

# THE BONNEVILLE BUZZ



Wednesday, 15th December 2021

And just like that, the Autumn term is over!

Reading and Closing the Vocabulary Gap is a real focus for us here at Bonneville, and we are really seeing the children benefitting from this and what our curriculum has to offer. In particular, this focussed approach has been evident in the quality of children's writing and in the number of children who are now able to read more fluently with understanding. Thank you to our parent volunteers who have helped us to maximise opportunities for children to be heard read daily.

In November, we welcomed an external consultant to review our quality of education. We are all thrilled with the outcomes of her findings. Below is an extract of her report.

"Bonneville is a highly effective school where new leaders learn to lead, and teachers are fully supported to be the best teachers they can be. The Executive Headteacher is ambitious for all pupils to learn to the best of their capabilities. She is unambiguous in her expectations. She has worked to build capacity and capability to sustain high quality education on site and provide professional development opportunities and effective coaching for new leaders across the other two federated schools. During the scene setting meeting, the Executive Headteacher explained that 'There is nothing selfish about education.' In other words, learning should be shared. This principle underpins the ethos of the BJS Federation".

"The skills of writing are taught to a high standard. In EY children write in their 'Book of Brilliance'. These books reflect how their writing develops from writing initial and final sounds to writing with a purpose such as labelling."

"Writing in books is exemplary".

Staff work incredibly hard to meet whole school expectations. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to our children and for everything you have done to maintain a high quality education through such challenging times.

We were also fortunate enough that all classes were able to perform to their parents this term. Thank you for attending in such high numbers.

This morning, we had fun singing at our Winter Concert. Have a look!

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Wishing you all a happy holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year.

**Ms A. Parker**  
**Executive Headteacher**



## Attendance Winners

Congratulations to the following classes



# Notices

## Open Morning

Our open morning events have been fully booked.

The next event is

Monday 10th January 2022

@ 9.30am

Spread the word! Must be pre-booked!

**Please remember to label your child's clothing so our playground monitors can unite items to their owner.**

**Name and class will do!**

## Place2be

After piloting with parents and carers in their partner schools, Place2Be are proud to have launched Parenting Smart for all UK parents and carers of 4-11 year olds. The Parenting Smart site is completely free to use and access, full of tips and advice on a range of topics including transition to secondary school, meltdowns, and sleep difficulties. You can follow the link below to visit their site for the latest resources.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

## Voluntary Reader

If you would like to be a secret reader next term (reading a story to your child's class), or would like to support us in maximising children's opportunity to practice their reading skills, please email the office we would love to have your support.

## Important Dates For Your Diary

### End of Autumn Term

Wednesday, 15th December @ 1.30pm

### INSET Day

Tuesday, 4th January

### Children Return

Wednesday, 5th January 2022

### Open Morning

10th January 2022 @ 9.30am

### Year 4 Ufton Court Residential

10th to 12th January 2022

### Year 5 Ufton Court Residential

12th to 14th January 2022

### Spanish Week

Monday, 7th January 2022

### End of Half Term

Friday, 11th February @ 3.15pm

### Children Return

Monday, 21st February 2022

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# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Nursery Parent Update

This week we have been learning about Christmas and comparing this celebration with some of the other festivals we learnt in previous weeks such as Diwali and Hanukkah. We learnt the similarities such as families come together, presents are given and special food is eaten in all these celebrations.

In Communication and language, we read the book 'Stick Man' and had a go at retelling the story. We shared our experience of Christmas with our friends and adults. We also had the opportunity to perform on stage, as stars in early years nativity play, for the first time in front of our families, friends and loved ones. We were so confident and enjoyed this experience. We shared how we felt with our friends and adults.

In maths, we learnt about positional language and familiarized ourselves with key words to describe positions without pointing such as 'in', 'on', 'under', 'up', down etc. In Expressive Arts and Design we designed our own Christmas jumper and we put as much detail as possible.

We have been learning to celebrate and value different cultural and religious events and experiences this term and it has been an exciting journey.

**Please remember the closing date for Reception 2022 is 15th January.**

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a restful holiday.





# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Reception Parent Update

The lead up to Christmas has been a non stop tour of fun, fun, fun! The children have been baking gingerbread men, learning about festivals such as Diwali and Hanukkah and practicing their lines and songs for their Christmas play. The children have had so much with our 'Lets Celebrate' topic and have learnt so much about how members in the community celebrate different festivals.



Last week, we performed 'The bossy King' 3 times with each time being a massive success. We saw confidence, heard loud voices and couldn't hold back our pride! These children have worked so hard and are now ready for a break. We can't wait to see them in January - ready to dive into our new topic 'Wondrous Worlds' where we will explore different parts of the earth. Happy Holidays!





# Key Stage One

## Year 1 Parent Update

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their learning this term!

In English we created our own rhyming poems based on Winter. We explored a range of rhyming poetry written by Shirley Hughes and discussed the features of rhyming poetry. We learnt how to make rhyming pairs by changing the first sound in a word.

In Maths we have looked at 2D and 3D shapes. We learnt about the properties of the different shapes and sorted shapes into different criteria. We also created our own repeating patterns and learnt how to find the missing shape in a pattern.

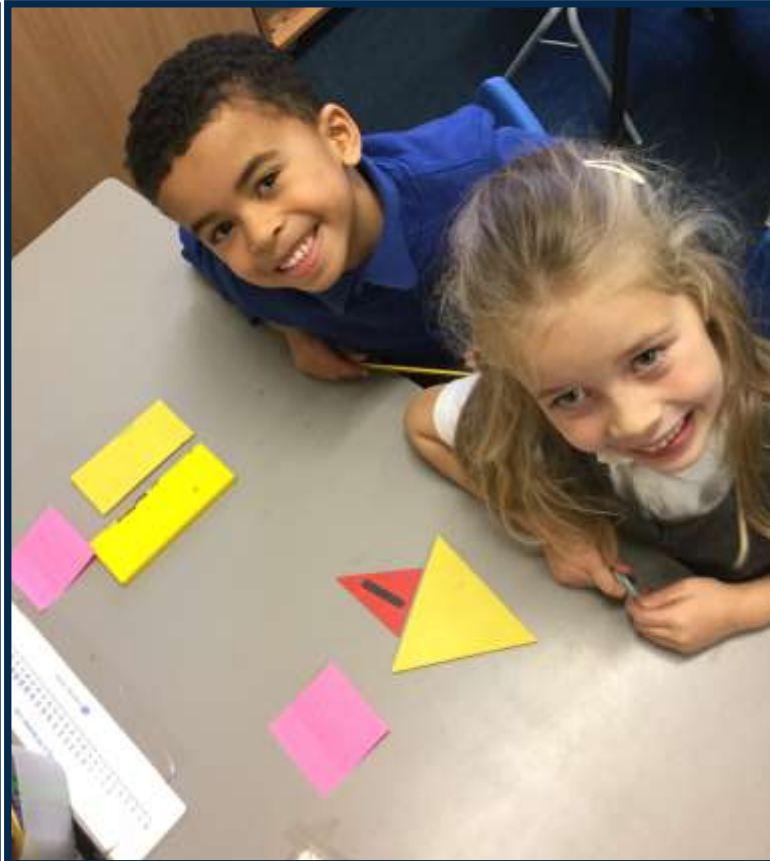
In RE we have continued our unit about Christianity. We learnt about the story of the birth of Jesus and practiced acting out the story in groups. We also learnt about the importance of celebrations to Christians and the significance that Christmas holds in the Christian faith.

In Geography we finished our learning all about the UK. We labelled the different countries and capital cities of the UK onto a map. We also learnt how to use a compass and read the different points on a compass. We practiced directing Barnaby Bear around our local area using directional language.

In Computing we have continued our learning about 'Communication'. We thought about what the most efficient and practical form of communication is. We learnt about the different features of an email and practiced writing an email to the other Year 1 class. We also explored different forms of visual communication and had lots of fun video calling the other Year 1 children using Google Meet.

