



BCJS Newsletter



Autumn Term 2019

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope that 2020 will be even better than 2019. It is always special to see the happy and excited pupils at this time of year. Hopefully, they have all been good so that Santa will be generous! In response to your generosity, it was fantastic to note that we have raised £738.08 for the school's charities this year, which were Muscular Dystrophy and Great Ormond Street Hospital. This was in addition to the £330 we raised for Save the Children through wearing Christmas jumpers.

As always, it was a pleasure to see all the pupils enjoying their part in the concerts. The singing was beautiful.

Can I say a special thank you to all the members of the PTA. They work tirelessly producing some exciting and creative ideas. As I am writing, it looks like the PTA have not only raised over £5,000 this term but have raised a few smiles as well. Thank you for all you have done, and will do for the rest of the year.

The school's Governing Body have, behind the scenes, used their professional expertise to support the continued growth of the school. For all of their time and support, the school would like to say a special thank you.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who give up their time freely to help the children with reading, in class and with Gardening Club.

We all hope that the recent election results will enable the Government to finalise its Education Policy, which hopefully will provide greater clarity and much needed extra funding!

Looking forward to January 2020, we all hope it will be a fantastically successful and happy year for all of the pupils, staff, governors and parents.

Remember, school closes on Thursday 19th December at 1.20pm for pupils and re-opens on Monday 6th January at 8.55am.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Scott



Year 5

Trip to Hampton Court

Year 5 visited Hampton Court as part of their History lessons to learn more about Tudor life and the reign of Henry VIII. They used the new iPads to follow an interactive trail around the exhibits as well as meeting the laundress who gave them a tour of the great hall. They had an amazing day and enjoyed learning more about a very significant period of history.



Pizza Making

I really enjoyed making pizzas, it was fun and a good experience to try and do something new! On my pizza, I put tomato puree, grated cheese, pineapple and ham. Our base for the pizza was half a pitta. I liked it because everybody got to have the toppings they wanted and there were still left overs! It was a great way to finish our lessons on instructions. This was an amazing day of school; I hope we have one like this again!
Sienna - Maple



Restart a heart

Year 5 had a special workshop, which taught us how to restart a heart. I really enjoyed it because we got to practice medical actions on our friends and models. We got to perform CPR on the models and learnt that when you are doing CPR, you have to keep in time. There are three rules that you need to follow: first look for danger, next check if they are breathing, then call the ambulance and while you are waiting, you have to perform CPR. I really enjoyed this amazing workshop as it taught us a lot and could save a life.

Ziya. T Poplar





Hampton Court

During the term, we went to Hampton Court for the day, which we thought was really fun because we have been learning all about Henry VIII in history. During the day, our favourite part seeing the Great Vine and different fountains because the fountains were beautiful and the Great Vine was as big as a double decker bus, it even held a Guinness World Record!

You can see in the picture that we even learned how to play 'Fox and Geese', which was really interesting.

Written by Alexa and Phoebe M from Birch class.

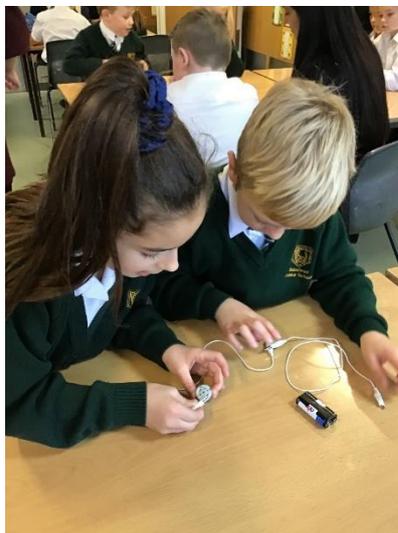


Year 4

In Year 4, the children have shown great imagination when creating characters and writing their own stories based on 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

In Art, the children have been working carefully in teams to design and create their own Pied Piper collages, which also link with our first English topic: Stories from other Cultures.

