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May 2024 Newsletter

Dear Families,

It doesn't seem possible that we have already finished another month and another term, it really seems to be that time flies when you're having fun and May has certainly been busy.

The month began for our Year 5 pupils on their Osmington Bay residential. It was a glorious few days, the sun shone, our pupils behaved impeccably, demonstrating each and every one of our Bloxham values. Well done Year 5 and thank you to the staff who gave up their time to facilitate this.



May has also seen our Year 6 pupils complete their SATs, calm considered and so grown up, you really wouldn't have known that this was happening. A huge thank you to the Year 6 teachers who organised a breakfast start for the children each day to ensure a positive start.

Thank you also to FoBPS for providing the Year 6 with their Leavers Hoodies and for Year 6 families who were able to join us on Friday to share these being awarded. It was a lovely end to a necessary week.



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Have a great half term, we look forward to seeing the children return Monday 3 June.

Sarah Marshall



Attendance

Overall attendance across the whole school during May was 95.35%, A massive well done to class 5E for achieving the highest attendance for a class in May at 98.27%. Congratulations to Year 6 for the highest attendance for a year group at 97.66%

Our MaySuper-Here0s are: Foundation/Keys Stage1: Ella, Arabella and Jaiden

Key stage 2: Wynter, Ben and Caleb

Class Assembly Dates

Our class assemblies will take place on Wednesdays 8:55 – 9:30 (approx), please see the table below for dates. **Our next two assemblies are for families of pupils in 2A and 5E**

12 June	2A
26 June	5E
10 July	5B

Easter camp success.

Easter camp was a fun, full on four days of activities. The children all got along, right through from foundation to year 6. Here are comments made by some of the children who attended.

"It was great, a lot of fun. We got to play and go outside, I made a new friend and we are still friends now"

"It was fun, got to play loads of games and we got to see some of our friends."

"It was amazing, I liked everything. Liked meeting friends and made some new friends too. Really liked all the fun activities we did"

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Drawing Competition

To celebrate the arrival of Beard (the construction company) on site they would like to propose a drawing competition for all the students – the drawing could be of the Beard cabins or what the new building is going to look like (be as creative as you like).

Beard will display the artwork on the site hoarding to make it a little more attractive. The 'winning' drawing will receive a £10 amazon voucher. Please bring drawings to the school office by the end of the day on Wednesday 5th June.

Achievements from Outside the school

Sophia and Maisy sold loom bands and cakes to raise money for Katherine House Hospice as part of their Brownies Charity badge. Their sales surpassed expectations and they raised a grand total of £126.17 for Katherine House Hospice!



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Congratulations to Juliette for her gymnastics awards – silver overall and a gold for both floor and parallel bars.



Well done also to Neve and Isabella who have celebrated success on the football field.

Please do encourage your children to share their out of school successes with us, so we can celebrate with them.

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OSC

During after school club on Thursday William & Finlay (3B) built an amazing structure they called "The Rollercoaster Yacht" out of connects. What a wonderful piece of engineering!



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PE news

We have recently been looking into options for a smarter PE kit with a view to possibly changing the style/colours. Please hold off buying any new kit for the time being. When we announce the new PE kit there will be a 12 month grace period whilst we move across to the new style to support families.

Leagues

We have had three matches in our football league and one match being played this Thursday. The boys won against William Morris 3-0 and both girls and boys played against Hill View, both these matches resulting in a well-deserved draw! Unfortunately we have had two cancelled matches in the netball league, so June will definitely be a busy netball month!

Warriner Cluster Events

Some Y4 children took part in a Dodge Ball festival, we had three amazing teams, who all enjoyed dodging, dipping and diving! Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help out on that afternoon- much appreciated!



Some Y2 children were dropped off at the Warriner for the Multi-skills event, where they rotated around different activities lead by the students at the Warriner. It was great to see them engaging with the leaders and working alongside new children from other schools.

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Intra-House events

This year our children in KS2 have taken part (or will next term) in Intra-House athletics during their PE lessons. They have put to the test the skills they have been learning in their PE lessons on sprinting, throwing and jumping for distance. The overall goals for this are to encourage children to be part of a team (their houses), be included and participate and to strive for *their* best. They have been earning house points for their results but also for their attitude during the events. Only Year 4 results have been collated and shared so far and the winning house was Keller!

Basketball

A basketball coach from Hotshots Basketball Club came in to talk to the children in KS2 on Wednesday afternoon. The children were given a letter about a lunchtime club starting next term, fully funded by sports premium as a trial. I already have the feeling that the club will be oversubscribed! We will only be able to allow 28 from Y5/6 and 28 from Y3/4. If the demand continues, we can look at increasing the club for next academic year.



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Sports Premium Fund

Here at BPS we very much recognise the importance of physical education, and we aim to offer all our pupils a varied and inclusive sporting programme throughout the academic year. We receive a Sports Premium fund which enables us to subsidise both staffing and travel costs (when we attend offsite events and travel to leagues) and means we can take part in many more sporting activities.

It would be really helpful and we would be very grateful if you would be happy to provide us with positive feedback in relation to any sporting event that your child has been invited to so we can illustrate that we are using the money in the best way possible.

These are the activities the children have had access to so far:

Year 4

Cross country, Dodgeball, football festivals, Badminton, Quadkids (upcoming)

Year 5/6

Netball, Tag Rugby, Hockey, Swimming Gala, Indoor Athletics, Cricket and Quadkids (Upcoming), Booster Swimming Sessions, Football and Netball leagues as well as Cross Country

Thank you to those parents who have already emailed into us.

Foundation Stage

The Foundation children (and adults) had the most wonderful time at Cotswold Wildlife Park meeting so many of the animals that we have learned about on our Animal Safari this term.

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Year 1

Plant parts Science project in Year 1 teaches children about wild and garden plants by exploring the local environment. Year 1 children identified and described the basic parts of plants and learned that plants grow from seeds or bulbs.



Year 2

Our Year 2's have worked incredibly hard on their first ever SATs assessments. The determination to succeed has been non-other than inspiring and we are so proud of them. Alongside this, they have been practising and presenting their assemblies, celebrating everything they have learned this academic year.

Year 3

We have been learning about the Romans and their Empire. We went to Bloxham museum to learn about the local settlements here in Bloxham and the items recovered. The children enjoyed drawing the findings and recording information shared by local experts on site.

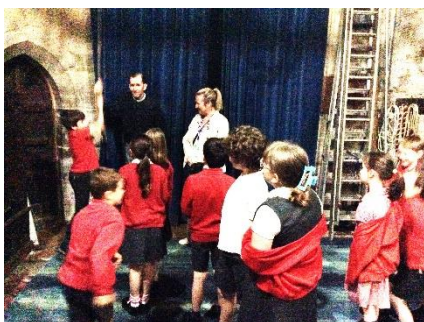
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After visiting the museum we explored some of the fauna and flora in the churchyard, linking to our topic "Beautiful Botanicals". There was also a chance for the children to try bellringing in the church as part of the visit. This was greatly enjoyed by both classes!



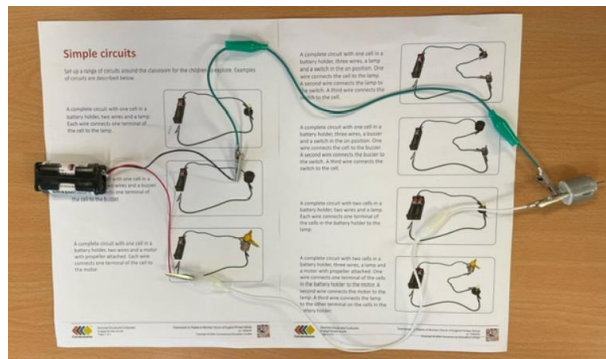
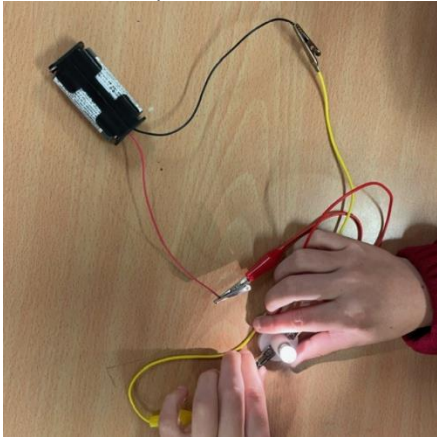
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Year 4

