



## Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Hi all,

Last week, we hosted a visit from the principal of Little Meet school in New Zealand, Hilary Spedding. Hilary was keen to find out more about how small schools in England deliver the curriculum, the ways of working which are successful and the challenges we face. Hilary was on her way to spend a week in Finland exploring the education system there as part of a NZ Government fact finding initiative. Hilary spoke with our children about her school, and the country and traditions of New Zealand. She spoke to us in Maori, and presented us with two books. She also gave us some introductory postcards some of her pupils had written. Miss Sanders will be working with the Y4's who will have the opportunity to write to those pupils and we hope this is the start of a new friendship.

On Wednesday our Year R children engaged in a story telling workshop around Jack and the Beanstalk. This was delivered by the Corn Exchange in Newbury. It was lovely to see them all enjoying the story so much! Thanks to Mrs Curtis for organising such a fun event.

This Monday we have the second of our Landscape Strategy workshops taking place. Children and staff will have the opportunity to share how they would like the outside area of the school to be developed and what facilities they would like to have. If you would like to join us and share your thoughts and ideas, please contact the school office and find out when to join your child's class.

Have a great week,

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher

### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week; Barney, Rose, Clara, Brooklyn, Pip, Chloe.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week; Scarlett, Elsie V, Elliot, Lola, Isabelle, Toby M, Kacper.

Congratulations to this months art competition winners! From KS1, Lincoln and KS2 Ella L. Well done on some wonderful pieces. Next months theme is 'Nature'.

### School Band News

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Burghclere School Band will be performing at the Corn Exchange in the Showcase Concert organised by Good Vibes Music Academy, part of Newbury

Spring Festival. It is an amazing opportunity for the musicians to perform in a concert in a professional, working theatre as well as being part of an international music festival. Please do come and support us and encourage friends and family too! Tickets are on sale now and can be purchase from: <https://cornexchangenew.com/event/good-vibes-music-academy-showcase-performance>

### **Parent Liaison Group**

The PLG will next be meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. We will be talking about attendance, and how excellent school attendance can be promoted across the school, and would welcome ideas you may have on initiatives to do this. We will also be discussing our website and how well it tells prospective parents about our school, particularly our unique selling points and our fantastic pupil outcomes. If you do have five minutes to take a look we would welcome some fresh perspective on how to make this even better. Please share your thoughts with your class representatives.

### **After School**

A gentle reminder that the school playground should not be used after school by the children as a play park. We have many clubs going on who will be using the space. It's also important that children are with their parents and leave safely. The road outside our entrance is very busy at this time and children need to cross the road safely with an adult. If older children (Y5/6) are walking/cycling home, or meeting parents in cars, and therefore leaving the school site independently, please ensure Mrs Field is aware of this.

### **Run 2k every day in May Charity Challenge!**

Mrs Bridgman is organising a whole school charity event to raise money for Dravet Syndrome UK. Everyone is being challenge to walk or run 2k every single day in May. Further details will be sent out on Monday after the children have had an assembly about the challenge. Each child will receive a sheet to keep a record of their walk, run or other activity. In school we will be offering the following opportunities for the children to complete their activity:

**Monday and Friday:** Mrs Bridgman will lead a walk/run around the school field from 8:15am

**Tuesday and Thursday:** Mrs Thompson will lead a walk/run around the school field at lunchtime

**Wednesday:** The whole school will walk/run around the school field at 1pm.

Even if you are unable to make a donation, we hope that this event raises awareness, and promotes the positives, both physically and mentally, of daily physical activity.

Further information will follow on Monday.

### **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.

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	3.15pm-4.00pm first KS2 Book club No Netball Club The start of our "Run 2k every day in May!" charity challenge
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3/4 Kwik Cricket - selected children
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Parent Liaison Group meeting Tri-Golf @ St. Barts - selected children
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Bags2school
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Quad Kids Y3-6 - selected children
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS - all week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Girls Kwik Cricket - selected children
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Art competition entries in: 'Nature' 3.10pm Share & Celebrate 7.00pm Newbury Spring Festival @ the Corn Exchange - Band
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	YR Beale Park Trip - TBC (please see email)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3.15pm-4.00pm KS2 Book club
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.45pm Phonics meeting
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First Day of Term
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Quad Kids - selected children
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	FOBS Summer Fete
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	3.15pm-4.00pm KS2 Book club
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Liaison Group meeting
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Art Competition entries in: 'Water'
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket - selected children Travelling Book Fair - under barn each day until Monday after school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Girls Dodgeball - selected children
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y5/6 Dodgeball - selected children
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving up afternoon Meet the teacher (current YR, 2 & 4) - time TBC
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Multi-skills - selected children
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm Falcon Class play performance to parents 6.00pm Falcon Class play performance to parents 3.15pm-4.00pm KS2 Book club
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers party in school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	2.00pm Y6 Leavers assembly

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