

# Brize Norton Primary School

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## Head Teacher's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this Newsletter finds you well. We have had a busy start to term which has seen our Year 5s and 6s attending Junior Citizens workshop in Oxford, the Lower School taking part in the Science Focus Day, RE focus day for all and the start of some of our after school clubs.

As for the team, we too have had a busy start to term. Having laid many foundations last year, we are keen to continue and grow in order for your children to get the best education here. All subject leaders have a dedicated time to review their focus areas through learning walks, book looks, speaking with children and looking at planning – Ofsted refer to this as Deep Dives. This then helps us to monitor the impact, celebrate our successes but also helps us to grow and develop further. This term, I have explored our Maths provision, Mrs Penn has reviewed our SEN provision, Miss Gibb focused on History and Mrs El-Masri has carried out a learning walk with regards to our Writing.

As a school, Writing and Maths are our core priorities. As a school, and in partnership with ODST and the Burford partnership schools, we are taking part in a Maths Mastery Readiness programme and a Writing programme which focuses on ambitious texts. Both myself and Mrs El-Masri will be leading these. Within our writing, we have identified that spelling is an area we wish to focus on. As a result the team are currently undertaking training for our new KS2 Scheme of 'Sounds and Syllables' which we will introduce in January and will follow on well from Rocket Phonics.

### SHINE



Congratulations to our Cross Country team who represented Brize superbly in the Burford Partnership event. Our team will be going forward to the County Finals. WELL DONE! A huge thank you to Mrs Keeble for facilitating this for the children.

### Attendance from

**Falcons : 94.9%**

Voyagers: 96.3%

Hercules: 96.7%

Hurricanes: 97.7% - Well done

Buccaneers: 96.3%

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## News Bulletin Title

### Cup of Kindness

As we have reviewed and refined our school's motto to: **We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness**, we have now introduced the 'Cup of Kindness' to our Friday celebrations to complement our SHINE awards. The cup of kindness is a trophy which is awarded to one pupil within the school who has displayed an act of kindness that week. The pupil will be chosen by the staff body. If your child is presented with the cup, they are able to take it home for the weekend to share with the family and then return it to school on the Monday where it will remain in the classroom.

### Arts Week & One World Week w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November

Next term we are holding an Arts Week with an environmental theme. Children will spend the week focusing on the arts through the environment: Dance, Drama, Art, D&T among others. To enrich the children's experiences this week, we have arranged for a VR (Virtual Reality) workshop for all children as well as dance workshop with a Bollywood theme (in honor of Diwali). We are asking for a contribution from all children for the VR workshop of £6; however, the BNSA have very kindly offered to fund the dance workshop for the children so there is no cost to you for this. An online payment will be set up for you to cover this, please pay via Eduspot (School Money), Other, VR workshop 2023.

### Parents' Evenings 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October

As you are aware, the parent evening sign-up sheets are outside your child's classroom. The gates next to the playground will be open for you to come through onto the school premises. If your child's class is in the main building, please come through to the shared space where you will be able to view your child's work prior to your meeting. If your child's class is in one of the 2 external units (Buccaneers and Falcons), work will also be available for you to view prior to your meeting. Feel free to take it through to the shared space in the main building if the weather is not on our side, and return when your appointment is due. The team will do their very best to run to time, so please do not think them rude if they need to close your meeting. We are conscious that it has a knock on effect to others but will ensure you each have your 10 minutes.

### Relational and Restorative Leadership programme

We are one of the fortunate Oxfordshire schools who have been selected to take part in the Relational and Restorative programme which is a pilot for the county. 60 schools expressed a wish to be apart of it and we were one of the 11 chosen. This programme complements and builds on our work here at Brize which puts relationships at the centre of all we do. I will be attending the leadership sessions with Mrs Penn over the next 18 months and we will be slowly embedding this practice further into our school culture. I look forward to hosting an information evening soon for you with regards to this.

### Understanding and Responding to Behaviour Parent's Workshop Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October

There are still some spaces left for the workshop next week, please do get in touch with the office if you would like a space. For those who are joining, please arrive at the school's main reception for 9am. We will take you through and get you ready for a 9:15 prompt start. The session should be finished by 10:15.

### Dressing Up clothes!!!

Our children are absolutely loving the dress up clothes we have provided them with for their playtimes. This is a plea for any unwanted clothing you'd be happy to donate – this does not need to be actual dressing up (but that's welcome), we are after hats, wigs, waist coats, old dresses – anything that children can wear. If you do have anything you feel will be suitable, please do hand things to either Mrs Jones on the gate or your child's class teacher. Many thanks in advance.

Bampton Charity Shop have kindly given the BNSA a grant of £1500; this is the third grant they have awarded us. They, and the BNSA are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Emma Baughan at [emmajbaughan@gmail.com](mailto:emmajbaughan@gmail.com) for the BNSA or Jenny Chaundy at [jenny.chaundy@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.chaundy@btinternet.com) for the Bampton Charity shop.

### End of Term

Last day of this term is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. **There is a change of menu on the 19<sup>th</sup>; it will now be fish and chips.** School is closed to children on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October as the staff have an INSET Training session. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October.

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## Children's News

### School Council

Last week, we warmly welcomed our newly elected School Council: Eliza, Lily and Audrey (Falcons), Sophie and Awwal (Voyagers), Anna and Sam (Hercules) and Luna (Hurricanes). I look forward to meeting with them next week where we are going to start a body of work around Kindness as well as Anti-Bullying in preparation for the national week next term.

### Eco Committee

Mrs Weeks is looking forward to restarting her Eco Committee and will be working with Taylor, Tyler and Sebastian (Hurricanes); Harry, Nyla and Faith (Hercules); Enid, Lily and Sam (Voyagers); Noah, Evie and Chloe (Falcons). We will update you with their progress as they get underway.

### Team Captains

In last week's assembly we shared with the school the newly appointed team captains: Charlie L (Sprites), Mylo R (Phoenix), Archie H (Dragons) and Henry L (Griffins). They will be leading their teams this year over the course of different events.

### Head Pupils

Mrs El-Masri and I will be interviewing the candidates next week and look forward to sharing the successful applicants soon.

## Dates for your Diary

16 Oct PM	Team of Yr 5/6 football tournament
18 Oct from 3.30pm	Parents Evening
19 Oct from 3.30pm	Parents Evening
19 Oct all day	Voyagers and Falcons visit to Science Oxford
20 Oct	INSET DAY
23-27 Oct	Half Term
30 Oct 1.30pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents
31 Oct AM	Rags 2 Riches collection – bring your bags to the parent shelter in the morning
3 Nov 3.45pm	BNSA Halloween and Sparkles Ball
8 Nov Am	Flu Vaccinations
10 Nov AM	Remembrance Service
w/c 13 Nov	Art's Week and One World Week

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20 Nov	Odd Sock Day
22 Nov	RE Focus Day
27 Nov 1.30pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents
7 Dec PM	IRock Concert, time tbc
8 Dec AM	Panto at the Play House in Oxford
13-15 Dec	Year 6 Residential
13 Dec 1.30pm tbc	Reception Nativity performance
14 Dec 1.30pm and 5.00pm tbc	Lower School Nativity performance
18 Dec 5.00pm tbc	Carol Service
19 Dec all day	Christmas dinner/jumper/party Day
20 Dec	School finishes @ 1:15pm

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