



Bunwell in Brief

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Together, we will strive to ensure that we C.A.R.E and our children are: **confident, able learners, responsible members of the community and effective learners.**

What we have been learning



Ladybirds: This week we had a wonderful morning learning all about Chinese New Year thanks to Mrs Jarvis. We have also been Pirates! A Treasure map was left in our class from Pirate Pete. We had to follow the clues to find the treasure which was lots of chocolate coins. We then made our own treasure maps, pirate hats and messages in a bottle.

Hedgehogs: In Hedgehogs we imagined that we were on board one of Christopher Columbus' ships and have written messages in bottles. In maths in Year 2 we have been looking at repeated addition and in Year 1 we have been working on place value. In topic we have been finding out about plastic in the ocean and have designed and made sea animals out of recyclable material.

Badgers: In Badgers we have completed our descriptive writing, the children have made lots of progress and produced excellent work! They are very proud of themselves. Thank you all for the support for our bake sale on Friday 15th February. We cannot wait to get the fish!

Foxes: Foxes are completing the second of their Darwin diaries and are 'publishing' their work. In maths we have moved on to decimals. In science we have carried out experiments to demonstrate how mutation drives evolution.

Chinese New Year

Thank you to Mrs Jarvis who came in on Tuesday to teach us all about Chinese New Year. The children had a great time working on different activities about Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the pig. Do you know the animal of the year you were born?

Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for **96%** attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for last two weeks. **Well done Foxes!**

| Ladybirds | Hedgehogs | Badgers | Foxes |
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| 85% | 95% | 95% | 98% |

Safeguarding at Bunwell

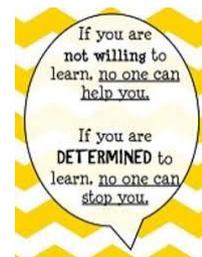
At Bunwell all staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff then please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mr Tuckett, Miss Husbands or Miss McMeekin. You can also ring the number 0344 800 8020 if you have a concern about a child outside school.

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Wellies

It is great to see so many children bringing their wellies to school every day and enjoying playing on the field in (almost) all weathers. We're glad the children can enjoy all the space we have here.

Mindset Moments



Film Night

If you have not yet returned your slip and money to the PTA for Film Night on Thursday 14th February, then please do so asap.



Achievements



Well done to all of the children who received a pupil of the week certificate! Keep up the good work.

Headteacher News

Last week Mrs Simon sent out a letter and parent questionnaire about residential trips at Bunwell. At school, not only do we teach children the academic skills they need but we also endeavour to equip them with skills which they will carry with them as they face the challenges life brings. While there are some things you can learn in the classroom, there is no substitute for giving children real experiences in the outside world. Something we can only do through trips out of school. Since I started at Bunwell, the staff have given the children a wide range of real life experiences from theatre trips to fossil hunting and sailing.

Research has shown that residential trips can provide opportunities, benefits and impacts that cannot be achieved in any other context or setting. They are unique. They can give children an experience of a different part of the country, for some it may be the first time they have stayed away from home and many even find themselves trying food they wouldn't touch at home. Activities on residential trips often push children beyond their comfort zone and far beyond things they've experienced before whether it is water activities such as sailing, adventurous activities such as abseiling or team building skills such as raft building. The sense of achievement and pride the children experience when they have completed one of these activities stays with them forever and will push them to try more things in the future.

However residential trips are not without their worries or challenges, for school staff these can be in terms of organisation, planning and responsibility. Just as for parents they can bring the worry of money, homesickness, ensuring children have packed the right things and separation.

As one of the responses of the questionnaire has said "residential trips are an important part of children's education which gives them the opportunity to do something different. To be able to learn outside the classroom gives them greater insights into the world outside school." I couldn't agree more.

Bunwell PTA

The PTA are always looking for new members. The children would miss out on many fantastic opportunities were it not for the tireless work of our fabulous PTA. If you wish to get involved, please contact one of the PTA members.

If we do not have more parents and carers volunteer to be on the PTA it is at risk of folding.

Dates for your Diary



- Thursday 14th February** – Ladybirds class assembly – parents welcome
 - Thursday 14th February** – PTA Valentine's Film Night – info in book bags on Thursday 24.01.19
 - Friday 15th February** – dress down day for the PTA – please bring £1
 - Monday 18th February** - half term
 - Monday 25th February** – back to school
 - Wednesday 27th February** – Fairtrade Café 3:15pm – come and join us
 - Thursday 7th March** – World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character
 - Wednesday 13th March** - Parents' Evening 2pm – 7pm
 - Friday 15th March** – Comic Relief (we have decided not to mark this in school due to lots of other events)
 - Friday 22nd & 29th March** – Y5 Cycling
 - Thursday 28th March** – Foxes' class assembly – parents welcome
 - Tuesday 2nd April** - Y5 PE transition event @ OBHS
 - Wednesday 3rd April** – RockSteady Concert – parents welcome
 - Friday 5th April** - dress down day for the PTA – please bring £1
 - Friday 5th April** – school closes for Easter holiday
 - Tuesday 23rd April** – school reopens
- More dates to follow***

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands