

Broxbourne CE Primary School

Newsletter



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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we head into the final two weeks of term, there is still plenty for our children, staff and families to look forward to and celebrate together.

Sports Day on Monday was a tremendous success, blessed with fine weather and wonderful support from our school community. It was fantastic to see so many families joining us throughout the day and helping to create such a positive atmosphere. Our Early Years Sports Day, House Sports Carousel run by our Year 6 children and traditional afternoon races all contributed to a memorable day filled with enthusiasm, determination and plenty of smiles. A special thank you goes to the parents, carers and grandparents who took part in the parent races and showed excellent sporting spirit. The picnic lunch was also a lovely addition to the day once more. Congratulations to Blue Badgers for securing victory this year, and well done to every child who took part so enthusiastically. Thank you also to Ms Gallagher, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Luckhurst for organising the day in advance,

Following Sports Day, I would also like to congratulate the recipients of our Year 6 Sports Awards. These awards recognise children who have made an outstanding contribution to sport throughout their time at our school, both through participation and by supporting younger children. Congratulations to Victoria, girls' runner-up, and Tilly, girls' winner, and to Kasey, boys' runner-up, and George, boys' winner. We are very proud of all four children and their achievements. We were also delighted to welcome back former children and previous award recipients Charlie, Cooper, Sophia and Amerie, who kindly returned to present the awards to this year's winners. It was wonderful for our children to see former winners continuing to support our school community and celebrate their achievements alongside them.

Congratulations also to our Year 4 children for their wonderful class assembly today. They impressed us all by singing in French and confidently showcasing their learning across the curriculum, including English, Art and History. It was particularly pleasing to hear the children's thoughtful reflections on how they have supported one another and grown personally throughout the year. It is wonderful to see our Year 4 children maturing and demonstrating care and encouragement towards each other. I would also like to extend my thanks and congratulations to Miss Hawthorne, Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Roberts for planning and preparing the assembly so thoughtfully and enabling the children to shine so brightly.

Our Year 5 children have enjoyed a fantastic week at Burwell, once again blessed with beautiful weather. Mrs Laing, Mrs Wood, Mrs Brislin and Miss Phillips have reported that the children have been an absolute joy to be with. As this newsletter is being written, they are due back this afternoon full of

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stories and experiences to share. We are looking forward to hearing all about their adventures through Burwell News during their forthcoming Year 5 class assembly.

We would also like to wish our Year 3 to Year 6 District Sports Team every success next Tuesday at John Warner. We very much hope the event will go ahead as planned. The children have been training well and are excited to represent our school. We wish them the very best of luck and congratulate each member of the team on their selection.

Next week also brings some important opportunities for children and families. On Wednesday evening, we look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening 4:15-6:00pm. This is a wonderful chance to visit your child's classroom, celebrate their learning, thank their current teacher and meet their teacher for next year. It is also an opportunity to see the wider school journey that your child experiences during their time with us.

Thursday is our Moving On Day. We wish our Year 6 children every happiness and success as they prepare for the next stage of their education at their respective secondary schools. For all other children, the morning will provide an exciting opportunity to meet their teaching team for next year, spend time in their new classroom and begin to discover what lies ahead. Children will register in their current classrooms before we support them through this transition.

As we celebrate the many achievements, experiences and opportunities that our children have enjoyed this week, it is important to recognise the support, encouragement and hard work of everyone who helps make our school such a special community.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing
1 Thessalonians 5:11.

These words reflect so much of what we see each day in our school, as children, staff and families work together to help one another flourish.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to making the most of the final two weeks of the school year and creating many more happy memories together. Let us hope England continue their World Cup campaign after Monday's early match to start the week positively.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

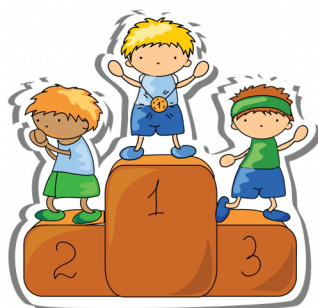
Best wishes Paul Miller



OUR SPECTACULAR SPORTS DAY!



