



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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To all our Badgerbrook Community,

Welcome to the February Newsletter. I hope you all are keeping safe and well.

Spring was definitely in the air this weekend! The children have all been super learners this month! We have had visitors into school to bring the learning about the Mayans to life in year 5, amongst other exciting things happening across school.

From next week, each half term we will be sending information home with the children to let you know what they are learning. The 'Big Pictures' will give you an idea of the topic and the big question, so you can support your child by enriching those experiences out of school, if you so wish. It is something we used to do before the Covid disruption to learning and we will continue again. It was also one of the main things to come from the parent survey, that more of you would like information about what your child is learning and quite rightly so, therefore we will ensure this happens half termly.

Also remember that you can find information on the school website and news on events, photos etc. are on our school Facebook Page.

Finally, I would like to thank one of our talented grandparents for the beautiful gift of two badger bookends for our library. We are so grateful to them for the time and craftsmanship they have put into making them. They will be a feature in our school library for years to come. Please see the photo of them in their new home on the library shelf, on our school Facebook page!

Take care and stay safe.

Thank you for your continuous support!

Attendance:

Badgerbrook and its staff regard the regular attendance of children at school as being vital to each child's education and development. It is for this reason that non-attendances (however short or infrequent) are treated seriously. It remains the policy of the school to only sanction non-attendance during term time in exceptional circumstances.

Parents should submit a leave of absence request - including those for exceptional circumstances - via email to the school office.

Academic Year Overview:

Academic Year 2021/2022	
	Autumn Term
School Opens	Wednesday 25 th August 2021
Mid-Term Break	Monday 18 th October – Friday 22 nd October 2021
School Closes	Friday 17 th December 2021
	Spring Term
School Opens	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Mid-Term Break	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February 2022
School Closes	Friday 8 th April 2022
	Summer Term
School Opens	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Mid Term Break	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022
School Closes	Thursday 7 th July 2022

The above dates are agreed locally with other schools in our area and are not the same as the generic published dates on Leicestershire County Hall Website.



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Parents Evening

We will shortly be sending out appointments for parents evening, which will be held on Tuesday 5th April and Thursday 7th April.

We are returning to face to face meetings and these will be held in the main hall. Can we remind you that appointments are for 10 minutes only and to be mindful of other parents waiting. If you have any concerns or you think you may need more time please contact the class teacher who will be happy to arrange a convenient time.



Year 6 trip to Warning Zone

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Warning Zone last week, developing their life skills and learning how to stay safe online through interactive activities.

Both classes enjoyed a half-day session playing fairground games, which taught them about online dangers such as phishing, cyber bullying, protecting personal information, sharing images and more. Pupils learned key internet terms, including what their digital footprint is and how their online choices might affect them in the future. Throughout, we were given advice as to how to stay safe online as well as how to seek help.

The rest of Warning Zone is made up of eight safety scenarios: fire risk at home; electricity and building sites; alcohol and anti-social behaviour; personal safety; risk around water; arson and criminal damage; road safety and risk around railways. Volunteers from the attraction steered pupils through the scenarios and children were able to learn about risks through practical, hands-on activities.

Our children agreed that the whole day was thought-provoking and has prepared them for having greater freedom and independence as they transition to secondary school.

#Respect #Individuality #Courage



The Roving Bookshop

We are delighted to announce that our latest visit from The Roving Bookshop was another phenomenal success! Not only did the pop-up bookstore raise a further £400 to update our library book offer, but it also generated lots of enthusiastic book talk around school. We are now hoping to plan an even bigger event later in the year. Thank you once again for your support!



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World Book Day

There is a real buzz around school as pupils and teachers alike gear up for World Book Day this Thursday. Children are deciding on costumes and staff are organising special activities for their class to ensure Badgerbrook celebrates the 25th anniversary of the event in style!

Whole-school events include:

- Cupcake/biscuit competition – decorated with inspiration from a favourite book. Entry 50p.
- Bring and buy pre-loved book sale – bring in any donations as well as 50p-£1 for purchases!
- Graffiti wall to celebrate everyone's favourite characters in one place
- Guess the book – for homework this week, every child is filling a shoe box with clues
- Creation of a unique, whole-school story
- Children dressing as their favourite character

And much, much more!



Dodgeball

Year 5 & 6 – Our team played really well to win their first two matches at the Blaby tournament. Unfortunately, they just missed qualifying for the final in a narrow loss to Danemill.

Year 4 & 5 – Our two teams both won all of their group matches to qualify for the semi finals. Sadly, they then had to play against each other. They were so closely matched that the game had to be decided in extra time, where the yellow team sneaked the win. They went on to comfortably win the final.

Congratulations to you all.



Football

Girls' Football – The team qualified for the Blaby cup semi finals with a last minute goal to beat Greenfield B 3-2.

Boys' Football – The boys played Greenfield in the Blaby League. In a high quality game, they lost a close match 3-1



Dogs around school

Please can we politely remind you that dogs may not be brought or carried onto the school premises for health and safety of our children.



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Big Shout out to

Thank you to the Badgerbrook PTFA for organising free World Book Day books for every child at Badgerbrook #Kindness.

Congratulations to Khiyan, Jack & Jake in 5LM for raising £25 for Cancer Research from their recent competition #Kindness.

Also congratulations to Oscar, Poppy & Aliyah in 5LM for raising £23.10 for the RSPCA #Kindness.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our school, or you wish to discuss aspects of safeguarding, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Ms A Meyrick or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs V Toon & Mrs C Webb.

Online Safety

Computers are everywhere. No matter where we go, there is no escaping their reach. Our children are growing up in a world where these devices are common in everyday lives. Unlike many adults, children are not fazed by computers and smart devices and accept them as part of their way of life. At Badgerbrook, we acknowledge that computers, devices and of course the internet are all amazing technologies both now and for the future. However, we are aware of the necessity to keep our children safe. We would like to make you aware of CEOP, which is the government's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. If you wish to report some inappropriate content or behaviour online follow the directions on their pages.

We would also like to introduce you to a new industry-backed website for parents, which aims to provide a good understanding of issues affecting children today. Take a look here: www.internetmatters.org.



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Diary Dates

March 2022

Friday 4 th March	PTFA School Disco EYFS from 4.00pm to 4.45pm PTFA School Disco Years 3 & 4 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 11 th March	PTFA School Disco Years 1 & 2 from 4.00pm to 4.45pm PTFA School Disco Years 5 & 6 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 25 th March	PTFA 'Someone Special' pop up shop

April 2022

Tuesday 5 th April	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th April	Parents Evening
Friday 8 th April	School Closes for Easter Break



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