



# News and Information

Date: 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we break up for the Easter holidays, I reflect on a term that has continued to be challenging for everyone but a term full of flourishment. The children have achieved so much and made lots of progress across the curriculum. It has been so lovely to see 'normality' return this term with after school clubs, sports fixtures, trips and inter-house competitions. I have been so proud to witness how talented our children are; the standard of last week's gymnastics finals was simply incredible and the Speech Cup performances this morning literally blew me away! All of these things do not happen without amazing, dedicated staff so I want to say a huge thank you to all of our staff for continuing to be a phenomenal team and always putting the children first. This week, I am delighted to welcome back Mrs Bramley from her maternity leave. Mrs Bramley is coming back part-time, working three days a week. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Makepeace who covered the SENDCO role in Mrs Bramley's absence and finished her handover this week.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Mr W Gadsby

## School Council Update



Our winning house (Blue House) celebrated their victory this term with their end-of-term treat. School Council voted for a sports/ games afternoon on the field and cheekily asked for a snack too! We also discussed how we are going to make our school more environmentally friendly. We are starting by making sure that things are put in the right bin (refuse and recycling) so we are designing posters for the bins in our classes.



## Key Dates coming up:

### April

Monday 25th—INSET Day

Tuesday 26th—School re-opens

### May

Monday 2nd—school closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd—Year 1 trip to Mop End

Wednesday 4th—Year 2 trip to Claydon House

Friday 6th—Platinum Pudding Competition; wear red, white and blue for the Queen's Jubilee

W.b. 9th KS2 SATs Week

Friday 13th—Year 3/4 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

W.b. 16th—KS1 SATs Week

Thursday 19th—CineNight (FOBS event)

W.b. 23rd—Queen & Commonwealth Week; Year 6 trip to Skern Lodge

Thursday 26th—Platinum Jubilee Picnic

Friday 27th—School closes at 3:15pm

# R.E. and Global Neighbours

Our value this half term has been Respect.

The children have been demonstrating this by respecting their environment, especially their new play equipment. They have been showing respect by using the equipment for its intended purpose, making sure they tidy away the equipment at the end of lunch to the correct places and ensuring that they keep these areas tidy. The children are also respecting each other by sharing the equipment and creating fun and exciting games to play.

## R.E. and Diversity week :

The children spent a week looking at diversity around the world. They explored diverse celebrations, families, clothing, food, housing, heritage and religions.

They all had a great time learning about their differences and similarities. Additionally, they considered how our differences make the world a more interesting and exciting place to live. Many children took this opportunity to share with their peers some of the things that are important to them and make them unique.

We discussed the importance of celebrating and respecting our differences as they make us who we are.

We also had visitors from different faiths in school to discuss what they believe and how they show it. They had lots of respectful questions to ask and enjoyed finding out how other religions started and how they practice their beliefs.

**Comic Relief:** The children learnt about the importance of this charity and the important causes it supports. On Comic Relief Day we took part in sponsored activities to raise money and really enjoyed our bake sale and sponge throwing at the end of day!



## What our children are saying:

Diversity week was a reminder that everyone is unique and different and to respect everyone. It helped us become better global neighbours because it makes us realise that we are similar. We are going to have differences and we are going to like different things but despite that we can still get on. In response to what we have learnt we should all try to be kind and understanding.

**By Violet Tree-Wright - School Council**



# Playtime at Bierton - OPAL



## Opal This Term

This term has seen our playground launch, which the children have loved. This has had an impact on behaviour inside and outside the classroom, reduced the number of behaviour and first aid incidents on the playground and has had a positive impact on the children's wellbeing.

Each week, we have had play assemblies to discuss and review the playground. This has given the children an opportunity to develop their skills and share their ideas.

In the background, the Opal Team have continued to introduce more areas for activities as well as look at the plans for the future.

We have been amazed by the children's attitude and their continued creativity within their play.



We would like to thank everyone who has sent us a gift from the Amazon Wish List. Receiving packages is exciting and all the items are able to go straight on the playground to be used.

If you would purchase from our Wish List the link is below. Please pass on the link to anyone who would like to donate.

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## Year 5/6 play leaders

This term, a group of year 5 and 6 children have had some training provided by the Bucks School Games Team. Within this training, they have been shown how to organise and run games for other children as part of playtime.

Each day, 4 play leaders provide a range of games for all children to join in with.

These children have shown their Bierton values and amazing dedication in this role.

## What is next?

We are very excited about the next project. After the Easter Holidays we will start the construction of the new 'Bierton Beach'.

This will be our new sandpit which will measure 13m by 5m and will be filled with 46 tons of sand.

We can not wait to feel the sand between our toes and build sandcastles.



## What is our favourite part of playtime?

This term, the most popular activity on the playground is den building. We have lots of fun using planks of wood and old sheets to create little spaces to relax in. During our weekly play assemblies, we have shared tips and tricks on how to improve our dens. This activity requires a lot of team work and communication in order to produce the high quality hideouts that we see everyday on our playground.

## Donations

A big thank you to everyone who donated this half term. We have received so many items which we will be able to use on the playground.

### We still need:

- **Old sheets and curtains for den building.**
- **Legos**
- **Old colouring books and magazines.**
- **Clothes pegs (old or new)**

If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them to the school office anytime during the school day.

If you have anything else which you think we might be able to use on the playground, please email [Play@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:Play@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk)



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For donating 4 tractor tyres to our playground.

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Here are some of our highlights from this half term.

