



# Badgerbrook Newsletter



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## March 2022

To all our Badgerbrook families and friends,

Welcome to the March newsletter. It has been a really productive month with lots of new and exciting learning happening. Everyone has been working very hard. As the Easter Holidays are fast approaching, we are looking forward to a relaxing Easter break. We continue to have the support of our wonderful PTFA and their newsletter has information on forthcoming events, including the Easter Egg Hunt that they have organised!

I would also like to share with you, that after 25 years of dedicated service to our school, Mrs Webb our School Business Manager is retiring at the end of the Spring term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in her next chapter. Happy Retirement Mrs Webb! You will be greatly missed by all of us. Our new Business Manager Mrs Horne, will be starting after the Easter break.

Have a lovely Easter everyone.  
Stay safe.

Best Wishes  
Ms Meyrick



### *Parents Evening*

Just a reminder that it is parents evening next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

We are returning to face to face meetings and will be held in the main hall.

### *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	
	<b>Autumn Term</b>
School Opens	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Mid-Term Break	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
School Closes	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
	<b>Spring Term</b>
School Opens	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Mid-Term Break	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
School Closes	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
	<b>Summer Term</b>
School Opens	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Mid Term Break	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
School Closes	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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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## *Safer Internet Day*

Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Badgerbrook Primary School. We were all very busy across the school carrying out different activities based on this year's theme called 'All fun and games, exploring respect and relationships online'. This theme allowed the children to celebrate their role in creating and understanding how we can make a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming, creating content or interacting with our friends and family. For example, in EYFS and KS1 we read the story book called 'Digiduck and the Magic Castle'. Foundation had lots of fun role playing the story using character masks. They worked in small groups to act out different scenes from the story and explore the main topics within it and thought about what they would do online in those situations. In addition, Year 5 carried out a brilliant debate on the best and worst things about interacting and gaming online and made suggestions on how to make it better and safer.

If you would like further information about how to keep your children safe whilst gaming and watching influencers, please have a look at the poster attached for more information.



## *Gymnastic Competition*

For the first time Badgerbrook were represented in the SLSSP Gymnastics Competition. The event went really well with 7 / 8 schools competing in each key step.

Our year 3 / 4 pupils formed a team with an individual from Gilmorton Primary School. #teawork #making links.

The children made a huge effort and had smiles all round:

Key Step 1 (Yr 1 & 2) overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Grace received 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall as an individual.

Key Step 2 (Yr 3 & 4) overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Key Step 3 (Yr 5 & 6) Overall 1<sup>st</sup> place. Miley received 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall as an individual.

Year 5 & 6 team will now have a chance to represent the County in the Leicestershire finals



## *Eco-School*

This year, we have a brand new eco-committee made up of children from Foundation Stage to Year 6.

Foundation Stage- Harry and Sylvie

Year 1 - Emily and Rafferty

Year 2 - Ryan and Max

Year 3 - Sophie and Ivy

Year 4 - Cobey and Millen

Year 5 - Ellie and Miriam

Year 6 - Lilly and Daisy

The children are enthusiastic about making our school and local area more environmentally friendly. We have undertaken an environmental review of our school and have chosen to take action on three key areas; energy, waste and marine. We will be running several campaigns for our school to improve in these areas and to raise awareness.



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## *The Great Big School Clean (25<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April)*

We are challenging you to pick up one bag (or more) of rubbish and join the #BigBagChallenge. One bag makes a big difference! Take a photo and post it in the comments on our school's Facebook page. We'd love to see them! Please speak to Miss Samuel if you need to borrow a litter picker

## *Mobile Phones in School*

Can we just remind you that mobile phones are not allowed in school.

In the event that your child does need to bring a phone for emergency purposes, a disclaimer form needs to be completed and the phone handed into the school office each day.

Thank you



## *Aluminium Cans*

Thank you all to those that donated aluminium cans. We had a brilliant response, unfortunately we cannot accept anymore.



## *Year 1 Church Visit*

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Springwell Baptist Church on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. We asked the Minister, Simon, lots of questions about Christianity and the church which he brilliantly answered in lots of detail. We also had lots of fun learning a new song with lots of actions and being able to see a baptism bath.



## *Red Nose Day*

A big thank you to all pupils, parents and staff - we managed to raise £450.00 for Red Nose Day. #Teamwork



## *Waste Week (17<sup>th</sup> March - 14<sup>th</sup> April)*

Recycle your electronics at Currys in exchange for a £5 voucher when you spend over £25. Don't forget to register your donation at [www.hiddentreasurehunt.org](http://www.hiddentreasurehunt.org) using the code **kettle15**. This will enter our school into a prize draw for new computing equipment! You can recycle computers, laptops, phones, tablets, printers, toasters, blenders, electric toothbrushes, electronic toys, cables, remotes and more. Anything with a cable, plug or battery!



## *British Science week*

As part of British Science week, 5AW/HK learnt about the science behind slime! We learnt about the chemical reaction that takes place when the ingredients for slime are mixed and had lots of fun seeing how far our slime would stretch!



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Shout out to .....

Jack H in Yr2 achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> in round 1 and 4<sup>th</sup> in round 2 of the BMX Nationals in Manchester. #Determination

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who helped Miss Samuel pick up rubbish around the school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. #Teamwork

### *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 Morgan & Mrs Little.

### *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](http://www.internetmatters.org).



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## Diary Dates

### April 2022

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents evening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 Easter performance at Springwell Baptist Church
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents evening
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Badgerbrook PTFA – 'Be yourself day' – Non uniform day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter break
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter egg hunt

### May 2022

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS for Year 6
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	May half term break

### June 2022

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 secondary school experience
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Badgerbrook PTFA 'Pop up Circus'

### July 2022

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer break
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