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**ROCK
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ROCKSTEADY CONCERT

Monday, 6th July at 2pm



**ROCK
STEADY**

YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 NETBALL MATCH

Monday, 6th July

Broxbourne VS Wormley!



DISTRICT SPORTS

Tuesday, 7th July at John Warner Sports Centre

9am arrival



MUSICAL CONCERT

Piano & Guitar

Tuesday, 7th July at 1.45pm in the School Hall





OPEN EVENING

Come and see your child/ren's wonderful work this year!

Wednesday, 8th July 4.15-6pm

MOVING ON DAY!

Thursday, 9th July



REMINDER: FREE BIKE HIRE OPPORTUNITY

Would you or your child be interested in hiring a bike over the Summer holidays at **NO COST**? This could be a great opportunity for children to gain extra practise ahead of their Bikeability sessions in the Autumn term, while adults can also enjoy getting out and about on two wheels.

If you are interested in hiring either a child's or an adult's bike, please let the school office know. If there is sufficient interest from families, we will sign up to this exciting initiative and share further details with you.

Cycle Library

We're delighted to offer a free cycle loan service for families at our school. We have 10 bikes in a range of sizes, and each loan includes a helmet, lock and lights so your child can ride safely.

Bikes can be borrowed for 1 to 3 weeks, completely free of charge.

Whether your child wants to build confidence, try cycling to school, or enjoy some family rides, we're here to help.

If you'd like to book a bike or find out more, please get in touch with us.





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This is why building emotional resilience in young people is vital for their mental health and personal success. This guide provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, adaptability and a positive mindset.

1 ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Regularly engaging children in open dialogue fosters trust and emotional expression. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings freely without judgment. Set aside time daily, perhaps during dinner, to ask open-ended questions such as, "What's made you happy today?". This encourages children to express themselves openly.

2 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children often learn how to manage emotions by observing adults. By modelling calm and positive responses to challenges, you can teach them valuable emotional management skills. If you've had a difficult day, verbalise how you're feeling and explain how you plan to handle it, such as "I'm a bit worked-up, so I'm going for a walk to clear my mind."

3 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

Helping children break down challenges into manageable steps encourages a proactive mindset. Explain that every problem has a solution, even if it's not immediately obvious. For example, if a child is stuck on homework, support them in breaking the task into smaller steps, saying things like "Let's focus on just this first question for now."

4 FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET

Encourage young people to view mistakes as learning opportunities. A growth mindset helps them see setbacks as part of the process, rather than something to be upset about. After a child loses a game or performs poorly on a test, for example, ask them what they've learned from the experience. This reinforces the idea that effort – and even failure – leads to improvement.

5 PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES

Teaching children about self-care helps them understand the importance of balancing work with relaxation to maintain emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers could start a screen-free hour before bedtime where the family engages in relaxing activities like reading, setting an example to the child for how to unwind.

6 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Strong relationships with peers and adults provide a support system that enhances resilience. Encourage positive, respectful interactions to develop social skills. Playdates or group activities can be instrumental in teaching children how to resolve conflicts with friends by modelling and practicing calm communication.

7 SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS

Helping children to identify and name their emotions allows them to manage those feelings more effectively. When a child's upset, encourage them to talk to you about what they're feeling in an empathetic and supportive manner, and ask them why they might be experiencing these emotions.

8 ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Giving children opportunities to make their own decisions boosts confidence and problem-solving skills. A good example of this would be letting children choose and pack their own lunches for school, guiding them with options but allowing them to assume responsibility for the task to help them take ownership.

9 DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES

Teaching children techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing or journaling can help them to manage stress. Show them how to perform breathing exercises when they're feeling anxious, and practise this regularly. Reinforcing this behaviour in young people will make it easier for them to use these techniques of their own accord during stressful moments.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS

Recognising effort, no matter how small, reinforces perseverance and encourages children to keep trying. After a child completes a difficult task, makes progress on a project or reaches another type of personal goal, praise their efforts. Emphasise the hard work they've put in and be sure to let them know how proud you are!

Meet Our Expert

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HOUSE POINT LEADERS

This week's winners are.....

Blue Badgers



REMINDER: The House that wins the House Cup for the greatest number of weeks each term will enjoy a non-uniform day in the final week of term. The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!