When investigating sound, the children have enjoyed making string telephones in Science. It enabled them to develop their understanding of how sound travels. The children have also enjoyed making circuits and learning about electricity.



A letter has gone home regarding swimming next term. The children are very enthusiastic already and looking forward to improving their swimming skills.





Year 6

Visit to the Beacon

Year 6 were lucky enough to be invited to The Beacon's production of Wendy and Peter Pan on Thursday 12th December. We loved it so much, but my favourite part was when Peter Pan kept calling Wendy 'Biscuit Face' and then when she cried. He told her not to because her face would get all soggy! They were really good at acting and it has inspired me to be more confident at drama. We are really thankful that they invited us.

Rosie R Chestnut

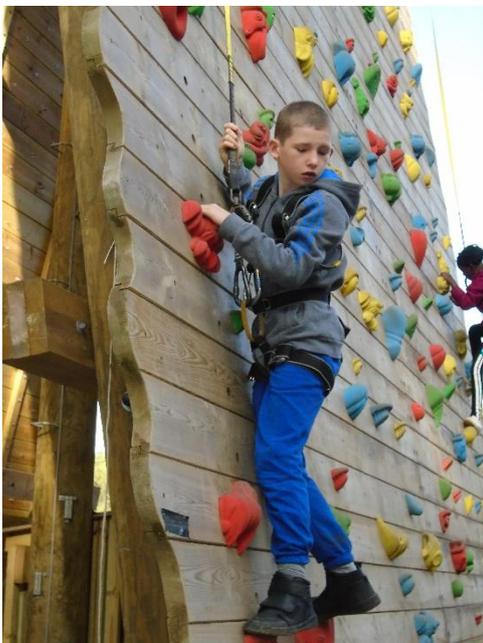
Drumming Workshop

Recently, year 6 did a drumming workshop. A man from Uganda called Steven taught us fun dances and songs. We did a drumming routine, which we performed to the rest of the school. We learnt how to hold the drum and hit it with the correct part of our hand and fingers. We were also taught how to keep the pulse. We did lots of different rhythms and everyone enjoyed it. Altogether, the drumming workshop was a great opportunity to learn new skills and was a great success.

Tabitha B and Cara H Chestnut

Marchants Hill

Year 6 had a great time at Marchants Hill in October. Although the weather was cold and wet, it did not stop us climbing, abseiling and raft building! The children were lucky enough to experience PGL's newest accommodation block. Feedback from Year 6 was that the food was delicious – and they loved the tuck shop! Year 6 certainly made the most of their time away; many conquered their fears and all had a thoroughly enjoyable experience.





MUSIC and CHOIR – Autumn term 2019

During the course of the term, (despite a slow start due to another broken ankle!) both the Years 3/4 and 5/6 Choirs have welcomed new and familiar faces and it has been a joy to teach the children as always.

Singing promotes teamwork, boosts self-esteem and gives children confidence to share their performances with others. When they see people enjoying their singing, they feel proud to be part of something special. Please remember that choir is open to all children and they will always be welcome to join at any time.

Years 5/6 Choir – Epsom Symphony Orchestra Concert

On Sunday 1st December, children from years 5 and 6 choir performed at The Epsom Playhouse with the Epsom Symphony Orchestra for their yearly Christmas concert. The children were wonderful, singing two songs – ‘Tell me a story shining star’, a simple tune sung in harmony, featuring beautiful solos from Henrietta and Max (Hazel) with added glockenspiel accompaniment from Anna (Maple) and Tehya (Birch). Then they sang the rousing South African song ‘Amovolovolo’, with dance moves and additional African drumming rhythms added by Olivia (Chestnut) and the very talented and kind drummer, Steven, who offered his services after working with year 6 (see below). We had lots of lovely comments about the children’s performance and they were, as always, a credit to the school.

African dance and drumming workshop – Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about the rich rhythmic musical culture of Africa this term and enjoyed a workshop led by a Ugandan teacher, Steven Kasamba, which involved playing different African drums and learning traditional dance moves that celebrate the wonder of being alive. Steven really managed to communicate the essence and wonderful diversity of individual dance moves and clearly demonstrated the all-inclusive nature of African music. He sang a lullaby to begin the day whilst playing a beautiful ‘adungu’ harp made of goatskin and fishing wire (tuned to a pentatonic scale) and then led the whole school in a loud call and response session – very rousing!

The year 6 children responded brilliantly to both sessions and inspired the whole school at the end of the day with amazing performances.

Spring Concert 2020 and ‘Battle of the Bands’

This term saw the implementation of a new band club, which was set up with the help of James Crompton who teaches guitar and is a team leader with Surrey Arts. We are delighted with how well the children are enjoying the experience and are planning to host a ‘Battle of the Bands’ style concert towards the end of next term - date to be advised as soon as possible. The concert will also feature the choir and other talented instrumentalists. I do hope you will be able to come along and support this event and I look forward to sending you relevant information soon.

Surrey Arts instrumental tuition

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please ask **me** (jburke@bcjs.org.uk), or the **school office** for **an application form for Surrey Arts**. Alternatively, please visit <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/lessons-for-children>. All the lessons are centrally administered through Surrey Arts. Tuition is available for strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, guitar, piano, keyboard, recorder and singing. Individual or group lessons are available and lessons normally take place at school during the school day.

Thank you for reading. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.
Mrs. J. Burke





PE at BCJS

We have had another successful sporting term at BCJS.

Football

Our football teams have had a great start to the year!

Year 6

In September, our Year 6 A Team took part in a football tournament at Epsom College where they were up against fierce competition from a range of different schools across Surrey.

They played fantastically and were a credit to the school.

In November, they played their first league match against Epsom Downs Primary School and earned a hard fought 1-1 draw. The league will continue in the Spring Term.

The B Team are looking forward to playing their first match in the new year.



Year 5

In November, the Year 5 Team played a friendly match against Epsom Downs and won comfortably.

They also took part in a tournament at Epsom Downs and came a brilliant 3rd place.

Year 4

In October, our Year 4 Team took part in a football tournament at Kingswood Primary School and came a fantastic 3rd place.

Swimming

On the 25th October, some super swimmers from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala in Dorking. They swam excellently and came 4th place.

We are really proud of all of the children who have got involved with sport this term. They have all represented BCJS brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship towards each other and their competitors. Well done!

Miss Husbands – PE Lead



PARKING

This term, there have been several occasions where some parents have parked dangerously, inconsiderately and illegally both inside and outside of the school grounds.

Unless you have specific permission from the Headteacher (a permit has been issued) you are **not** allowed to park in either of the school's car parks. This includes drop off/pick up from any of the clubs.

If dropping off outside the school grounds, do not park across either car park entrance as this means staff are unable to pull into the staff car park at the start of their day or leave at the end of the day. **On one occasion, this did hinder access for the emergency services.**

If this continues, further action will have to be taken.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who park carefully and considerately. Thank you for your understanding.



PTA

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you for all your support during this term's PTA event/fundraisers. We hope the children have had a wonderful term.

We really appreciate all your support and generosity and this term together we have raised £5138.30.

We look forward to some fun events and fundraising together next term.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas.

Best wishes

Mandy, Anna and Gillian
PTA



English Family Challenge

Thank you to all families who took part in our autumn family challenge. The standard of work was amazing with some fabulously creative ideas! Your 'Wanted' posters can be seen on our display in the Year 3 corridor.



Community Christmas Fun Afternoon

All Saints Church are holding a Christmas fun afternoon for Primary School aged children to come and enjoy some crafts, board games and fun, whilst parents can drop off their children and have a couple of hours last minute Christmas shopping or even just a quite cup of coffee! They are holding it on Friday 20th December between 2 and 4.30pm at The Institute Hall, All Saints Church.

To sign up or if you have a question please contact Sofia, Children's worker at All Saints Church, ask.asbanstead@outlook.com.



TERM DATES

19 th Dec	Autumn Term Ends (1.20pm. EARLY CLOSURE)
6 th January 2020	Spring Term Starts
17 th – 21 nd Feb	Half Term
3 th April	Spring Term Ends (1.20pm. EARLY CLOSURE)

Dates for your Diary

10 th January	Bike it Breakfast 8.15am in the hall
16 th January	TOTF Quiz 2pm
24 th January	Year 6 Cake Sale
30 th January	Parent's SATs meeting (5pm)
5 th February	Junior Citizen (am and pm offsite)
6 th February	General Knowledge Quiz
7 th February	Movie Night
14 th February	Year 4 Theatre Workshop - Egyptians
24 th – 27 th February	MOCK SATs week
25 th – 28 th February	Life Education Caravan
28 th February	Year 6 Theatre Workshop - Romans
5 th March	East Surrey Dance Festival – Harlequin Theatre 1-6pm
6 th March	World Book Day
10 th March	Parent Consultation Afternoon (Early Closure at 1.20)
13 th March	Sports Relief
18 th March	Parent Consultation Evening
20 th March	Yr 3 Theatre workshop - Greeks
20 th March	Geography Quiz (G & T) Caterham
20 th March	Easter Bingo (straight after school) Family
27 th March	Yr 5 Cake Sale
27 th March	Class Photographs
30 th - 31 st March	Easter Egg Competition
2 nd April	Easter Assembly
2 nd April	Team Point Mufti



BCJS EXTRA CURRICULUM CLUBS

January 2020

ATHLETICS CLUB

Starts Wednesday 8th Jan – 3.30 to 4.30. All year groups. Fee payable to SCL. Letter to follow.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Starts Tuesday 14th Jan – 3.30 to 4.30. Run by ESE Football – Fee payable. Letter to follow.

GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB - field

Starts Monday 6th Jan 3.30 to 4.30 – all year groups. Fee payable to SCL. Letter in School Office.

DODGEBALL CLUB - Hall

Starts Wednesday 15th Jan 3.30 to 4.30 all year groups. Run by ESE – Fee payable. Letter to follow.

CRICKET CLUB – field

Starts Thursday 16th Jan – 3.30 to 4.30 all year groups. Run by ESE – Fee payable. Letter to follow.

MULTI SPORTS – field

Starts Monday 13th Jan – 3.30 to 4.30 all year groups. Run by ESE – Fee payable. Letter to follow.

CHOIR – lunchtimes – Music Room

Starts Tuesday 14th Jan for Years 5/6 at 12.15 pm to 12.40 pm and Thursday, 16th Jan for Year 3/4 at 12.40 pm to 1.05 pm. Both sessions will be held in the Music Room. This club is run by Mrs J Burke.

GARDENING CLUB

Date to be advised. This club is run by Miss Alexander, letter to follow.

NETBALL CLUB - playground

Starts Tuesday 14th Jan - 8.00 to 8.45 am – Years 3/4. Starts Thurs 16th Jan – 3.30 to 4.30 – Years 5/6 (small fee payable). This club is run by Mrs Tracey Thompson. Letter to follow.

DANCE CLUB – before school – School Hall

Starts on Wednesday, 15th Jan – Years 3/4 and Thursday, 16th Jan - Years 5/6 at 8.00 to 8.45 am. Fee payable – letter has been sent. Run by Anna from Starsteppers.

GYM CLUB – School Hall

Starts Monday 20th Jan – 8.00 to 8.45. Run by Rebecca Williams – numbers limited, fee payable.

CHESS CLUB – Art Room

Date to be advised. Run by Mr Durrant – separate letter sent, fee payable.

