

Brize Norton Primary School

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We SHINE four ourselves and each other with kindness.



NEWSLETTER 02 – 18th October 2024

Head Teacher's News

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a very 'arty' week here at school this week. The children had a fantastic day on Tuesday, learning new skills and producing some impressive pieces of work with Dot, from Witney and Abingdon College's Cygnets Art School. A huge thank you to the BNSA who paid for this. The Lower School studied artwork from Andy Warhol and the Upper School focused on works from Picasso. Throughout the week, the children have also had the opportunity to work in different classes with the teachers focusing on artwork by Van Gogh. They have had a breadth of experiences, creating pieces in different mediums. I do hope they have come and shared their days with you with enthusiasm and interest in what they have been doing.

Next week, myself, Mrs Baker and Mrs Gibson will be taking our Year 5 and 6 children on their residential, where they will be challenging themselves with new experiences from raft building to abseiling. Another super experience that will see the children SHINE for themselves and each other.

After the half term, Mrs Baker and I will be heading to Berlin for a week as part of a cultural exchange. Mrs Baker will be becoming a pupil where she will be learning fun and interesting ways to teach German to primary children and I will be heading round German primary schools to learn about their educational system and making links with primary schools. We are excited to be able to bring back what we have learned for the benefit of our children. With children at Burford learning either German or French, we are hoping to give our children a taste of the language to hopefully ignite a passion for languages which complements our current offer of learning French.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jones and team here at Brize.

SHINE

A special mention to all applicants for our children's leaderships roles. You all shone in your interview.



Attendance

16th Sept – 18th Oct

Buccaneers: 97.20%

Hurricanes: 97.32%

Hercules: 96.97%

Voyagers: 98.10%

Falcons: 98.72% - congratulations Falcons!

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School News

Goodbyes and Thank you

I am sorry to say that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Penn at Christmas who will be leaving us to return to Kingfisher Special school where she will be taking up a position as teacher there and Pathway Lead. She has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to us here these past 2 years and her dedication to supporting and leading Inclusion here at Brize has been greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to say we have appointed Mr Stuart Jee who will be teaching the Hercules class for the remainder of the year supported by Mrs Stripe in her Apprentice Teacher role. Mrs Challans (the ODST Academy Trust SEN Advisor) will be our SENCO and Mrs Fox (also from ODST) will be our SENCO Assistant until the end of the summer. As well as your child's class teachers, Mrs Jones will be your point of contact in school for all your SEN requirements. Using the senco@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk is the email to use for correspondence.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to Mr Ian Griffiths. He has been a parent governor here at Brize for many years and his tenure is coming to an end. Mr Griffiths has held many hats on the Local Governing Board and has worked closely with me these past 2 years strategically developing our provision for those children from Service families. He will be greatly missed on the board and his input has been invaluable. Thank you, Mr Griffiths, for your dedication and time.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have some Governor vacancies here at the school. Governors make up an important part of the school's wider leadership team each having focus roles and responsibilities. They work closely with the headteacher with the strategic direction of the school. If you would like to find out more about the role of parent governor, please do contact the school office to arrange a meeting with me and I can answer any questions as well as put you in touch with current parent governors for you to find out more. We would love to welcome more members to our team. This is a fantastic time to join us as we continue our journey.

Parents Evening – Wednesday, 6th November 2024

This year we are holding our Parents Evening on one night so please save the date. Appointments will be available from 3:30pm up until 8:30pm. Meetings will be held at school and if you haven't already, please make your appointment on the signup form on the class doors or contact the office. SEN Review week will be held next week, please speak with your child's class teacher with regards to this.

Uniform

For your ease, we have now set up a uniform ordering system on the Shop section of School Money (Eduspot). You can order and pay online for jumpers/cardigans/hoodies and we will deliver your order to your child via their classroom. Our Uniform Policy has been updated and can be found here on the website. <https://www.brizeprimary.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Uniform-Policy-Sept-24.pdf> Please note, it is red jumpers/hoodies (except Yr 6 – optional navy) and navy (not black) bottoms. Trainers for PE should be black or white. Many thanks for your continued support with this, the children look incredibly smart. We intend to ensure a sense of pride in our children and a sense of shared community. Please speak with Mrs Jones if you require any reasonable adjustments to the policy for your child.

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Meet the Team...

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors...



Our School Council...



Our House Captains...



Our Children's Service Children's Champion



Our Sports and Play Council



Our Head Boy and HT PA



CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP

Mrs El-Masri and I were really impressed with the high-quality applications from our Year 6s who wished to be considered for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl as well as the Headteacher's Personal Assistant. The time and thought that went into both the applications and preparation for the interviews were outstanding. The children embodied our SHINE values throughout. They should feel truly proud. Sadly, as is the way, we did have to choose just one for each role, and this took some considerable thought and deliberation between us both as it was incredibly hard, but we got there in the end.

Congratulations to...

Darcey : Head Girl
Archie : Head Boy
Amelia : Headteacher's PA

We have also created a brand new leadership role this year for one of our Year 6 children to be our ...

Children's Service Children's Champion.

Congratulations Evie.

We were incredibly impressed with your interview and feel you would be the perfect Children's Champion in this role.

I am certain all these children will SHINE throughout the year and continue to help our school thrive and flourish... We look forward to working with you.

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Our Year 5 Playleaders



We did it!!! Following on from our 18 month strategic project on developing children's play and learning opportunities here at Brize, our final audit yesterday saw us being awarded the PLATINUM status which puts us in the top 2% of schools for our provision. This is a huge achievement which benefits all the children here at Brize.

Outdoor Play and Learning Programme

Sporting News

U11 and U9s Burford Cross Country



A huge well done to our cross country runners today who took part in this Burford Partnership competition. The children ran distances of 1500m-2000m, which is much further than you think! The School Games intent for the cross country is to promote success & achievement; every single one of our children realised both of these objectives, with huge smiles on their faces.

U11s Boys and Girls Football

Well done to both the boys and the girls U11 football teams who represented Brize at the Burford Partnership tournament. Their Sportsmanship and support of one another as a team was exceptional. Incredibly proud.



Skateboarding



This term we have had enjoyed watching those who have attended the Broken Boards Skateboarding After School Club not only have fun, but improve their skills, talents and confidence on skateboards. We will be pausing the club until the Spring term due to the weather and the preference for it to be outside – so watch this space... We will re-advertise the club in due course.

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Dates for your Diary

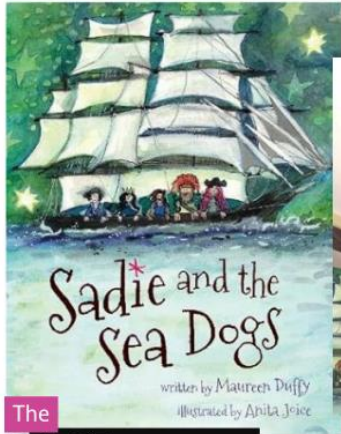
21 st – 23 rd Oct	Year 5 and 6 Residential
23 rd Oct	Lower School RE Focus Day
24 th Oct	Upper School RE Focus Day
25 th Oct	School CLOSED for INSET
28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	HALF TERM
4 th Nov	School CLOSED for INSET
5 th Nov	Term 2 Begins
6 th Nov	Parents Evening
11 th – 15 th Nov	Mrs Baker & Mrs Jones in Berlin – Cultural Exchange
11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
12 th Nov	Odd Sock Day
12 th Nov	U11 Hockey – Burford Partnership Event
13 th Nov	Year 3 – Oxford visit – singing and Science museum
25 th Nov	U11 Boccia – Burford Partnership Event
6 th Dec	NON Uniform Day – Christmas Star fundraiser
9 th Dec – 13 th Dec	Assessment Week
11 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Nativity @ 2pm and @5pm to family
12 th Dec	Reception Nativity to family
13 th Dec	Yr 1 – 6 Panto trip – Oh yes it is!
16 th Dec	Christmas Bake Sale – raising money to plant a sensory garden
18 th Dec	Community Xmas carol concert @ 2.00pm Yr 3 and School Choir Christmas Carols in the church @ 4:30
19 th Dec	Christmas, jumper/lunch/party day.
20 th Dec	Term 2 ends – School finishes at 3:15
23 rd Dec – 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holidays
6 th Jan	School CLOSED for INSET
7 th Jan	Term 3 Begins

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The **Library**
Carterton

Perfect
for ages
5-11

A visit from local illustrator

Anita Joice

Thursday 31st October, 11am-12pm

Anita will read from 'Sadie and the Sea Dogs' and give a talk about the illustrating process. Children will get the chance to design a ship's figurehead.

ADMISSION FREE. Places are limited so booking is advisable. All art materials will be supplied.

Half Term Activities



A COLLABORATION BETWEEN
MIGHTY ME - LIFE COACHING FOR CHILDREN
AND **NATURE MAKERS.**



OCTOBER HALF TERM

WONDERFUL WELLBEING RETREAT

For Children

DATE: WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
PLACE: ELDERBANK HALL, STATION RD, BRIZE NORTON
TIME: 9.30AM - 2.30PM
AGE RANGE - 4-11 YEAR OLDS
PRICE: £50.00


Yoga and meditation with **Felicity Baker - Primary PE Specialist**

Nature craft, sensory play, and mindfulness with **Claire from Nature Makers**

Celebrating our Uniqueness through art and mindset activities with **Rebecca from Mighty Me - Life Coaching for Children**

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