



Final Bunwell in Brief

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This week has made me enormously proud of being Headteacher here at Bunwell. It is weeks like these which pull everything together and you see the culmination of the effort which has been put in over weeks and months.

Our oldest children have been visiting their high schools over the last few weeks. All have gone confidently and positively; they have the foundations and security from school and home to make these visits. We have also welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children to settling in sessions. Miss Bennett has visited the children in their pre-school settings over the last few weeks to get to know the children before they came to school on Wednesday. Although there were a few tears, the children all left happily and we look forward to welcoming them again next week.

Tuesday marked the release of KS2 SATs results. Our Y6 children did incredibly well and I am very proud of them all. While SATs might be taken in Y6, they are the result of seven years of work which builds year on year. Children need to solid foundations created in Early Years which are then built on each year to enable them to progress and achieve as well as they can. The progress of these children, particularly in maths, over the course of the last year is outstanding. All the children deserve to be very proud of their success.

This week also heralded the KS2 show, Pirates of the Curry Bean. The children across Badgers and Foxes have worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, the songs and dances as well as the skills needed to perform to an audience and with the other characters. The children all deserve credit for what they've achieved, but a special mention needs to go to those children who sang solos which takes an extra degree of confidence and self-assurance. The feedback we have had from the audience has been positive and everyone left with a smile on their face, humming the songs. However, the children themselves recognised the efforts of their peers with cheers for the main characters (and boos for Captain Redbeard) as they came on stage to take a bow. This thread of recognition and acknowledgement for what each other achieves is something which runs through Bunwell.

Foxes have been attending weekly swimming lessons at Diss Leisure Centre since Easter. It is the National Curriculum expectation that all children will be able to swim 25 metres by the time they leave primary school. This year 100% of the Y6 cohort achieved this, the only school at Diss to achieve this in 2023. Quite an achievement for some children who had never been swimming before they started going in Year 5. The class also won 'Outstanding School of the Year' from their swimming teacher, who said that Bunwell are the most well behaved and enthusiastic school she has taught in fifteen years.

Looking back on this academic year, it is difficult to know where to start. We have achieved the Gold School Games mark as well as the Gold Norfolk Sporting Stars award. Talking to the children about what their favourite memories are of the last year, many of them mention events which have contributed to us achieving these awards. Children in Hedgehogs remember the cricket on Monday, the football at UEA and the trips to Eaton Vale and High Lodge. The girls in Badgers thoroughly enjoyed the football tournament they attended at Riddlesworth and the trips to Ultimate Ninja and Thorpe Woodlands are all round favourites. The children in the netball team learnt many skills about competition and sporting matches when they played at UEA. These trips and events have added a huge amount to the children's experience of the all-round PE curriculum and we will be adding more such events as we move into next year.

We are hugely lucky to be beneficiaries of the composer Malcolm Arnold's royalties, as bequeathed to us by a previous pupil at Bunwell who said that his days here were the happiest of his life. I hope that the experiences our children have will lead them to feel the same as they look back in years to come.



2022-23 Results

Reception ELG	GLD 2023	GLD 2022
Bunwell	55%	50%

Phonics Screening	2023	2022
Bunwell Y1	40%	38%

KS2 (Y6) at the expected standard	2023	2022
Reading	71%	57%
Writing	43%	57%
Maths	57%	71%
Reading, Writing & Maths	43%	50%
SPAG	71%	64%
Science	100%	71%

KS1 (Y2) at the expected standard

	2023	2022
Reading	60%	64%
Writing	50%	18%
Maths	50%	55%
Science	80%	100%

We are hugely proud of the children who are a real credit to our school and to their families. Our end of key stage data shows a positive picture again this year and reflects the hard work of the children and staff.

2022-23 Attendance

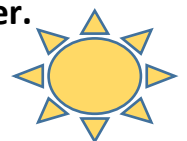
Ladybirds
89%
attendance

Foxes
94%
attendance

Hedgehogs
92%
attendance

Badgers
92%
attendance

Good luck to those children moving on to new schools and we look forward to seeing everyone else back at Bunwell on **Wednesday 6th September**.



Dates for September

Wednesday 6th September – start of term – children return