KIDSZONE – School Hall

Starts on Tuesday 14th Jan in School Hall – 3.30 to 4.45. Fee payable – Letter to follow. This club is run by Banstead Community Church.

BIBLE CLUB – lunchtimes – Resources Room – Main building

Starts Wednesday 15th Jan – Years 5/6 12.15 to 12.40. Years 3/4 12.40 to 1.05. Run by Mr Bongers.

ART CLUB – Art Room

Starts Wednesday 8th Jan – 3.30 to 4.30. Letter already sent. Fee payable. Run by Mrs Stearman.

TAEKWONDO – Hall

Starts Friday 17th Jan – 8.00 to 8.45. Letter sent out. Fee payable. Run by London TKD.



Parent Information

Packed lunches

Just a quick reminder about ensuring your child has a healthy and balanced packed lunch.

We have been monitoring lunches and noticed several children are bringing in chocolate bars, biscuits and cakes.

Our Food Policy states the following constitutes a balanced packed lunch (in line with the British Nutrition Foundation):

- A portion of starchy food (e.g. bread, pitta, crackers, pasta, rice or couscous)
- At least one portion of fruit or vegetables
- A portion of milk or dairy food (e.g. cheese, yoghurt, milk)
- A small portion of meat, fish or alternatives (e.g. two slices of ham, chicken, beef, Quorn, tuna, hummus)
- A drink of water, fruit juice, milk or smoothies. No fizzy drinks.

It also states that the following items should not be provided and brought into school:

- Sweets, chocolate etc.
- Savoury snacks high in salt and fat
- Fizzy/sugary drinks
- Sweet cakes, doughnuts etc.
- Packets of nuts/other nut based products.

Thank you for your co-operation



Lost Property

Please can you make sure that all of your child's possessions are clearly labelled with their name, this will make it easier for us to return an item if it is lost. Any that cannot be reunited with their owners can be found in the lost property at the bottom of the stairs outside the school hall.



Trips and workshops

We would like to thank parents for their continued support when it comes to giving the pupils a varied and fun learning experience, without your donations towards the trips and workshops none of it would have been possible. We feel that the children gain a great deal from these events, all we ask is that you continue with your support. If you feel that you are unable to make a donation for any of the opportunities that the school provides for your child, please come and see the school office, who will be happy to assist you.



Non-Prescribed medicines

Please be reminded that non-prescribed medicines, cough and throat pastilles, alternative medicines, etc., are NOT permitted in school. Please refer to our school brochure, page 39, 'Healthcare'. Thank you.



Responsible Parking

Please remember to always park responsibly at drop-off and pick-up of your child. We have received reports of several near miss incidents recently. Thank you.



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES 2019/2020

In the event of an emergency school closure:

e.g. Very heavy snowfall, heating/electrical failure

Closure before school opening time:-

1. Notification:

(a) Non-internet based

Listen to Radio Jackie 107.8 FM
Message on school answerphone
Notice at front of school

(b) Internet based

Please be aware that if a large number of schools are affected, these forms of communication (being internet based) may be slow or crash at peak times.

Surrey County Council Website
Radio Jackie website – www.radiojackie.com (closures due to snow)
Banstead Community Junior School Website (www.bcjs.org.uk)
ParentMail PMX

2. Forced closures during the school day

In the first instance:-

We will notify you through ParentMail via a text message to your mobile phone. For the very few parents that are not on ParentMail the school office will contact you. **It is imperative that you keep us informed of any changes to your mobile phone numbers.**

In addition: - Via our website and a notice at the front of the school.

No child would be allowed to leave the school without being collected by their parent/carer or school have been given authority from the parent that their child can be collected by an adult friend or to go home unsupervised (where appropriate).

In the event of parents unable to get to the school to collect their child, procedures are in place, which could allow the child to be accommodated in school overnight with supervision from an appropriate adult.

