

# BADGERBROOK NEWS



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## A NOTE FROM MRS TOON



Welcome back,  
It was lovely to see all the children back in school after the Christmas break. We hope everyone had a restful break over the holidays. Well done to Year 4 who have successfully started swimming over the last few weeks - it has been lovely to see how much they are enjoying these sessions.  
A quick reminder that PE Kit should be plain joggers, white t-shirts and a plain jumper/jacket for outdoor PE. All earrings need to be taken out for PE lessons.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Unfortunately, our head teacher, Ms Wood, is still not well enough to return to school just yet. Thank you all for your expressions of concern and support which we will pass on to her along with our own good wishes. We continue to keep her in our thoughts and look forward to welcoming her back to school just as soon as she is better. Meanwhile, everyone is working hard to continue to support the children so that they have fun as they learn, achieve and celebrate at Badgerbrook and we thank them for their hard work. As always, please contact the school office if you have any questions.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This term we are continuing to raise awareness for our pupils and families on the importance of attending school and being on time for class. We know that being present and on time has a positive impact on learning right from EYFS through to Year 6 and beyond. It is difficult to 'catch-up' when time is missed and for some children starting the day late can impact on their entire day. Good school attendance helps to build positive habits that will last a lifetime. We track pupil attendance and are committed to contacting you if we see a decline in attendance. However, if you do require support and advice about attendance our class teachers, phase leaders.

Attendance Figures - Autumn Term to date

Group	% Attendance
EYFS	96.1%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	94.1%

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## School Times

School doors open 8.45am and close just before 8.55am.

All pupils must be in class for register to begin at 8.55am.

School gates close at 8.55am

Pupils collected at 3.15pm

We kindly ask you to catch your child's class teacher at the end of the day to discuss any matters or alternatively pass a message to them through the office in the morning. This is to ensure class teachers are able to start teaching promptly at 9am.

## EYFS LEARNING

On the first day back after the holidays Foundation had letters from Mr Badger and Spencer bear. They had drawn us a map of places they had visited in Whetstone. We then went on a walk following the maps. We saw the church, JCB, Oliver park, the Co-op and our school. Back in class we made our own map and buildings with junk modelling.



## YEAR 5 ANGLO-SAXON

'During the first week of term, year 5 had a visit from an Anglo-Saxon!

They had a great day learning all about what life was like for Anglo-Saxon warriors. The children enjoyed dressing in armour and handling the weapons. They learnt how to write using goose feathers, how to dance like an Anglo-Saxon and had great competitive fun playing Anglo-Saxon board games!



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## YEAR 2 GEORGRAPHY

Year 2 became geographers and left their classrooms for a walk around the village. They faced wind, rain, snow and sunshine and were still able to answer their enquiry question. They identified human and physical features in Whetstone and realised there are lots of human features where we live. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that helped us out too!

#makinglinks #curiosity #resilience



## TIME CAPSULE

During last term pupils got to open a time capsule that had been dug up after 25 years. They enjoyed looking at old newspaper, games and photos of Badgerbrook.



## FOOTBALL

The boys' football team recently won their recent football match 4-1, Jed and Miller both scoring two goals each.

A brilliant performance from the team despite a boggy pitch. Onto the next round #teamwork.



## ACHIEVING



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## BATTLE OF THE BANDS

On Friday 13th January, Badgerbrook pupils in Years 1 - 6 and staff became rockstars for the day to launch the start of our first Battle of the Bands on Times Tables Rock Stars. The children battled it out in the computer suite by playing games online and also completed their times tables on paper. The children rock 'n' rolled to music all day long using body percussion, boom whackers and cups! To end the day, a special assembly was held for pupils in years 2-6.

A pupil from each class was selected to battle it out on the iPads in front of the rest of the school #courage #confidence

Pupils will now compete against the other class in each year group from 13th-20th January. The winning class will be awarded a trophy in assembly and will keep this until the next Battle of the Bands! #teamwork

We had a great day and now hope to see children engaged with their timestables on the app/website at home. If your child has lost their login, please request another from your child's class teacher/s.