In Science we have been learning all about 'Materials'. We have explored different types of everyday materials and went on a material hunt around the classroom. We learnt about the different properties of materials and why some materials are suitable for certain objects and others are not. We also had a lot of fun taking part in a scientific investigation to find out which material would be best to make an umbrella.

In DT we created models of playground equipment which we have planned and designed throughout this term. Year 1 were very creative and produced some wonderful models using a variety of materials.



**Our December Value is 'Appreciation.'**

# Notices

The programme is designed to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays. Each programme will provide:

- Free, healthy and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families



To find out more scan the QR code or visit the web address below.

Please note that Lambeth Council will also be running Food and Fun activities during the Spring and Summer holidays so check the website nearer the time to find out more.

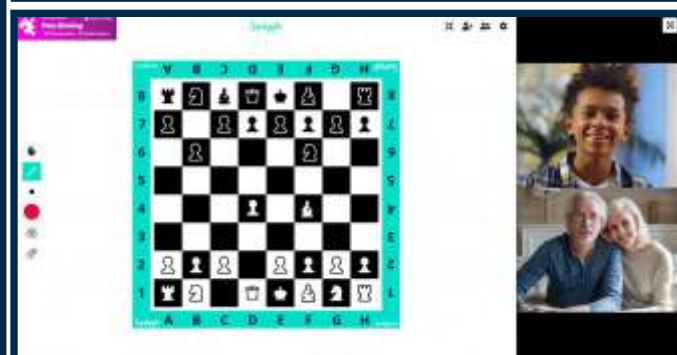


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All children at Bonneville have been given **100% FREE** access to Squiggle, an exciting new online video chat app built by Dan, one of the dads at our school. Squiggle lets you draw, play and collaborate together while in a video call. Think Zoom for children. It's perfect for classic pencil-and-paper games, such as **noughts & crosses**, **dots & boxes**, **colouring in** and **hangman**, but when you sign up you'll also be able to play **chess**, **draughts**, **Pictionary** and **word searches** with your friends and family wherever they are in the world.





# Key Stage One



## Year 2 Parent Update

In English, we have been reading and performing poems by Michael Rosen. We identified his use of rhyme, repetition, alliteration and similes and used a model to write our own poem about an inspirational family member. We enjoyed performing our poems to the class!

In Maths this week we have been learning about money. We identified the value of coins and used  $<$   $>$  to compare values. We learnt that 100 pennies is equal to one pound. We learnt how to add coins using our prior knowledge of addition and made money totals using our place value knowledge. We found numicon to be very helpful equipment for this! We also learnt what happens if you go to the shop with too much money and learnt how to calculate change as a subtraction sum. We finally applied all our money knowledge to solve worded problems.

In R.E. we have been learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. We learnt about the Hanukkah story and how Hanukkah is celebrated. We compared the use of light during this festival with how light is used as a symbol during Christmas.

In Science this week we have learnt about human life cycles and what happens at each stage of development. We then compared a human life cycle to an animal one focusing on a chicken. We also made a prediction on what we believe animals need and want and compared this to human needs and wants. We finished the topic by writing a letter to circuses to demand to stop using animals. To write this letter we used persuasive language and our Science vocabulary.

In Topic this week we have completed our 'Inspirational People' topic by writing about who we believed was the most inspirational person that we have looked at so far. We used our topic vocabulary to help explain our answer. We then engaged in a discussion on Topic Day to explain why we believed the people we were dressed as were the most inspirational.

In DT this week we have made our vehicles. The first step we did was to design a vehicle which we wanted to make. We then began collaging paper to make the body of the car. After this we added detail to our vehicle, for example using tin foil to make our windscreen. We are looking forward to add our wheels and axles to the vehicle after Christmas.

In Music we complete our unit on African drumming. We created our own rhythmic patterns that were imitated by our friends.





## Year 3 Parent Update

Well done Year 3 for having such a brilliant first term back at school! In the last week of school children had their topic day on Monday, Christmas party on Tuesday and winter concert on Wednesday. On topic day children relived the lives of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation either as a Pharaoh or working citizen and painted their ancient Greek vases.

Last week in English, children created their own winter-themed Haikus. Next term children will be exploring their new book, Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo.

Last week in maths children recapped multiplication and division and explored the connection between the 4 and 8 times table. Next term, children will again re-cap multiplication and division facts.

Last week in history, children explored the human features of Athens and wrote a postcard explaining them. Next term we will introduce children to their new topic, World War II.

On science day, when investigation air resistance, children made parachutes out of plastic sheets and string and tested them outside. Next term their science topic will be magnets.

Children have now completed their Greek vases in art and next term their art topic will be drawing and sketching.

Children have been set MyMaths homework and spelling homework to complete over Christmas. This will be due on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January. We hope you have a lovely holiday everybody!





## Year 4 Parent Update

Wow!! What an incredible first term we've had! The children settled in amazingly well to Year 4 and have all been super stars!

Last week in English, we finished off our Roman Topic by writing haiku poems all about the Romans. The children planned out lots of roman themed vocabulary and sorted them into syllables! They published some incredibly creative haikus with wonderful themes and titles!

In maths, the children dove deep into the 3, 6 and 9 times table! They solved loads reasoning problems all to do with multiplying and dividing using their 3, 6 and 9 times table! They're even managing to prove how they got answers and explain exactly how they got it.

We had DT day last week! The children had all designed and planned out how to make their roman catapults out of lolly sticks and rubber bands!! They worked independently to create their catapults and some children were super helpful and acted as mini teachers, supporting and helping their friends.

We also had science day! All of Year 4 were amazing and they took part in not one, but TWO investigations! They investigated pitch using glass bottles and water and found out the more water there is, the higher the pitch will be. They all investigated volume and found out how to make louder and quieter sounds on musical instruments.

Please don't forget, we are going to Ufton Court on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January for 2 nights and 3 days! We can't wait!!

Have a wonderful holiday and thank you so much for a lovely term!

## Topic Day Battle Video

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## Year 5 Parent Update

Year 5 have taken part in a workshop which enabled them to build their own round house on a gigantic scale. They had so much fun, and it also consolidated their learning of the Saxons. Please ensure your child continues reading regularly at home and support them where possible - this is imperative if we are to close the vocabulary gap and enable our children to be the best they can.

**Maths:** In Maths, we have been looking at measurement. The children have been calculating the perimeter of shapes by measuring the distance around the shape and adding. They have also found the perimeter of compound shapes. The children will be consolidating their learning via MyMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars as part of their homework. Next week we will be assessing the children on all they have learnt this term in maths.

**Humanities:** During our topic this term 'Time Travelers', we have been using our knowledge of history to find out about the Viking Gods and Goddesses. We researched information using iPad and made fact files that contained important and relevant information.

**English:** Our English text has been a narrative poem called 'The night before Christmas'. We have explored unfamiliar words and used inference to help us understand the meanings. We identified the features and how they help the reader. After performing the poem to our friends, we planned and wrote our own. Next week we will be writing our own narrative poem.

**R.E:** In R.E this term we will be exploring Christianity. This week we learned about Martin Luther King and his stance on non-violence. Next week we will be researching John Hume and Mahatma Gandhi.

**Computing:** This week we have been looking at decoding and how to ensure we have hard to decipher passwords.

**P.E.** Our P.E days are Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that you have your P.E kits at school at all times. PE kits must not be worn to school. We will be learning Netball.

**Science:** Our Science this term is Earth and Space: This week focussed on how we get night and day. We used globes and torches to aid our understanding. Next week we will be having a space day.

**PHSE:** We will be focussing on discrimination, stereotypes, and bullying. This week we discussed how to stop bullying in schools.

Wishing you all a happy holiday!



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## Year 6 Parent Update

We have had a really busy Autumn Term, working really hard - we have squeezed in a lot. We wish everyone a restful break, a Merry Christmas to those who celebrate it and a very happy, healthy and safe new year. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the Spring Term when we will be starting our new topic "Route 66".

**Homework:** Thank you for all the hard work that has been put in over the term for the homework. There will be no homework set over the holidays, so relax and recharge yourselves! The Topic / Science homework exhibition for the parents and carers, which was scheduled for the end of Autumn 2, will now take place in the beginning of the Spring Term.