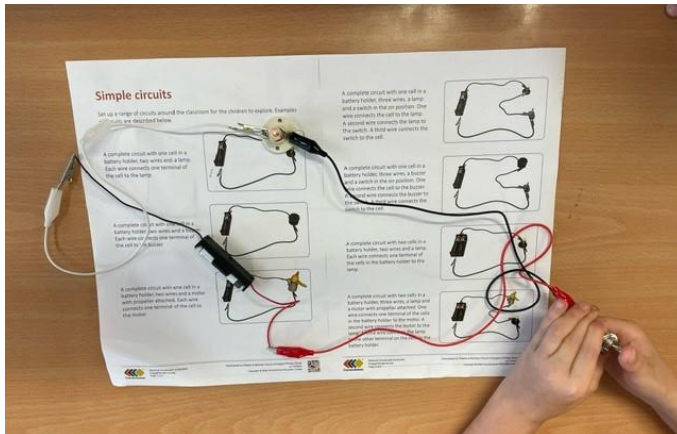
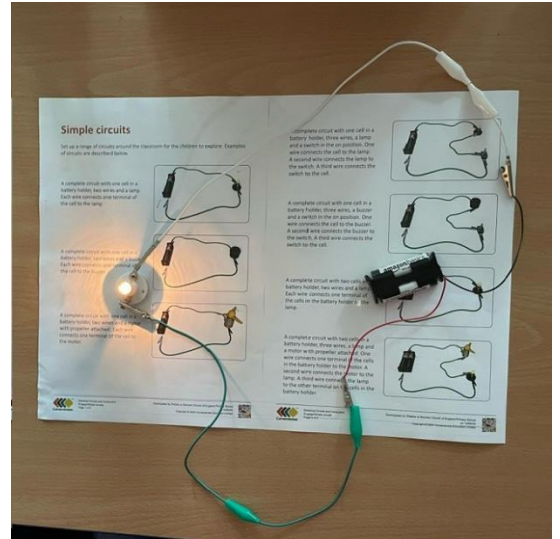
As part of their Science learning, the Year 4 children have really enjoyed using the new electrical resources to make different types of circuits. They were able to use a variety of components such as bulbs, buzzers, motors and switches. The buzzers were quite a hit! They followed this by completing a 'Blue Review'. This is an activity that the children complete in all subjects following four lessons, the objective being they can showcase what they have learned by summarising the learning 'In a Nutshell'. Needless to say, the practical and fun aspect to this Science topic ensured excellent retrieval of learning!



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Year 6

We are so proud of Year 6 for their resilience, courage and determination during SATs week. They all rose to the challenge whilst supporting each other along the way.

In Science, we have been learning about The Circulatory System and learnt about the components of blood. For this, we made our very own representation! In Computing, the children have enjoyed using software to create 3D models.

Receiving a hand-written letter can lift someone's spirits, so we decided to put pen to paper to residents at Godswell. Everyone, including teachers wrote letters full of information and questions. We hope residents will respond and tell us what school was like for them, if they were alive through the war, what their hobbies are and if they have any pets secretly lurking in their rooms!

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Dear Jess _____,

Thursday ^{23rd} May 2024 _____

I am 11 years old and my name is Oliver and I do Karate
I am a yellow belt and I hoping to join hot shots. What was
your life like as a kid? What was your favourite part
of growing up? Were you alive in the war? What was it
like? What would you do if you where a kid again? What
would you do? did you travel? When I am 18 or 20 I hope
to travel the world. When I finish my travels I will
have my own job they that reminds what was you job?

Yours sincerely _____,



oliver



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Thursday 23rd May 2024

Dear Margaret,

My name is Eve and I love horses and riding them. My mum owns a ^{business} and I live on a dairy farm. I like going down with my cousin in the spring to see the calves. I have a dog called Barley and he's like my best friend. I also do other sports like football, swimming and netball. I also like riding my bike. I enjoy school and have many friends.

When you were young did you do any sport or did you like to plant, sew or bake? That's what my gran did but she liked running. Do you have a favourite animal, flower or colour? When you were younger where did you live? Do you have children or grandchildren? My last questions are did you live through a world war? and how old are you?

ps. I have a cat called Bruce. I love him

Best Wishes

Eve



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Dear Ann,

Hello Ann my nana's name is Annasuel. My name is Leah and I live in Milton, which you might know ~~there~~ ^{as} the Pie Pub is (Malstone Tavern) great for dog walks

Question
do you know anyone famous?
did you ~~tr~~ do sports or still?

