

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 16th JUNE 2023

FUN IN THE HEAT!

Y2 had an amazing time at Bedgebury on Wednesday! Due to Covid, this was their first school trip and the excitement on the coach was so lovely to see! We had a great time learning about seed dispersal, tree types and growth and of course, the adventure playground was such a hit! I was so proud to hear the Bedgebury staff praise the wonderful behaviour of the children. Thank you to Mrs Chater and her team for organising the trip and making it so successful.

All Y1 pupils and some Y2 pupils have been completing their phonics screening check this week. All of the teachers have been impressed with how grown up the children have been and what a positive attitude they have shown. Well done! This morning, we had an unannounced moderation visit from the Local Authority to check how the tests were being administered and that the papers were being kept secure. It goes without saying that he was very pleased with everything he saw, but more importantly, he said what a happy school this is. He commented on the lovely feel here!

Thank you to those parents who came to the new entrants meeting last night. It was lovely to hear how excited the children are about starting school in September.

Today we are bidding Mrs Bradwell a fond farewell. She has been with us for seven years and has supported many children in her time here. We wish her the very best in her new position.

Thank you for all of the donations of sweets sent in this morning. The PTA members are very grateful!

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19th June:

Class photos will be taken. All children to come into school in their normal school uniform. Y2, Y4 and Y5 must bring their PE kit to change into.

Y2 Dodgeball tournament at St Greg's

Tuesday 20th June:

Y1 trip to Wakehurst

Y6 Trip to TWGGS to watch 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.'

Parent Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm

Thursday 22nd June

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Friday 23rd June

Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for bringing the following donations for the Summer Fair:

**YR/Y1/Y2/Y3 Bottles for the tombola
(Alcohol or non-alcohol)**

**Y4/Y5/Y6 Small new Teddy or Part Bag
Fillers**



FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.

School News

YR	We have continued with our pirate theme, making wanted posters, pirate ships from junk modelling and we have been learning how to halve pirate treasure. We heard the story of David and Goliath and acted it out in class.
Y1	This week in Y1, we have enjoyed learning about the history of castles and how they have changed over time to make a time line. In Science, the children identified different classifications of animals and sorted them into groups.
Y2	We had a fantastic day at Bedgebury this week. We worked with a Forest Ranger to play lots of games to learn about the trees they have there. We especially liked the pollination game using bubbles. We even had time to visit the adventure playground. We collected lots of cones and leaves to explore back at school, to help us remember what we learnt.
Y3	This week, Y3 thought about what they learnt in Science and whether the length of your femur affects how far you can jump. We also investigated if the tallest children crossed the playground using the fewest number of steps.
Y4	Our Ancient Greek Olympics on Monday was amazing! We took part in a variety of sports and used the shields we had made. We have also made some lovely Greek pots. In Science, we have begun to think about electricity.
Y5	Y5 have been learning about the history of St Matthew's Primary School. We toured the school looking for evidence of how the school was in the past. We examined former entrances, fireplaces, the bell tower and a memorial of former boys who died in war. We have also been practising some songs for the music concert. They are famous pieces from the 1950s like 'Rock around the Clock' and 'Tutti-Frutti.' We have learnt the chord structure- 12 bar blues.
Y6	We are very excited, now that the stage is up in the hall! This means that we have been learning about stage directions and what they mean. We have started our transition work with Sarah from Crossways Community, ready for our move to secondary school. Our sewing skills are coming along. We can now use running stitch and back stitch. In Art, we have been working with Mr Tibbits-Williams to create a print screen, which we will use to create a poster for the backdrop to our play.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

COME IN UNIFORM BRING PE KITS

5S

5C

Lorikeets

Kookaburras

4VC

Swimming 4R

TUESDAY

Owls

Robins

6W

6H

WEDNESDAY

3DB

3TWB

4VC

4R

6W

6H

THURSDAY

3TWB

3DB

Owls

Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings

Goslings

Lorikeets

Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL

5S