

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We would like to begin by extending our gratitude to the PTA for today's wonderful Mothers' and Significant Others' Gift Sale. Your continued support makes such a difference, and we hope everyone enjoyed the event and has a great and special day on Sunday.

A big well done to our B Team footballers who represented the school this week. They finished third in their group and, although they just missed out on the semi-finals, they ended the tournament on a high note by winning their final game. This secured them fifth place out of nine teams. We are proud of their determination and team spirit. A special thank you to Mr Wilson, Mr Hancock, and Mrs Davidson for their dedication in coaching the team and running the tournament.

Next Wednesday is World Autism Awareness Day and as a school we ask that something blue is worn. This can be as much or as little blue as you would wish. We will reference the day in our assembly and further details and the significance of this day are detailed below.

Next week brings the second opportunity for Parents' Evening of the year. This will be a great chance for you to hear about your child's progress since receiving their mid-year report. It will also allow us to focus on the final aspects of their learning before the end of the school year. A final attainment summary will be sent home at the end of the year to denote any further progress from this point.

We are also looking forward to our Community Collective Worship Easter Service, which will take place next Thursday at St. Augustine's Church. The school day will begin there, and we warmly invite all families to join us. Please note, EY1 class and staff will not be attending, however you are very welcome to attend with your EY1 child and bring them to school after the service. EY1 parents not attending, may drop their child off at school on this day at the normal time. Please arrive for registration at 8:45am for a prompt start to the service at 9:00am, which will run until 9:30am. It will be a lovely occasion to reflect on the journey through Holy Week and enjoy our joyful singing as a community. We really hope you are able to join us.

Please note that the last day of term will end at 1:10pm next Friday, and pupils should be collected from school at this time.

We are all looking forward to the Easter break and the opportunity for some well-earned rest and recuperation.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Easter.

Best wishes Paul Miller



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WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY—WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL

Autism incorporates such a vast spectrum and the experience the children have with someone on the spectrum will vary from person to person. Awareness and education are important to ensure that everyone is treated with the same level of respect and kindness despite their condition and taking their additional needs into account.

The focus of World Autism Awareness Day is 'sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism'.

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day>

The colour blue, associated with calmness and acceptance, is the primary colour designated for autism. Its popularity also stemmed from the worldwide Autism Speaks initiative, Light It Up Blue. On April 2nd, you'll see a plethora of blue, as this campaign calls for people to wear blue in support of autism awareness.



COMMUNITY WORSHIP & END OF TERM EASTER SERVICE

Our End of Term Service will be combined with our community worship service at St Augustine's Church on Thursday, 3rd April at 9.00am. As usual you are very welcome to join us for this service

Reminder— school will close at 1.10pm next Friday 4th April and there will be NO After School Club following this.



SAVE THE DATE - SEN COFFEE MORNING

Our next SEN coffee morning is set for 9:00am on Thursday 1st May in our school hall. The SENCo from The Broxbourne School will lead a short informative session and will talk all things moving to secondary school for an SEN child. It is never too early to think about transition and preparing our SEN children's transition and we welcome parents from ALL year groups, not just Year 5 and 6. Our SEN team will also be there, so this will be an opportunity to touch base with us and other parents too, over a cuppa and sweet treat. We hope you are able to join us and we look forward to seeing you there.



**Coffee Morning
for SEND parents/carers**

- Group discussion on everyday challenges
- Informal help and support from local organisations
- Which services can I have access to?
- Want to speak to other parents of children with SEND?

Come and join us for a chat!



REMINDER: PARENTS' EVENING

Don't forget parents' evenings next week, Tuesday, 1st April or Thursday, 3rd April from 4.30-7.30pm. Only children from Year 6 are invited to these appointments, **we are unable to accommodate children from other year groups or siblings under school age** at these meetings or at the school.

Thank you.



AND
VICTORY IN EUROPE 80



WWII DISPLAY

*BYGONE PHOTOS, DOCUMENTS, ART, CRAFTS,
QUIZ, RAFFLE, REFRESHMENTS, CAKE STALL, TOMBOLA
& 'WILLYS' JEEP*

ST. LAURENCE CHURCH WORMLEY EN10 7QF

SATURDAY 10TH MAY 10.30 AM - 4.30 PM

FREE ENTRY

WIN A HAMPER

DONATED BY



Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

BROXBOURNE
starting
April 2025

**A FREE course for Mums, Dads,
and Carers of children 5-19yrs**



Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This 9 week fully-funded term time course can help you to:

- ◆ Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- ◆ Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- ◆ Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- ◆ Improve communication to build better relationships
- ◆ Build on your own and your child's strengths
- ◆ Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe

Wednesday mornings
9.30am—11.30am

30 April—2 July
(excluding half-term)

At

Wormley School Community Room
Cozens Lane East,
Broxbourne, EN10 6QA

Places are funded for families within Hertfordshire

For eligibility and to book your fully funded place please contact:

Tel: 01992 303331 Opt. 5



Please like us on Facebook for further updates @familiesfeelingsafe



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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being conned by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.



LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.



ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.



KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.



Meet Our Expert

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ROCKSTEADY CONCERT
Monday, 31st March at 2.00pm



EASTER FUN WITH THE PTA

GUESS THE NAME OF THE BUNNY COMPETITION

Guess the name of the bunny to win a big fluffy bunny and an Easter chocolate hamper.

After school from Monday 31st March until Thursday 3rd April, you will be able to pay £1 per guess and pick a name from a random selection of names. The winner will be drawn using an online randomizer and announced on the last day of term in assembly. You will be able to purchase more than one bunny name if you so wish.

Donut and Easter Cake sale

Friday 4th April at 1.15pm, in the hall.

Pre-orders of boxes will be available this time - please order on the PTA hub: £12 for 12 donuts, the deadline for preorders is 5pm on 28th March. Individual donuts do not need to be pre-ordered beforehand and will be available on the day for £1.

We will also be selling chocolate crispy Easter cakes!





INTER PRIMARY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT CRANBOURNE

On Wednesday, we participated in an exciting football tournament, where we faced some tough competition. While we didn't reach the final, we never lost our drive and always played with heart. Our squad learned to adapt under pressure, work together, and maintain a positive attitude, even in challenging situations. Well done Broxbourne!



LE CAFÉ MATHÉMATIQUE —INVITATION ONLY

Wednesday, 3rd April

Please arrive at school at 8.15am ready for a delicious breakfast!



Ceci est
une Chocolatine



Ceci est
un Pain
au Chocolat!!



THE PTA MOTHER'S AND SPECIAL OTHERS GIFT SALE SQUAD!

A huge thank you to all the PTA volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to make the gift sale a success!



HOUSE POINT WINNERS

This term's winners are.....

Green Hedgehogs



CONGRATULATIONS! Green Hedgehogs are the House Cup winners this term! They can enjoy a non-uniform day on **Friday, 4th April**. The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!




KINGFISHER COUNCIL EASTER RAFFLE

As part of our Kingfisher Council fund raising, we are holding an Easter Raffle with tickets on sale on Monday, 31st March and Tuesday 1st April

All children who buy a ticket will be entered into the Raffle for a chance to win one of our Easter prizes. There will be a prize for EYFS / KS1 and a prize for KS2. The Raffle will be drawn in assembly on Wednesday 2nd April.

We are suggesting a donation of £1, which can be paid online, for HABS Family Support our chosen charity, to participate in this event. We very much hope that each child will take part.

Thank you.



HOUSE POINT LEADERS

This week's winners are.....

Yellow Foxes



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!

CHALLENGE
SPORT & EDUCATION

EASTER SPORT & ART COURSES HODDESDON

Keeping children active, safe and smiling



- ✓ Sports Courses
- ✓ Arts & Craft Courses
- ✓ Socialising
- ✓ 7th - 17th April 2025

**CRANBOURNE
PRIMARY
EN11 9PP**

Choose between arts and craft days or days of sport....or choose both!
We keep children fun, safe, active and social

Open to 5-11 year old boys and girls

9am - 12.30pm **£14 Art**

9am - 3pm **£22 Sport / £28 Art**

9am - 4.15pm **£26 Sport / £32 Art**

CLICK TO BOOK

More Information:
info@challengesporteducation.co.uk

Pressed Flowers workshop for adults



April 9th Wednesday
 Price: £7
 Time: 10am - 11:30pm
 Book via email/phone: enquiries@efdmuseum.org.uk / 01992 716882

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Epping Forest District Museum

Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt at the museum from 7th April - 19th April 2025

£3 per child



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Epping Forest District Museum Easter half term events

TUESDAY 8TH - 12:00AM - 3:30PM
 DROP IN SESSION
 MAKE A CUTE BUNNY MASK
 £3

9TH WEDNESDAY - 10AM - 11:30AM
 BOOK IN ADVANCE
 PRESSED FLOWERS WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS
 £7

12TH SATURDAY - 10:30AM - 3:30PM
 DROP IN SESSION
 CREATE A FUN PAPER EASTER CHICK
 £3

15TH TUESDAY - 10:30AM - 3:30PM
 DROP IN SESSION - DESIGN YOUR OWN EASTER EGG CARD
 £3

19TH SATURDAY - 10:30AM - 3:30PM
 DROP IN SESSION - MAKE AN EASTER EGG CHARACTER
 £3



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