



Newsletter 11th October

Dear all,

This week I had the opportunity to take our six Y6 girls to the AWE Ada Lovelace Science Challenge. The aim of the event is to promote a love of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects in girls so they go on to have careers in these areas. It was great to see the girls enjoying making lava lamps, learning about chromatography, designing flying rockets and making models of planets. We also had the chance to meet a Robo-dog- who performed a handstand! The children spoke with scientists and engineers about their work. If any of our parents have careers in these areas and would be interested in talking to all the children about your work we'd love to hear from you!

Thank you to all those who were able to come to our Harvest celebration in the church. The children sang beautifully and performed their poems and songs with pride. Well done to them and their teachers for putting it together. We have given a very good donation to the West Berks foodbank, who will distribute the items to families in need in the local community. Thank you for your generosity.

We have also led assemblies put together by the NSPCC which encourage children to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe'. Next week the children will be learning more in their classes and then the NSPCC will be visiting the school to run some workshops in the last week of term.

Congratulations to Kacper, Ella L, Emma and Seb who are our newly trained Junior Road Safety Officers! They completed a two hour training session on Thursday, and have lots of ideas on how they can promote road safety to children and parents. We look forward to seeing all the work they will do!

Photos from these events and other exciting activities going on, particularly in our outside learning environment, have all been posted on our Facebook page- please follow us here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558449279143> . Finally some thank you's. We have had two generous donations made to the school this week. One follows our Reading Café and will be spent on new books for the children. The other is for the netball posts the netball club are raising funds to buy. Members of our FOBS committee have also donated a chicken run and some new chickens! The children have loved meeting them this week. Our reading dog, Sassy, and her owner Emily have been coming into school on Thursday mornings listening to children read, and the difference it has made to some children already has been fabulous to see. Thank You to all those who have donated either time or money to help our children have amazing experiences in school.

Have a great weekend!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Jack, Rose, Ted, James.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Zach, Darcey S, Bonnie S, Jade.

Y5/6 Footgolf

Children did an amazing job at the Footgolf on Tuesday! Well done to Alexis, Emma, Sophia & Dylan for taking part.



Netball Club fundraiser

The Netball club would like to do a fundraiser for some new Netball posts! To kick this off next week, there will be a cake sale after school on Friday 18th October. Please bring any baked donations to the office by 2pm on that day (nothing containing nuts please). Following this in the coming weeks there will be a penalty shootout - more information to follow! The club have a target of £350, and already we have received a generous donation of £175 - thank you so much. We hope to see you all at the cake sale and upcoming penalty shootout!

500 Words Story Writing Competition!

Two weeks ago, Mrs Letchford talked to the children about entering the famous 500 Words writing competition organised by the BBC. Details of the competition and how to enter can be found on this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>

Parents/Carers can enter children's stories directly through the website. However, Mrs Letchford can do this on your behalf if you aren't able to.

We will also be running our own school competition! Children need to email their 500 words stories to beulah.letchford@burghclerepri.co.uk or share them on the Google drive or bring a printed copy to the office.

This is a fabulous competition, we have had some children make it through the first few rounds in the past, and we encourage all children to take part. It would be amazing to think a pupil from Burghclere could be reading their story to the Queen at Buckingham Palace!!

Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

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| Tuesday 15 th October | PGL Assembly to Falcon parents/carers - 2.40pm prompt |
| Friday 18 th October | FOBS 'Preloved' School Uniform Sale after school Netball Club cake sale after school - baked donations welcome by 2pm to the office |
| Monday 21 st October | Share & Celebrate after school |
| Tuesday 22 nd October | YR NWN 'First Class' photo Parents Evening NSPCC Workshops |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | Nasal Flu Immunisations - all children |
| Thursday 24 th October | YR 2025 Open Morning - please spread the word to families and friends Parents Evening |
| Friday 25 th October | Last day of term |
| Monday 4 th November | INSET |
| Tuesday 5 th November | Children return |
| Friday 8 th November | Childrens Entrepreneur Market - more info to follow |
| Thursday 5 th December | FOBS Wreath Making evening - more info to follow |
| Thursday 12 th December | Acorn & Oak Nativity - 2pm & 6pm - more info to follow |

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| Tuesday 17 th December | Whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange |
| Monday 9 th December | Secret Shopping donations in every day this week - more info to follow |
| Friday 13 th December | Secret Shopping |
| Friday 20 th December | Last day of term |