

# 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 went on a fantastic trip to the Dinosaur Park. We loved taking part in the trail, finding fossils in the sandpit, sliding down the giant dinosaur and playing in the soft play area. In Maths we have been learning about patterns and children have been learning to make repeating patterns.

**Hedgehogs:** In Hedgehogs we went on an amazing trip to the dinosaur park to finish our topic, the children were a credit to the school. In Maths we have been working on addition and subtraction methods as a class as well as recalling our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In English we have been identifying key features of letters and working out whether they are formal or informal.

**Badgers:** We have completed our descriptive writing and the children are really proud of their work! We will be displaying the work around our new interactive whiteboard when it is fitted over half term. This week we have been writing a biography on a famous black athlete to celebrate black history month. In maths we are working on addition and subtraction methods and we are going to be experimenting with circuits in science this week!

**Foxes:** This week we have been writing biographies about famous black athletes past and present. We have been creating montages featuring these athletes. In maths we have been recapping factors and multiples and different operations. We have also been researching bread from around the world to finish our DT topic.

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### Parents' Evening

We will be holding parents' evening in the second week of November. These meetings will be held remotely again in order to keep everyone safe. Sign up sheets will be shared after half term.

### E-Safety tip



### Achievements



Well done to all of the children who have worked extra especially hard this week! Keep up the good work.

### Bunwell Birthdays



Happy birthday to Oliver and Bethany, who have celebrated their birthdays in the last two weeks.

## Remembrance Service

We will be holding our annual Remembrance Day service in the church on Thursday 11th November. The service will be led by Y6 children. Due to covid restrictions and trying to keep numbers to a minimum, we are going to restrict guests to Y6 parents only. It is disappointing that we won't be able to open invitations up to all parents and the community but we hope that we have found the right balance in managing the risks while still recognising the day.

## Before and After School Club

Breakfast club starts at 7:45am and children are served toast, cereal or fruit. After school club runs until 5:30pm and there is a choice of sandwiches, fruit and vegetables for tea. Sessions cost £5 for breakfast club and £8 for after school club. Please book your sessions via Wisepay under the 'School Clubs' section.

## Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for **96%** attendance. Well done to the whole school with more than 97% attendance! We have been so pleased to have maintained good attendance through this first half term of the academic year.

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
98%	97%	97%	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



On Monday Ladybirds and Hedgehogs spent the day at the Dinosaur Park. The children were fantastic, it was a pleasure to be out of school with them. We enjoyed hunting for dinosaurs along the dinosaur trail, visiting the animals in the petting zoo and playing on the park.



Some of these children had never been on a school trip before given the restrictions which have been in place since March 2020. However, their behaviour and attitude was impeccable. They were polite, enthusiastic and listened to everything they were told. A huge thanks to the parents who joined us, we really appreciate it.

## Trust Update

As we reach the end of half term, I want to say a big thank you to everyone for their support in helping us get through the term relatively undisturbed by Covid! Cases are rising in the area, as across the country, so thank you to all the families who have followed guidance or advice from the school in our attempts to keep things running smoothly.

It was really good to have our Governor meeting in person this term for the first time since the start of the pandemic. We welcomed Mrs Simon as the new Staff Governor and our thanks go to Kerry Brown who stepped down from the committee. The meeting focused on the school's plans and priorities for the year and how we can help to make sure the children are getting the best possible opportunities.

We hope to be going into school after half term to visit classrooms, meet with staff and speak with children to get their views. I always think school visits are the best part of our role, being able to see the school in action, understand what the children are learning and how they feel about it.

We are currently looking for one more parent governor to join us. I know that volunteering can feel like a big commitment, but it can be extremely rewarding. You would bring your views as a parent and help to make decisions on how the school should develop. It doesn't matter if you've never done this kind of thing before, as we will give you training and support all the way through.

There are a few ways you can find out more about volunteering to be a governor.

- You could come along to our next meeting or on our school visit day.
- You could speak to me at the school gate (I'm generally there for afternoon pick up so ask a member of staff to point me out!)
- You could speak to our current parent governor, Hannah Grainger.
- Or you could complete [this form](#) and I will get in touch.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and enjoy some Halloween fun!

Julie Fletcher, Chair of Governors

## Dates for your Diary



- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Children return to school
- Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th November** - Parents' Evening (to be held remotely)
- Wednesday 10th November** - Early Years open morning for prospective parents
- Thursday 11th November** - Remembrance Day service - Y6 parents invited
- Thursday 18th November** - Ladybirds to see The Gruffalo
- Monday 22nd November** - Early Years open morning for prospective parents
- Tuesday 30th November** - Badgers trip to the theatre
- Tuesday 30th November** - YR and Y6 height and weight checks
- Thursday 2nd December** - Flu vaccinations
- Tuesday 7th December** - Rocksteady concert - by invite
- Wednesday 8th December** - Nativity 6pm - Ladybirds' parents
- Thursday 9th December** - Nativity 6pm - Hedgehogs' parents
- Tuesday 14th December** - Rocksteady concert - by invite
- Friday 17th December** - last day of term

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands