



## A NOTE FROM MRS TOON



We have had another busy month and March has certainly flown by with a whole host of exciting learning opportunities. We have welcomed visitors into school, participated in many sporting events, had West End quality dance shows in Year 5 and a fabulous Easter performance by year 1!

## GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK AND WELCOME

After 17 years we sadly say goodbye this month to Mrs Berry, our Admin Assistant in the office. We also say farewell to Mr Creese our Learning

Support Assistant in year 5. Both are off to new adventures; we wish them well for the future and look forward to seeing them back soon.

I look forward to welcoming Mr Walker after Easter as our interim supporting Headteacher throughout the Summer Term. I would like to say a warm welcome to Miss Morris our new teacher in Year 5 who has settled well into 5HK/KW – thank you to the children and parents for making her feel so welcome. I would also like to welcome Mrs Fletcher-Warrington who will be starting in the office after Easter.

As this is my last newsletter for a while, I would like to thank all parents, staff and pupils for their good wishes. I look forward to seeing you soon.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are continuing to raise awareness for our pupils and families on the importance of attending school and being on time for class. We continue to 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.

Group	% Attendance
EYFS	95.7%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	94.7%

## SCHOOL TIMES

School doors open at 8.45am and close just before 8.55am. All pupils must be in class for registration to begin at 8.55am. Gates are locked at 8.55am ensuring the safety of all our pupils is of paramount.

We kindly ask you catch your child's class teacher at the end of the day to discuss matters or alternatively pass a message through the office in the morning.

We fully understand and appreciate the difficulties associated with dropping children off at school in the morning. Thank you to those of you who remain respectful and polite to Mr White on gates in the morning.

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## YEAR 4 EGYPTIANS

Year 4 had a particularly special day learning about Ancient Egypt. They learned about mummies and preparing pharaohs for the afterlife, learned to write hieroglyphs on papyrus, played Egyptian board games and competed to 'build' effective Egyptian cities. Thanks so much to Leigh and all at Historic Workshops for bringing our new topic to life!



## YEAR 5 MAYAN DAY

Earlier this month, Year 5 were visited by Simon, a real-life explorer. He told them about some of his exciting expeditions in the rainforests of Central and South America. Also, as part of their history topic, Simon explained more about the Maya civilisation. The children learnt about their number system, their Gods and and also played a Maya-themed team building game.



## FOUNDATION STAGE

This term Foundation stage have been learning about fictional and real superheroes. We had a visit from PC Turner who told us all about how he helps people, we got to try on his kit and went in his police car.

We also had a visit from Story Imagin-ory. Sam read us a story about Ness the Nurse then we joined in with lots of different activities, we helped poorly babies, weighed pretend tablets and used syringes to inject water into pots. We had a great morning, thank you to the PTFA for organising and paying for the trip.



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## WOMBLES IN LITTER EDUCATION

We enjoyed a special visit from wombles Keith and Geoff (Wombles in Litter Education). The children learned all about litter picking in our local area and how we can help protect our planet. We were gifted a special book 'The Adventures of Scout' which aims to motivate children to play a positive role in protecting the world. This book will be shared with all classes. Thank you for visiting!



## FOOTBALL

Badgerbrook 3 Danemill 1

A great team performance and well deserved victory sends the group to the Schools Final on April 24th at Holmes Park. The boys battled well on a wet, soggy pitch moving the ball well, making great decisions and creating many chances. Even more impressive was the way the group stopped multiple attacks from a strong Danemill side! Player of the match was Miller G for his battling and great decision making throughout the game.

Badgerbrook B 1 Danemill B 1 .

With a few players unable to play, the squad was topped up with Bobby , Taylor and Finley who kindly stayed to ensure we had a team. Another great performance, moving the ball well, showing great team spirit and very unlucky not to grab a win which was stopped by a series of outstanding saves by the Danemill GK! Players of the match were Reggie and Millen for showing great composure on the ball and super passing choices ensuring we kept possession.



## ACHIEVING



## DODGEBALL



Our Badgerbrook B team qualified for the Level 2 Finals At South Wigston High School. A brilliant display of teamwork and agility against some tough competition and finished third in their group stage. Well done to all of the schools that took part #determination #teamwork.





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## CROSS COUNTRY

Well Done to Bobby, Miller, Noah and Wilf who all recently took part in the recent cross country races #determination #courage.



## TAG RUGBY

Year 3 & 4 had a fantastic afternoon developing Tag rugby skills at the Vipers. Well done to all the children involved and well done for winning the 'Spirit of the games award'.