**Maths:** In Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of shapes, plotting and reading coordinates on grids and reflecting 2D shapes on grids. We have also assessed our learning from the Autumn Term in some assessment papers. Keep practising those arithmetic operations and reasoning skills at home and use **MyMaths** and **Times Tables Rock Stars** to support you. Having a solid understanding of your times tables is really important.

**English:** Our English links in with our topic "Wakanda Forever". In our Geography lessons we had created our own African nations and we linked this to our English through writing their Creation Stories. We started by exploring a variety of creation stories from around the world focusing on the features and the language of the genre. We watched the creation story from the film "Black Panther" and used that to inspire our own creation stories. We then planned, drafted, peer edited and published our own creation stories for our nation.

**Humanities:** We have all loved our topic this term is "Wakanda Forever", which explores the ancient kingdom of Benin and looks at the geography of the continent of Africa. This week we have had our end of term assessment, in which we drew together all of our learning on Geography and History to write a persuasive speech to present at the United Nations addressing the question "What can your African nation do for the rest of the world?". The children were asked to use all of their learning this term to show off what they have learnt and use the key vocabulary from the topic.

**R.E.:** In R.E, this term we will be exploring Buddhism. This half term we are focussing on the sangha, which is the Buddhist community and the pilgrimages they make. We have looked at and found out about Lumbini, which is the birthplace of Lord Buddha; Bodh Gaya, which is where the Lord Buddha found enlightenment and became the Buddha; Deer Park, which is where the Lord Buddha began his teachings after enlightenment; and Kushinagar, which is where the Lord Buddha passed away.



**PSHE:** We have continued to focus on ourselves in PSHE. We have looked at the Local Government and the impact that this has on a national level, a local level and to us as individuals.

**Science:** Our Science this half term is focusing on Physics, with a focus on electricity. We have enjoyed a Science Day where we explored electrical circuits.

**Design Technology:** Our DT was to work towards designing and building a motor vehicle for Shuri from "Black Panther" to use. In our DT day we used our plans and designs to create a wooden frame, attach axles, wheels and an electrical circuit.

**P.E.:** Our P.E. days are Monday and Friday. Please ensure that you have P.E. kits at school at all times.

**Computing:** This half term our focus will be Programming and coding we will use a programme called **Kodu**. We continued to explore how the 'Worlds' work, creating new worlds getting programming our characters to do a 'When > Do' action and creating our own worlds and coding different objects of what to do within these worlds.

# Friends Association Bonneville

## FAB



**We thank Tesco's, amongst many others, for the donations to our Winter Fair!**

### **Committee Changes**

This term we were sad to hear of the resignation of our Treasurer Jennifer.

Jennifer, has committed many additional voluntary hours supporting the fundraising efforts of our PTA. We

all thank her for her support and contributions. As a result, we welcome Lola who has agreed to step up into the role. Lola has long exceeded our expectations of parental voluntary support by co-ordinating our Winter Fair (2 years running), amongst other involvement. Again we would like to thank her for this and welcome her to the committee.

### **Please get involved, more hands make light work!**

Many, many parents are involved in enabling fundraising for our school. Thanks again to the FAB Office Team, and our Co-Chairs Carol and Emily, for galvanising the community and keeping everyone updated through their wonderful Newsletters. It is great to see new faces getting involved. A donation of 1 hour per term (that's only 3 hours per year), of your time, is all that we ask. Whether it be class rep, planning/hosting an event or standing on a stall. Some parents very generously agree to host an event like our amazing wreath making workshop, or the gathering of donations for our incredible raffles. We always need more help and support. Every parent is a member of FAB, and my request is for everyone to get involved.

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### **Winter Fair**

This term we have enjoyed the Welcome meetings for EYFS and Year 1 parents, Halloween dress up day, Quiz Night hosted by Jason Flemyng, our annual wreath making workshop and to top it off our wonderful Winter Fair. Thank you everyone for your engagement. All of our events have been very well attended raising much needed funds. It has been truly special for us to host community events this year.