



News and Information

Date: 12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are almost at the end of another year. There has been so much to celebrate this year. We have achieved the Eco Green Flag Award with Merit; a silver School Travel Plan Award; a silver Primary PE Curriculum Award; a Platinum School Games Award and a Platinum OPAL Award.

As well as this, we have seen so many children's lights shining brightly either through achievements they have made or events they have attended. The school choir performed at the Royal Albert Hall, our Honeycomb Dance Group got a standing ovation at the Waterside Theatre where we were the only school based group; Our Year 5/6 Boys Football Team got through to the Home Counties Finals held in slough and came 3rd in the whole of the South East of England!

Children have also been demonstrating courageous advocacy by coming forward and wanting to raise money for charities they have selected are important to them. Each time, they have presented compelling cases as to why an event should take place, organised and promoted their event and raised money for their chosen charities. It has been a delight to see our school values being thoroughly lived and breathed by our children.

Next week's newsletter will be our final safeguarding newsletter for the year and will contain a range of support and services that you might find useful over the summer break.

When we get there, I wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer holidays.

Ms Martin

Headteacher

July:

Thursday 18th—FOBS Disco

Monday 22nd—Year 6 Leavers Party

Tuesday 23rd School Closes at 1pm

September:

Tuesday 3rd—Inset Day

Wednesday 4th—School Opens for the Autumn Term.



Literacy at Bierton

There is little better than relaxing on holiday with a good book! Whether you are going away or staying at home, reading on a restful summer's day is one of the best things about the holidays! Here are some of our summer Literacy challenges. We would love to hear in September how you got on with the challenges.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

CAN YOU COMPLETE THE 16 CHALLENGES IN THE HOLIDAYS?

NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

Who?	What?	When?	Where?
Read a book to someone younger than you	Start a brand new series of books	Read a book set in the past	Read a book set in another country
Read a book by an author you've not read before	Read a comic / graphic novel	Read a book set in the future	Read a book that is set in a school
Read an author's first book	Read a poetry collection	Read a book before bedtime	Read a book in a reading den
Read a book by an author from a different country	Read a book that a film/TV show is based on	Read a book when you first wake up	Read a book on a beach

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Summer Writing Activities!

The summer is also a great time for children to continue developing their writing by using their skills in different ways.

- 1) Write a diary entry for a brilliant day out, or even for a holiday you go on! Illustrate your diary with pictures to help you remember a wonderful summer's day forever!
- 2) Write a summer adventure story! Use your imagination to explore spooky lighthouses, battle ice cream monsters, discover a desert island or create a picture book about a day at the park.

We would love to see your summer writing when you come back in September.

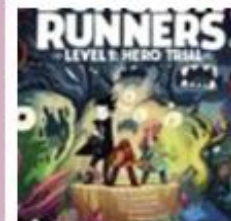
Book recommendations

The Boy The Troll and The Chalk—Anne Booth
A story of the power of kindness and art.



Dungeon Runners—Kieran Larwood

An adventure book that follows Kit a determined gnork (part gnome part dwarf).



Beasts from the Deep—Matt Ralphs

A journey into the ocean's depths, revealing awe-inspiring creatures.





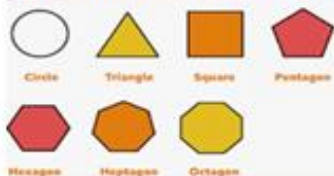
Super Summer Maths



Here are some suggestions on how to help your child learn and practise different maths skills over the summer break.

Shape games

Challenge each other to make 2D shapes with your body. What shapes can you see when you are outside? How could you describe them?



Money

Let your child practise paying for items if you visit the shop. You could also look at the cost of items and see which is most expensive. Older children could look at discounts and compare prices.



Surveys

Choose a topic e.g. car colours, favourite foods and get out about to discover data. You could make a tally chart to record your data and then turn that data into a pie chart or bar chart.

Colour	Tally	Frequency
Red		13
Blue		9
White		24
Black		12
Other		9

Play the license plate game

For younger children, the game can simply involve adding up the numbers. Who can be the first person to find a "10?"

For children who are ready for a challenge use the numbers on the license plate and the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) to reach a given number.



Fractions

When cooking/baking or sharing equipment, you could reinforce different fractions. If you visit the beach, you could try filling half of a bucket with sand or filling half a glass with liquid. Older children could look at items that may be discounted by a certain percentage.



Time

Practise telling the time. This could be reading an analogue or digital clock, or you could practise calculating time differences by seeing how long it takes to complete different exercise activities.



Sit down together

For parents, the summer holidays are a great chance to sit down with your children. Together you can visit their favourite sites and play their favourite games, this is a great way to stay up to date with online lives and show them that you're interested in what they are doing.

our internet and web use should be...