## KEY STEPS GYMNASTICS FINALS

It was a very early start to our day, leaving Badgerbrook at 7.30am to travel to Oakham for the Key Steps gymnastics final. Our gymnasts worked well together as a team, they were courteous to all the judges, other competitors and each other, amazing ambassadors of our school. The ethos of the day was Teamwork and Courage and they certainly showed that. The competition was of a very high standard and we finished in 9th place. Well done to Ava, Emily, Harper and Oliver. #resilience #confidence #teamwork.

Thank you also to Mrs Hallick who travelled with them giving them lots of encouragement.



## HOCKEY

A group of pupils recently took part in the Blaby Level 2 Hockey competition and made it through to the Finals #teamwork.



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## THE FA GIRLS BIGGEST EVER FOOTBALL SESSION

We held an assembly all about the girls and preparing for our FA campaign for the 'Biggest Girls football session' Our 'special guest' was ex-Badgerbrook pupil Sophia Poor. Sophia talked to the children about her journey as a goalkeeper from grassroots to playing for England and Leicester City women's U17's. What a fantastic achievement and inspiration to all of our pupils, showing our Badgerbrook character muscles #determination #Resilience #courage

The following day we had a fantastic response to our #Letgirlsplay biggest football session! The snow did not stop our future Lionesses! 138 girls took part and what great fun we had! Dribbling, skills and penalty shoot outs! Thank you to our sports ambassadors that helped out too! #resilience #courage.

A special thank you to Mrs Holland and Mrs Neal who organised the event.



## WORLD BOOK DAY



Children and staff have had a wonderful World Book Day, enjoying a range of activities including: sharing favourite stories; recommending and finding new reading interests; taking part in author events online; quizzes; puzzles; illustrating and much, much more!



## ROVING BOOKS

A huge thank you for everyone's support in making our latest Roving Bookshop visit such a success once again. The children absolutely love the opportunity and it has been wonderful to talk to pupils across school about their new books and see them engrossed in reading for pleasure. These events also help us to raise fantastic amounts of money toward the revamping of our school library - inspiring a love for reading. The Roving Bookshop also always hold a raffle and here is this time's winner with his prize:



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## RED NOSE DAY

What a fantastic day raising money for Red Nose Day. It was great to see so many bright colours around school today! The cake sale was a huge success, raising over £300 for charity on top of the just giving page. A huge thank you for all the cake donations!



## KEEP BRITAIN TIDY - GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN

Badgerbrook pupils and families are invited to participate in the Great Big School Clean. We will take part in a group litter pick on the school grounds and along Badger Drive. Like Keep Britain Tidy, we believe that no one is too small to make a big difference. When we all come together, that big difference becomes a huge one!

We have plenty of hoop rings and a set of litter pickers, but we do encourage you to bring your own if you have them. Pupils will need an adult to join them as the event will be afterschool. If you'd like to join us, please meet Miss Samuel by the reception on Wednesday 17th May at 3.30pm.

## LIBRARY

A big shout out to all the parent helpers that have responded to Miss Stevens plea for support in getting our library books scanned onto the system. This has been a mammoth job, which we are now making head way with. We could not have got at far without you. We look forward to your continuing support in the Summer term #teamwork # communication.

## PUPIL PREMIUM

Pupil Premium is funding set-aside by the government to offer extra help to pupils and their families.

The money, paid directly to school, allows us to offer help in many different ways, including providing assistance with the cost of school trips, activities and resources and giving extra support in school for learning.

Many people aren't aware of this significant opportunity and miss out on the benefits they could receive by registering. Please contact us if you would like to know more and we will be very happy to help. All enquiries, applications and support received are completely confidential.

Please do consider whether this could be of help to you and your children.





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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



## 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 one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mr S Walker, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Little & Mrs P Horne.



## STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

Well done to Lois in 2AS who came 2nd in the vault event at a recent gymnastics competition #determination.

Congratulations to Ted in 2AS for coming 1st in his gymnastics floor routine, 2nd in the vault event and for also receiving the all round champion award #resilience #courage.

Seth in 3SW/AW, he took part in a swimming event and showed #determination #perseverance.

Jack in 3SW/AW took part in the Euro BMX competition in Verona, he finished 6th on day 1 and made it to the quarter finals on day 2 #determination.

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## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



### MARCH 2023

Friday 31st March - School closes for Easter break

### APRIL 2023

Monday 17th April - School open for the Summer term

Wednesday 26th April - EYFS 5.00pm to 5.45pm

Wednesday 26th April - Years 3 & 4 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Thursday 27th April - Years 1 & 2 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Thursday 27th April - Years 5 & 6 6.30pm to 7.30pm

### MAY 2023

Monday 1st May - May Day

Monday 8th May - Kings Coronation

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 23rd May - Class photos

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