I have a dog and her name is POPCORN! ~~is~~ She loves people. But not so much dogs

my nan's name ~~goes~~ ^{goes} to god's well well she wants to go ~~any way~~ ^{any way}
you don't have to reply but thanks
you for reading

Sincerely Leah ♥

PS How old are you

on ^{date and written}
Thursday 23 May



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Thursday 23rd
Nov 2024

Dear Belinda,

I hope you have a lovely day. The weather has changed a lot ^{since} yesterday it was really raining. My name is Ava I really like dogs I have a dog his name is Wilson he is two years old. I'm also a little into football I play for a team Hook Norton I live in Banbury. I have a sister she is 8 and her name is Tilly. What was your favorite hobby? When you were young mines football and Netball. What is your favorite glower? Mine is a rose where did you used to live before you came to Croxwell? I have moved house 3 times this is my 3rd house. My favorite animal is a dog. I have a couple of friends in my school like Amya, Daisy, Leah, Bella, Tremayne, Clayton, Albie, Connor, Ragg and Ashton. I play with them most the time. My birthday is the 26th of June 2023 I'm 10.

From Ava

Ava



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Dear Margaret,

Hello I'm a Pupil at Bloxham Primary School! And my name is Lily, After the flower! Lily and People call me Lilyood. I have 3 dogs! The Youngest is called Bowler but its pronounced Bow! The middle is called Cupid and the oldest cosmic - They're called after Space! I am 10 turning 10! soon, I have alot of Flowered named Friends! Daisy, 2 Poppys and Elleah! It is a flower in Hawaii! I love Pizza and Broccoli - They're my Favourite foods and I adore Curry! I will ask some Questions and you circle them! / The answer!

What's your Fav country?

Yes.

Were you in WW2?

no.

I Dont know.

What's your Fav Sport?

Netball

Spain

Do you have Pets?

Tennis

France

Basketball

America

Yes.

no.

I have two.

Football

Rugby

cricket

Swimming

PS: Thank you for Reading!

Love from

Look at the back!

Lily



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Collective Worship

Congratulations to all the children and staff for embracing the Colours of the Christian Calendar dress up day on Friday to support Christian Aid Week. Without fail, everyone knew why they had chosen the colour and what their colour represented. Thank you to Miss Lee, Helen and their children for beaming smiles; rays of sunshine, all. The school raised a fantastic £252.07 for Christian Aid.



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Aline is pushing back against poverty.

Abused, homeless and hungry, Aline was on the brink of survival in Burundi.

But she transformed her life with a little help from Christian Aid and secured a vital income and a home for her and her children.

Support more families like Aline's to push back against the inhumanity of poverty.
Donate today.

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INSET Days 2024-2025

Oxfordshire 2024/25 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days
 Bank holidays
 School holidays
 Proposed inset day - 4 more inset days can be set by the schools

Sep-24 Mon 2 9 16 23 30 Tue 3 10 17 24 Wed 4 11 18 25 Thu 5 12 19 26 Fri 6 13 20 27 Sat 7 14 21 28 Sun 1 8 15 22 29	Oct-24 Mon 7 14 21 28 Tue 1 8 15 22 29 Wed 2 9 16 23 30 Thu 3 10 17 24 31 Fri 4 11 18 25 Sat 5 12 19 26 Sun 6 13 20 27	Nov-24 Mon 4 11 18 25 Tue 5 12 19 26 Wed 6 13 20 27 Thu 7 14 21 28 Fri 1 8 15 22 29 Sat 2 9 16 23 30 Sun 3 10 17 24	Dec-24 Mon 2 9 16 23 30 Tue 3 10 17 24 31 Wed 4 11 18 25 Thu 5 12 19 26 Fri 6 13 20 27 Sat 7 14 21 28 Sun 1 8 15 22 29
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Bloxham Primary INSET days: 2 September 6 January 2 May 21 and 22 July

FOBPS Summer Fete

Friday 21st June 3:30 - 6pm

We are looking forward to our second Summer fete and more details will follow.

We wanted to let people know in advance of some items that we would be very grateful to receive as donations.

1. Tombola items. Children's books, games, toiletries, chocolate etc.
2. Any good condition teddies that can be found a new home on our rehome a teddy stall.
3. Rainbow raffle items.

Each year group will have a colour (below) and the idea is you bring an item of that colour in and with the raffle you could win a bag of one colour.

Last year we had items from bubbles to books, games to gin and lots of chocolate!!

The year group colours are:

Foundation: Red

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Year 1: Pink

Year 2: Blue

Year 3: Yellow

Year 4: Purple

Year 5: Orange

Year 6: Green

Items can be brought to classrooms week beginning 17th June.

4. Any unwanted school uniform.

There will be a drop off point after half term.

Thank you for all your support

We hope you all have a lovely half term

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