term dates and dates for your diary, under the ‘Parents’ tab on our website: [www.bcjs.org.uk](http://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](mailto:office@bcjs.org.uk) . We will endeavour to reply to you as soon as we can.

School website: [www.bcjs.org.uk](http://www.bcjs.org.uk)

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