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Conversation starters:

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

Talking about their time online

The holidays are also a good opportunity to talk to your children about their online friendships, the sites they use and encourage best practices online. Why not watch some of these with your child:

A short film for 5-7 year olds about asking before they watch videos online

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/films-for-5-7-year-olds>

Read Digiduck's big decision and help educate children aged 3 - 7 about how to be a good friend online

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/digiducks-big-decision/>

Take the be change quiz for 8 - 13 year olds to explore how children and young people share images and videos online

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/safer-internet-day-2021-quiz>

Forest School

The children in both Nursery and Reception attend Forest School sessions on a weekly basis, and both Year 1 and Year 2 attend Forest School sessions fortnightly. These sessions allow the children to be outside in our beautiful forest area, giving them the opportunity to learn and experience different activities that they would not learn within the classroom.

As it comes to the end of the academic year, I wanted to share some pictures showing what the children have enjoyed this year.

Miss Huggins

In the warmer dryer months, these are the perfect clothes to wear. Long sleeves and long trousers **MUST** be worn at all time to protect the children from being stung by the stinging nettles or bitten by bugs, as well as protection from the sun.





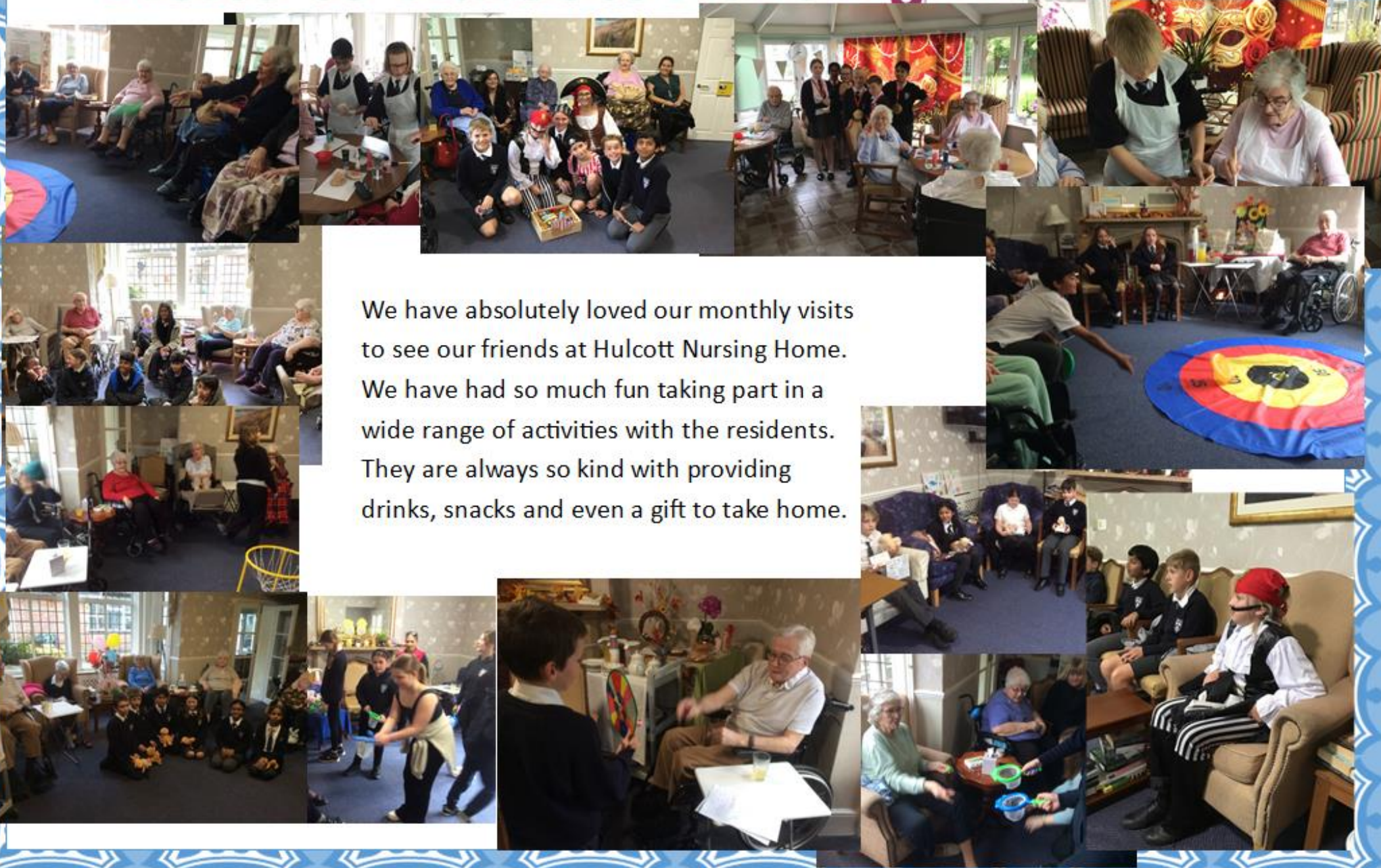
Our Young Carer's have been visiting the local Bierton Allotments over the course of the last term. At their last visit they harvested some of their work. They collected a total of 72 potatoes, picked some strawberries and some raspberries (which of course needed to be taste tested!).

They have also been working hard on decorating some logs to add colour to the allotment.

I think you will agree that they have done a remarkable job!



Visits to Hulcott Nursing Home



We have absolutely loved our monthly visits to see our friends at Hulcott Nursing Home. We have had so much fun taking part in a wide range of activities with the residents. They are always so kind with providing drinks, snacks and even a gift to take home.

Home Counties Cup

Arbour Park Stadium—the home of Slough FC

Match Report— 11/7/2024

Home Counties Cup— Tournament

Qualified schools: Glebe (representing South London); Hillside (representing West London); Oak Hill (representing North London); Thorpe House (representing South Bucks) & Bierton (representing North Bucks)

Bierton were first to concede against Thorpe House, however Stephen pulled it back with a spectacular goal for a point. But from there, it all went a bit downhill. A 4-0 and a 5-0 defeat to Glebe and Hillside followed by a 4-1 loss to top-of-group Oak Hill left Bierton thinking they were out with just the one point and -11 goal difference. However, miracles occurred as a thrashing of Thorpe House made them the ones going home. In the semis, a much better performance against Glebe only ended in a 2-0 defeat but the squad was a lot more happy. In the third / fourth place match, Bierton finished on a high with a 2-1 win and a 3rd place spot. The goals came from Jack and another cracker from Stephen. By Musa Khan (Head Boy)





Sporting Shout-Outs



Our school has an amazing array of Sporting Stars and we have been made aware of a few at our school that we want to give a shout out to!!



Also, please if you have any Sports Star shout-outs you would like us to include in our Newsletters send an email for FAO Mr Sloan and Mr N to the school office. We love celebrating our pupils' successes.



We would love to share with everyone that Georgia represented the region at the English Tumbling Championships in Telford at the weekend, earning a top 10 finish (in her first time qualifying for national level competition)! She is the youngest age group eligible to qualify, took it in her stride and competed 3 excellent runs! She's thrilled with the result (she says she can't believe she got 10th in 'the whole wide world of England. Even more exciting is that she has qualified to compete at the British Championships at the beginning of July where she will be upgrading her runs to include whips and twisting somersaults to try and climb the rankings! So proud of her!!

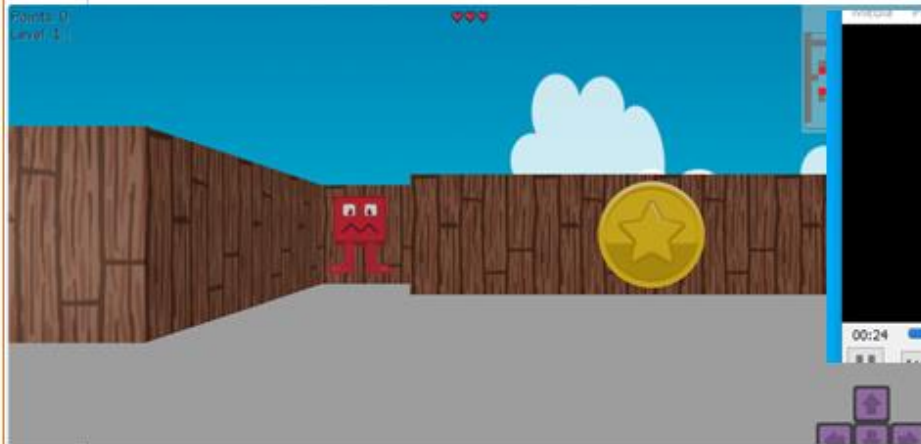


Also a shout-out to:

**Ella, Poppy, Nellie,
Annabelle and Ruby. Who
all represented at the
National Cheerleading
competition in Birmingham.**



Digital Creativity Awards



On Friday 5th July, Mr Gadsby and Ms Martin spent the afternoon with our DCA entrants. We were blown away with their digital skills: putting together a presentation; making short films and coding their very own computer games! We enjoyed playing the children's games and watching their films and presentations. The children enjoyed a well-deserved treat too! Congratulations goes to Kurt C, Alex M, Vinusan V, Kavinuyan K, Scarlett M, Anissa J and Liam C.

