



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: We have had a great week continuing to learn about Space. We thoroughly enjoyed the Planetarium visit and continued lots of role play from this back in class.

Hedgehogs: This week in English we have been learning a poem about the Great Fire of London. In maths we have continued our work on multiplication and repeated addition. On Tuesday we went to the Planetarium and had a lovely time learning about the planets and the stars.

Badgers: Badgers are continuing to enjoy our new topic. We have learned about the different periods of the Stone Age and will be learning about tools and living soon! Our adventure story planning is coming along well and we are learning about area and perimeter in maths!

Foxes: Foxes Class have been continuing with their work on decimals in maths and have been dissecting description during English lessons. They very much enjoyed their visit to the mobile planetarium, which tied in nicely with their science topic, 'Space'. Thank you to Miss Johnson for organising this. They have been developing their sketching skills with Mrs Roden during art lessons and have produced some beautiful work.

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Sleep

I recently posted a picture on Class Dojo about the amount of sleep people of different should be getting. One parent shared a link to a charity called The Children's Sleep Charity (<https://www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk/parents.php>), there is lots of advice and tips about bedtime routine, sleep and diet and the best way to support a good night's sleep.

Mindset Moments

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore is not an act but a habit."

Aristotle

E-Safety tip



Achievements



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

Healthy Lunches

Children need to eat well as it will give them energy and nutrients to grow and develop, be healthy and active. A healthy, enjoyable lunch gives children the energy they need to learn and play at school. If your child is having a home packed lunch, please try to make it as well balanced and healthy as possible. Packed lunches should not contain chocolate, sweets, fizzy or sugary drinks.

Road Safety

The path alongside the church can get fairly busy in the morning with everyone coming to school. If your child rides a scooter or bike to school, please can you encourage them to be mindful of their speed and the other people on the path. We will also be doing some work in school about keeping safe on your way to school and particularly when riding bikes or scooters.

Planetarium

On Tuesday a planetarium visited Bunwell. Every class had the opportunity to spend some time in the planetarium learning about space and the skies above us. The children loved the experience and they couldn't wait to tell me all about it, I know that it was the main topic of conversation at many a Bunwell home that evening as well. Thank you to Miss Johnson for organising the day – a great experience for all.

Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for 96% attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for the last two weeks, the whole school attendance is 95%. **Well done Badgers and Foxes – Keep it up!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
91%	95%	96%	97%

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 Mrs Brookes. You can also ring the number 0344 800 8020 if you have a concern about a child outside school.

Bunwell Primary School is registered with Operation Encompass. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred.

Headteacher News

World Book Day is just round the corner at the beginning of March and to coincide with this Bunwell will be organising a sponsored read in conjunction with Usborne, who will donate additional books as a percentage of the money we raise as a school. All the money we raise will go towards investing in new books for the school. Reading a wide range of books is vital for children as it gives them the opportunity to extend their vocabulary and learn more about the world around them and beyond. We see the impact reading widely has on children's writing; their vocabulary is better, they have more creativity and ideas as well as improved sentence structure. Research has shown that reading for pleasure is important to children's cognitive development and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than their background. As the author Michael Morpurgo says, "Reading is the one ability, that once set in motion, has the ability to feed itself, grow exponentially and provide a basis from which possibilities are limitless."

At Bunwell we promote reading for pleasure on a daily basis with the books we choose to read in class individually and as whole class stories. We have recently invested in the Pie Corbett reading spine; these are a list of quality texts for each year group. In Ladybirds and Hedgehogs these books will mostly be used as class stories and texts to give the children a bank of stories which they have all read by the end of the year. Moving into Key Stage 2 these stories will also be used as class texts but children will also have the opportunity to read them independently. Ask your children what is in their red box of 'Really Good Reads' in their classroom!

Please remember to sign your child's reading record whenever you read at home. It promotes the importance of reading and is a lovely way to spend some time with your child at the end of a busy day. Let us know what they've read or even what you've read to them! Take it in turns, ask each other questions and explore picture books. We have plenty in school, the local library is a wonderful resource and charity shops are an amazing place to find as good as new books.

'The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more things that you learn, the more places you'll go.' – Dr Seuss

Trust Update

David Clover has kindly let me steal his spot this week to introduce myself as your new CEO. I have been a Governor at Bunwell and Banham for several years, but have agreed to take over from Jennifer Gill, who has now left to work in Yorkshire. I look forward to working with Miss Husbands and the other headteachers as we move forward to strengthen our cooperative values. I know how special the school is to parents and the community and I look forward to meeting with you all at school events.

In other news, many of you will know that the website has been undergoing a revamp and that it has been taken down for a couple of months to allow that work to happen. I am delighted to be able to confirm that after half term the website will be back up and running. We will announce this formally but please do take a look. As well as having all the statutory information on it, there are also some great photos of school life so please do take a look and let us know what you think.

Best Wishes

Paul Bunn, CEO

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 13th February – Ladybirds stay and play - 9 -10am

Friday 14th February – last day before half term & dress down day – (£1 voluntary PTA donation)

w/b 2nd March – Bunwell Sponsored Read

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

w/b 9th March – Science Week

Sunday 22nd March – Mother's Day

Tuesday 31st March –OBHS Y5 PE transition morning

Wednesday 1st April - RockSteady concert – all welcome

Friday 3rd April – last day before Easter holidays & dress down day (£1 voluntary PTA donation)

Monday 20th April – term starts

Monday 27th April – Ladybirds trip to Norwich (Build a Bear and a ballet performance of Little Red Riding Hood)

Wednesday 6th May – Class Photos

w.b Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs week

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands