



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has continued to be extremely busy with lots of opportunities for the children to be involved in and experience. Some of these are included within this newsletter and others are to follow in the future.

Last week we took part in a Quality Assurance Review with Challenge Partners. This is a national organisation and involves senior leaders and lead reviewers from across the country visiting other schools. We are delighted to have been accredited a nationally recognised '**Area of Excellence for Personal Development**' to reflect all the opportunities we provide our children to develop, grow, experience and Let their Lights Shine! I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all the staff who are always going above and beyond to provide for the children here at Bierton CE Combined School. Our visitors could not believe the offer we provide which further goes to show this is not the norm around the country, but something that as a school we feel is incredibly important!

Ms Martin
Headteacher

Young Carers Awareness Day

This week we discussed Young Carers Awareness Day and children across the school discussed what it can be like being a young carer.

We were also delighted to be awarded a '**Young Carers School Award 2025**' to recognise all the work and support we provide to our Young Carers. A huge Thank you to Mrs Bailey who runs our Young Carers group. She is that main support for our Young Carer children across the school. She provides a wealth of activities for them to take part in each fortnight to allow them a safe space to talk and also enjoy activities that they may not have time for at home due to other responsibilities.



March

Monday 17th – Parent Coffee Morning – Supporting your child with low level anxiety.

Monday 24th – Senior Citizens Easter Craft Event

Friday 28th – KS1 Easter Production to Parents

Friday 28th – FOBS Mother's Day Gift Session in the hall during the afternoon.

SEND Updates

A reminder of the Bucks SEND Local Offer and Family Services Website - <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/send/>



The SENDCO's at Bierton School are:
Mrs G Bramley
Mrs V Tarling- EYFS

Our Social, Emotional and Mental Health SEN Provision

We would like to take a moment to show you just some of the many provisions in place to support the special educational needs and wellbeing of Bierton children. Children learn best when they are emotionally available to do so, when they feel prepared for the things that are happening in the day and when there is consistency. Happy children learn best!

- All classrooms have a visual timetable, the children are prepared for the day and have clear expectations of what is coming next, creating security and routine.
- Every child has access to a Zones of Regulation board within their class, helping children to identify and name their feelings. The children can do this throughout the day, allowing their adults to step in where support is needed.
- In Bierton we have numerous 'safe spaces' or calm areas for children to access, this may be the sensory room, our reflective Juniper Room or the quiet spaces in each classroom.
- We strongly promote individuality and self-love; children can fill up their cup of self-belief at one of our affirmation stations.
- Of course, we must mention Ruby and Suzy, and the positive effect that being around nature and taking care of another creature can do for our well-being and mental health.



Maths

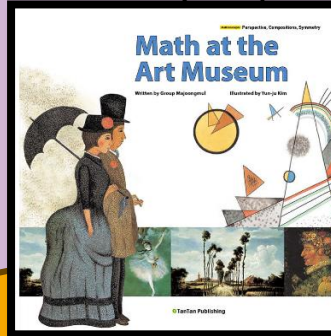
Problem Solving

To help reinforce your child's understanding of number, try to find everyday opportunities for them to use money. Children will also need to become familiar with working out change from £1. Give them a scenario where they want to buy a chocolate bar costing 30p. To calculate their change, they need to work out £1 subtract 30p. They could do this using a number line, or perhaps with ten 10p coins. Continue to practise with various multiples of ten (60p, 20p, 80p, etc.) then move onto other numbers (45p, 67p, 28p, etc.) You can then move on to finding change from notes such as £5, £10, £20, etc.

3/14/2025

A family explores paintings and other masterpieces at the art museum. The paintings are brilliant - and many of them have mathematical dimensions, whether visible or hidden. Elementary math concepts that relate to perspective, composition, symmetry, and other principles turn a stroll through the art museum into an eye-opening adventure.

[Click here to hear the story.](#)



Did you know?

'Four' is the only number in the English language that is spelt with the same number of letters as the number itself.

Remember to login to Numbots and TTRS to earn certificates and Dojos!



Family Challenge

Working together at home, can you make 275 using the cards Shown. You may only use each card once. You may use addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (x) and division (÷). Share any solutions with Mrs Start or Miss Smith and earn a dojo!