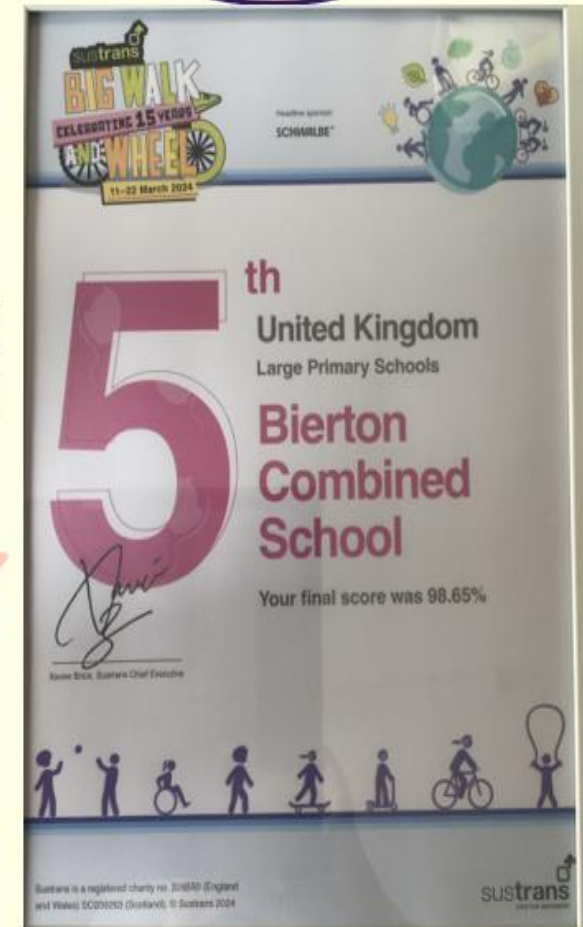


School travel plan update - Big walk and Wheel certificate

From the 11th – 22nd of March we took part in the Big Walk and Wheel, everyday we were tracking which children were walking, cycling and scooting to school each day.

I am proud to announce that we have received a certificate stating **out of the 916** large primary schools competition we came **5th** in the UK! You will be able to see our amazing award displayed in the school office.
What an achievement!

Being part of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel has inspired our pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in the schools neighbour and they have discovered how these changes benefit the world. We are so proud of all the children who took part and the school.



<https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/schools/rankings/2>

Global Neighbours



At Bierton School we are part of the Global Neighbours with Christian Aid. As part of this, we have connected with, and written letters to a couple of schools around the world including a school in China and Malawi.

Unfortunately we have been told that severe flooding has caused damage to the Tumaini School in Malawi, which is in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp. This has meant lots of students have been unable to attend school until some repairs have been made.

As a school we are raising awareness of the difficulties the children are facing and fundraising to support the school in Malawi. Any contributions to this would be greatly appreciated. Please follow the link.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Mrs-king-1?utm_term=87AaDPwQ8



Wider Community Impact

Emilia completed a 10k walk around London to raise money for JDRF. Mum reported that she was a 'true superhero and did a great job!'. She successfully raised £1150. Absolutely fantastic!



Scarlett and Millie, Year 6, were super keen to raise money during pride month to raise awareness of different people within our communities. As Oxfam, support and celebrate pride, the girls wanted to raise some funds for them through a bake sale. After hours of baking (from themselves, their parents and other relatives!) they produced a whole range of cakes and bakes to sell after school. The girls raised an impressive £104 for Oxfam!



Wider Community Impact

As a school we do a huge amount of sport and want to be able to support everyone access sporting activities. We are very aware that for some this may be harder than for others. We are fortunate enough to live close to Stoke Mandeville Stadium, the home of the Paralympics, and our Year 2 children have visited the museum there as part of their studies. It was therefore decided that we wanted to raise some money for Wheel Power. The male members of staff all volunteered to be part of a leg waxing competition with the person who raised the most money, having their legs waxed by a qualified beautician (Thank you to Miss McHattie!). Mr SLOAN was the winner! We raised £129.90 for Wheel Power and received this lovely thank you card from them. They shared that they were able to use our donations to provide coaches and equipment for three days of the national junior games. Which is amazing to see the impact we were able to provide! Well done to all!



at the National Junior Games.
We really appreciate all donations that we receive & love to see all the fun ways people raise money for charities like WheelPower.
Keep up your amazing work!

Thank You from
The WheelPower Team ☺

THANK YOU! for your donation of £129.90 from your leg waxing fundraising event. This money will go towards the amazing work here at WheelPower, providing opportunities for disabled children & adults to play sport & stay active. We recently hosted 100 disabled children at Stoke Mandeville Stadium & with your donation we are able to provide coaches & equipment for 3 days