

Bonneygrove Primary School Newsletter

5th February 2021



Message from Mrs Gable



As we draw towards the end of what feels like the longest half term ever, I can reflect on just how tough it has been for everyone. I can only say that making the most of every little opportunity or happy moment becomes increasingly important. Seeing children smiling and well at home on their Google Meets sessions definitely lifted my spirits and I know from feedback from parents, children, and staff that it has done the same for them. Other 'little things' that have cheered me up include joining in with the RSPB bird watch. An hour to stare out at my garden was a real treat. In this newsletter I hope you find one or two things that make you smile.

Amanda Gable

'A massive well done to all of the birdwatchers and budding ornithologists for your participation in the Big Garden Birdwatch!



Pupils saw plenty of pigeons, magpies and parakeets were spotted which is common for the South of England.

Some year groups took it upon themselves to weave the Birdwatch within their Environment topics in Science.



Well done Bonneygrove!



I hope the children have enjoyed 'expressing themselves' as part of children's mental health week. Looking after our wellbeing (including adults) is more important than ever now and sometimes we need a little inspiration to make sure we are on track. If you are looking for any wellbeing tips and ideas, please follow the link below. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

During half-term we will be monitoring the covid@bonneygrove.herts.sch.uk email. You are still required to inform us if your child tests positive for Covid19. In these cases we carry out a risk assessment with NHS England whereby it is determined whether there is a need to ask contacts to isolate.

Live Google Meet Sessions

This week there has been a hive of live activity across the school. It has been a joy seeing classes coming together again albeit on screen. The children shared their news and discussed things that they were proud of. We look forward to holding these sessions on a weekly basis.



ADD-Vance SEN workshops Spring

ADD-Vance are delighted to announce their programme of SPRING TERM ONLINE WORKSHOPS for parents/carers funded by Hertfordshire County Council. These interactive workshops will be delivered via Zoom and can be accessed via a PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone. For more details and to book your FREE ticket, please see: <http://add-vance.eventbrite.com/> or visit our Facebook page.

Big Cat E-learning Reading Books

Year 1 are really enjoying the new Big Cat books online. They are excited to be reading books, again with their parents, that are really fun and engaging. If your child would like to read the books, please ask your class teacher for their user name and password. The link to log on is <https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>

Here are a few comments from the children and parents in Year 1.

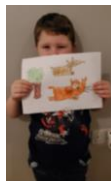
Elif read the whole book and really enjoyed it 😊

Caoimhe is really liking the Collin E-books. She has read 3 books so far - she's getting on very well with them!

I read The Equator. I saw the Equator line. I learned the imaginary line goes around the middle of the Earth. I saw a new animal called bat-eared fox. I learned some new words like humid, moisture, dune. - Ayaz

We read Extraordinary Pets ... Jacob said he never wants to see a spider like that !! lol

Tyler read a book off the Collins ebooks website the other day, it was called How to draw a dog and a cat, so he had a go at drawing them. He wanted to show his teachers.



We hope that you enjoy them as much as our children are.

Mrs Marshall and Miss Sanders x



At Bonneygrove, we place great value on the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) of our children. We are committed to developing the whole child not only through our Horizons curriculum and Golden Threads, but also our new PSHE scheme called Jigsaw.

Jigsaw has two main aims for all children:

- To build their capacity for learning
- To equip them for life

Jigsaw brings together PSHE Education, compulsory Relationships and Health Education, emotional literacy, mindfulness, social skills and spiritual development. It is designed as a whole school approach, with all year groups working on the same theme (Puzzle) at the same time at their own level. There are six Puzzles (half-term units of work) and each year group is taught one lesson per week.



All lessons are delivered in an age- and stage-appropriate way so that they meet children's needs. Next half-term, we will be working on our new piece 'Healthy Me'. If you would like to find out more about Jigsaw, please take a look under the Curriculum section of our website or visit www.jigsawpshe.com.

Garden of Hopes and Dreams



"They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for." Tom Bodett

Thank you to everyone in our Bonneygrove family for sharing their hopes and dreams with us! Colourful flowers and leaves have started popping up in our special garden at the heart of the school grounds. Reading the wishes from our staff, children and their families, it is clear that everybody is yearning for connection with their loved ones, for quality time with each other and for adventures away from home. Have you shared your dreams with us yet? It's not too late! Please send them in before half-term and we will find a place for them in our Garden of Hopes and Dreams.

Please note there has been a change in our **INSET & CONSULATION DAYS** this term. We are postponing our planned training day on the 12th of February to the 12th of April. Also changing our Consultation Day of 13th March to the 5th March in anticipation of the children being able to return to school from the 8th March 2021.

This does not affect the number of days your child is learning for but does support us in making the most of opportunities to improve our school and outcomes for our children.

Dates for Diary	
Dates	Event
Friday 12 th February 2021	Last Day of Half Term (Normal Finish Time) Inset Day Cancelled
Monday 22 nd February 2021	Children return to school (Normal Start Time)
Friday 5 th March	Inset Day - Parent Consultations Revised Date
Friday 12 th March 2021	Inset Day - Parent Consultations Moved To Above Date
Friday 26 th March 2021	Last day of term (1pm finish)
Monday 12 th April 2021	Teacher Training Day (School Closed to Students) Revised Date
Tuesday 13 th April 2021	Children return to school (Normal Start Time)
Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Day - School Closed
Friday 28 th May 2021	Last Day of Half Term (Normal Finish Time)
Monday 7 th June 2021	Children return to school (Normal Start Time)
Wednesday 21 st July 2021	Last day of term (1pm finish)
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Students