## OTHER NEWS



## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesdays	Years 3 - 6	Dodgeball
Wednesdays	Years 3 - 6	Gymnastics
Thursdays	Years 1 - 3	Dance & Cheer
Fridays	Years 1 - 4	Football

For further information please contact Steve Fenton on 07738920229 directly.



## SCHOOL MEALS

Just a reminder that school meals have increased to £2.45 from this term.

Payment through Parentpay must be made on the day or in advance of the lunch being taken.

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## KING CHARLES CORONATION

On Saturday 6th May 2023, King Charles will be holding his Coronation.

To mark this occasion an additional bank holiday has been given. Therefore on Monday 8th May 2023, the school will be closed.

## ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS



If your child is not registered for Free School Meals and you receive any of the following benefits your child may be able to get free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of not more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Please follow the link below:

<https://leicestershire.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/>



## INTERNET SAFETY DAY

On Tuesday 7th February 2023 we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day. The celebrations and learning this year will be based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'

This year we will be answering the following questions:

- What issues really matter to children and young people?
- What changes do they want to see?
- How can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?

For more information on this, please follow the link to the website below.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>



## 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 Wood or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs V Toon, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Little & Mrs P Horne.

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## E-SAFETY

The online world presents both opportunities and risks for young children. We now live in a world where we have the ability to communicate with anyone at any time via the internet and it can feel very hard to keep up with new websites out there. Therefore, it is important that our children understand the importance of keeping themselves safe when online and understand that while connecting online can be exciting, it can also leave them at risk and the possibility of talking to strangers



- Protecting their personal information and not sharing this information with anybody that they do not know.
- Spending time looking at privacy settings on devices or any form of media to manage who can see your child's profile and the content that they might share.
- Reviewing the apps, sites and games your child engages with to be aware of how to interact and discover any new safety features that could help your child to stay safe.
- Discuss your child being cautious about what they share with people online and remind them that even though people they've met online might seem like their friends they may not be who they say they are.
- Make sure that they never meet someone online without a parent being present.

Here is also some links to some videos that you might want to share with your child to help them stay safe.

KS1- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X\\_duZ-1LApq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_duZ-1LApq)

KS2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQuXmAlcdCw>

#making links



## STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

Hebe Year 2 raised over £600 by having a dramatic haircut in aid of 'The Little Princess Trust' #respect



Ocean-Shanie & Noah Year 3 for sharing their creative & imaginative portal stories with Mrs Toon. Keep up the fabulous work #creativity #imagination #confidence.

Sophie Year 4 for her fabulous story called 'The Day the Trunchball came back'. Her creative flair, was inspired after she had been to see the musical 'Matilda' #creativity #imagination.



Georgia Year 5 helping out at the OAP community meal at Christmas #kindness #making links.

Lara, Louisa & Poppy Year 6 library helpers, excellent role models showing our EYFS pupils on how to use the library books #kindness, #teamwork.

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## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following diary dates replace any previous dates you may have received.

### February 2023

- Friday 3rd February - Year 6 visit to Warning Zone
- Friday 3rd February - Years 5 & 1 Fire safety visit
- Monday 6th February - Year 6 SATs mock week
- Tuesday 7th February - Internet safety day
- Tuesday 14th February - Spring term parents evening
- Thursday 16th February - Spring term parents evening
- Friday 17th February - School closes for February half term
- Monday 27th February - School opens
- Monday 27th February - NSPCC Whole school virtual assembly

### March 2023

- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
- Friday 10th March - Year 5 NSPCC workshops
- Tuesday 14th March - Roving Book sale
- Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day
- Friday 17th March - Year 6 NSPCC workshops
- Tuesday 28th March - Year 1 Easter Performance at Springwell Church in the afternoon