Countdown

Reset cards and target

275

Generate new target

25 5 2 1 10 1

Possible using 3 cards

Replay code: 25,5,2,1,10,1,275

Shout Outs

Well done to the following children who have earned the most coins on either Numbots on TTRS in the past month. You will receive a dojo!



	Numbots	Times Table Rock Stars
Reception	Connor (Ash)	
Year 1	Alexander (Birch)	
Year 2	Thanvi (Cedar)	Thanvi (Cedar)
Year 3	Anthony (Holly)	Tiynash (Hazel)
Year 4	Hanifa (Pear)	Arnas (Pine)
Year 5	Marcel (Sycamore)	Jotham (Spruce)
Year 6	Asha (Walnut)	Stephen (Whitebeam)



WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

Our theme for this year was - Hero's Vs Villains. We saw this during the day in the fantastic costumes that the children were wearing and the range of activities we did on the day.



We were also really lucky to have multiple author experiences in school last week. KS2 had a visit from Jenifer Bell, who talked about her new book - Magicalia. KS1 had a visit from Mevan Babakar, who take about her journey from Iraq and how she had turned this into a story for her book. EYFS also enjoyed some virtual author experiences including the Bear and the Piano.



The classes split into heroes and villains and used their creative writing skills to write character descriptions. We then brought these descriptions to life using an AI image generator.



Same classes also turned their characters into finger puppets.



The classes also paired up to plan exciting adventure stories using their newly created heroes and villains.



STEM WEEK - 10th February

The school celebrated STEM week before half term. Children had the opportunity to take part in lots of exciting activities linked to Science, Design Technology, Computing and Maths. Our Year 6 STEM ambassador Laasya lead the assembly at the start of the week and then spent time going into lessons, taking lots of photos and speaking to children.

Below, Laasya explains what STEM is and why it is so important for children to experience opportunities linked to this subject:

We link STEM subjects because of their commonalities, the various branches of STEM theory and practice are closely associated to one another.

Using the knowledge of STEM children can develop beneficial critical thinking skills, hard science and problem-solving activities. It seeks to support your intellectual, mental and physical success.

During STEM week we experimented by programming micro bits, making a messy mixture of rainbow fizz, took part in creative lantern making and went on a virtual field trip. We were lucky to have so many visitors coming into school to support our learning.

By Laasya Year 6.



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During STEM week we were lucky enough to have so many visitors to support us with our learning. A big thank you to the staff and science ambassadors at Kingsbrook school, Mrs Guess, Mrs Kinch and Mr Radley. You gave the children an incredible experience and we are so grateful!

Year 6 visited Kingsbrook school for a science lesson and had a scientist in who ran workshops on forces and electricity. The workshops were very practical and the children thoroughly enjoyed their science during this week.

Kingsbrook school ran science workshops for our Year 1 children. They learnt all about sinking, floating and chemical reactions. Mr Radley ran computing sessions for some of our Year 5 and 6 children. He taught them how to use excel spreadsheets and how to analyse the data. Mrs Kinch spoke to our Year 5 and 6 children about her job working in design. She has designed and made hats for some famous names! She then supported year 2 to design new hats! Mrs Guess worked alongside year 3 and 4 to help them with their 'lantern making' DT project.



Year 5/6 Enrichment Event

On Monday 10th March, Luke McQuillian, who is a singer and inspiration speaker, visited Year 5 & 6 with a special assembly. He sang lots of current songs (Sean Mendes, The Strokes and Harry Styles). Luke has toured with his band LCKDWN, performed at the o2 alongside The Vamps and performed at BBC1 Big Weekend. He was bullied at school after he posted videos of himself singing online during lockdown as the other students were jealous of his talent and success. He also received a lot of negative comments online from people about the way he looked when he was touring and this prevented him from following his dream.

He spoke a lot about how he overcame these difficult times in his life and his mental health problems linked to this and how he has used music as his way of coping. He has followed his dream of singing and has not let others or negative comments get in the way.

His big message was, "It takes more energy to be negative than to be kind." The children enjoyed the performances from Luke and they were all singing and dancing along with him. His message was also important and the children took it away with them. He had a lot of fans, at the end he had sign 120- autographs!

We hope that all our children at Bierton follow their dreams and don't let anyone or anything stop them from achieving their goals in life. Remember, be kind everyone!

