

Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School



Parents As Partners

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Church of England Vision for Education

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good.

John 10:10 "I came that you might have life, life in all its fullness".

Bredhurst Church of England Primary Vision:

To learn and grow through the guidance and love of God.

Self Control

Perseverance

Inclusion

Respect

Inspiration

Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now reached the end of Term 3, but unfortunately it seems not the end of the cold weather. It looks like the cold and wet will be continuing through the half term and when we return after the break. At least the days will be longer and Spring will hopefully be around the corner.

The children have continued to work hard throughout this term on their learning. Both Fir Tree and Forge class will be starting new topics next term. Fir Tree class's new topic is all about animals! They will be exploring pets, wild animals and their favourite creatures: large and small. They will be using class texts and non-fiction books to explore facts about them as well as creating their own creatures using clay. They will be planning, making and designing an animal home for their clay animals. Forge class will be beginning their new topic 'Nature's Gifts' where they will be looking at nature, weather, the outside world and their surroundings. They will be investigating plants and will have the opportunity to think of an experiment to establish what plants need to grow. In Geography, they will be revisiting physical and human features and looking at those that are in our local environment.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents evenings on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. If you did not get the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher please do contact the office who will be happy to make an appointment for you to discuss your child's learning.

Yesterday, Mikel Sage, Neriah Bayode, Amelia Martin, Maya Kyle, Luca Suvani and Luke Wallace attended the table tennis Mini Youth Games. They were impeccably behaved, showing excellent manners and sportsmanship throughout the day. Their behaviour was commented on by several of the adults organising the tournament; they stood out for their sportsmanship and politeness. They were an absolute credit to the school. They were very unlucky with the draw and several matches could have gone either way with our children missing out by a point or two. Overall they finished in 19th position, which they were a little disappointed by, but every child played to the best of their abilities and all enjoyed the opportunity.

This week was children's mental health week. We started the week reminding the children of the key message from Captain Wonderweb: Food, Rest, Exercise and Devices as well as reminding them of the type of activities they can do to help their mental health. Should your child need support with their mental health the following is a link to Children's Mental Health Week <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> where you will find resources and guidance. We also have information on the mental health page on our school website.

Tuesday was safer Internet day and in school each class took time to reinforce the messages of the theme of **Inspiring Change and making a difference**. It is really important to remind the children what a wonderful world the internet can be, but also remind them that they can and should report any thing which makes them feel unsafe whilst on-line. Each class looked at the below:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline—this is a key message with the growth of social media sites like tik tok where young people can be very easily influenced by others online

The following link will take you to the Safer Internet 2024 home page where you will find practical tips and support in how to keep your child safe online and advice on how to have difficult conversations. [Safer Internet Day 2024 - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/2024) Another excellent website is the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/> There is also a section helping you in how to manage and set up parental controls <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

The winning house this term is St Patrick's therefore all children in St Patrick's house can come to school on Friday 23rd wearing their house colours: Green—Well Done St Patrick's House Team. It was a very close race to the end with only 6 house points separating the 4 houses and 2 house points between the top 3!

The children all seemed to enjoy the pancake races, although I am not sure how many pancakes were dropped and then eaten, or even how many survived to make it to the race! It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and siblings come to watch and join in. We were very lucky with the weather too! It was a lovely ending to the term.

Next term we are making a change to the curriculum for our year 1 children. The children from Fir Tree and Forge will be taught maths altogether as a year group. The aim of this is to help them with their transition into year 2 and to ensure that they are ready for the next stage of their learning. It will also enable us the opportunity to work with the Year R children on their own curriculum and help to better prepare them for the transition into year 1.

Well done to all our year R, 1 and 2 parents who have been accessing the Big Cat Readers. There is a direct correlation between the children who are accessing the books the most and the children's progress and attainment in reading. Those who have read the most have achieved the higher scores in our recent assessments of the children's reading. We are aware that it is not ideal having to access books on a tablet or computer and we would much rather be able to send home a paper copy of the book your child is reading. We are looking at how we can do this to enable children reading at home to become an easier task.

Congratulations to James Wallace and Ruby Fifield our 2 winners of the Bee collage competition run by Chartwells our catering company. They both receive a seed planting kit.

The standard was very high and the competition was a challenge to judge. All the entries will be on display in school and also on the website. Well done to all the children who took part with beautiful colourful pictures.

Don't forget clubs start again on the first day back at school (Monday 19th February), these are the same clubs as last term. I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful break ready for the busy Easter term ahead!

Michelle Cox



Duke Award—This weeks achievers



Well done to:-

Victoria Murphy—Cookery—toast, Creation—made a den, interest—Board game. Exercise—walked around Leeds Castle

Harrison Watts—Safety—knows how to ring 999, Helpfulness—putting shopping away

Lara Knowles—Caring for others—Making a cup of Tea

Alannah Coles—1st Aid—Swimming

Amelia Cooper—interest—Monopoly

Elijah Snowden—Interest—Chess

<u>Stars of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Edward Arnold
Forge	Lara Knowles
Hurstwood	Zach Collins
Kemsley	Dylan Deadmon
Oakwood	Holly Holder

<u>Writer of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Emilia Allcorn
Forge	Leo Kirby
Hurstwood	Archie Axton
Kemsley	Ava Hands
Oakwood	Ella Hyland



<u>Spirit of Bredhurst</u>	
Fir Tree	Frankie Standen
Forge	James Sheridan
Hurstwood	Bella Thompson
Kemsley	Kairo Sage
Oakwood	Kian Rosier



FEBRUARY

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term Break

19th Children return to school

28th Cross Country—Medway Park **(Date Change)**

22nd Drama for All

29th Coffee Morning

MARCH

1ST Gymnastics Display @2.30pm, selected children will be sent home with a letter

8th Mother's Day Gift Sale

8th **Bredhurst's Got Talent**

15th Parents invited to Celebration Worship @ 9.05am

28th Easter Service, Easter Egg Hunt & Last Day

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter

APRIL

15TH Children return to school

MAY

6th Bank Holiday

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th - KS2 SATs week

18th May Day

21st Year 6 parents and children PGL meeting

23rd Year 5 parents secondary transfer meeting@2.30pm

24th Last Day of Term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term Break

JUNE

3rd **Staff Development Day**

5th 11+ 1:1 Meetings

6th 11+ 1:1 Meetings

11th 11+ 1:1 Meetings

14th Father's Day Gift Sale

17th-21st Year 6 PGL

27th **Sports Day**

28th **Lieu Day for May Day (No Children in)**

JULY

1st **Staff Development Day**

3rd Transition Morning

4th Transition Morning

18th **Leaver's Disco**

19th **Whole School Trip**

22nd **Pool Party - Year 6**

23rd **Leavers service + Last Day**

23rd **Leavers Service & Final Day**