

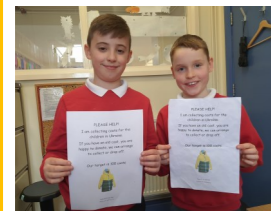
Term Six Year 6 Transition Term Update

As set out in the last newsletter, we intend to use the final half-term as a 'Transition Term' for Year 6—daily work tasks, lists of things to bring in to school and an introduction to the French language. I hope to secure Mrs Alaina Duncan, a secondary school languages teacher, to run some French lessons and support us to plan and deliver additional French activities to the children.

Selected Key Dates

Weds 23 March	Full Governing Body Meeting Table Tennis Belper Leisure Centre
Weds 30 March	Cross Country Eyes Meadow
Fri 1st April	Juniors to watch QEGS' production of Oliver!
Mon 4th April	Key Stage 1 Cricket Festival Langley Hill CC
Weds 6th April	Whole School Dojo Trip to Rollerworld PM
Thurs 7th April	Whole School Walk at Bakewell (rescheduled)
Fri 8th April	Easter Service 2.30pm
Weds 27th April	Dance Platform Ecclesbourne 4pm
Thurs 28th April	Tennis Festival (Y3&4) Alfreton
Mon 2nd May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Tues 3rd May	Netball Belper Leisure Centre
Mon 9th May	Year 6 SATs Assessment Week
Fri 13th May	Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
Fri 20th May	Key Stage 2 Cricket Festival Riddings CC
Mon 23rd May	Key Stage 1 Football Belper School
Thurs 26th May	End of Term Service 2.30pm
Fri 27th May	School Closed in lieu Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Weds 8th June	Golf Ormonde Fields GC
Weds 15th June	Kwik Cricket
Mon 13th June	Bikeability Week
Mon 20th June	Swimming Gala 9.30—11am
Fri 1st July	INSET school closed to pupils
Mon 4th July	INSET school closed to pupils
Thurs 14th July	Orienteering Eyes Meadow
Fri 22nd July	Leavers' Service
Thurs 1st Sept	INSET school closed to pupils
Fri 2nd Sept	INSET school closed to pupils
Mon 5th Sept	First day of 2022-2023 term

* Year 5/6 football league and tag-rugby fixtures to be confirmed



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March 2022 Newsletter



We have had a busy three weeks since the end of half-term. Science Week has been as exciting as expected and it has been a pleasure to see the children so engaged in such a wide range of practical challenges. A big thank you to Mr Dawson for the time and effort he has put in to making this week a success. The trip to Cadburys World already seems like a distant memory! We had a terrific time learning about the story of chocolate and also the story of the Cadburys company. It goes without saying that the children were most excited by the enormous gift shop, obviously....

As always there has been a lot of sporting excitement. The Tough Rower and Dodgeball competitions in February were highlights and it has been terrific to re-structure the Mugginton Mile so every child has the opportunity to run on the playground each week. We have enjoyed gymnastics competitions and have table tennis, cross country, football and tag-rugby to look forward to in the next month or so.

Our Year 6 children are in the middle of their SATs preparation and are working incredibly hard—it is amazing to watch children mature so quickly and I am proud of their hard work and determination. Thank you to those of you able to join us for parents evening meetings last week. It is always a pleasure to discuss the children in our care with parents and I hope you find the Parents Evening Update forms useful, so you know exactly how your child is progressing in school.

Learning

Our Big Idea is 'Inspirational Inventions'. The children have loved learning about the Victorian period and we are looking forward to becoming 'chocolatiers' designing and making a chocolate box and then creating our own delicious chocolates to present to the class. **In the Infants** the children will continue with their fantastic phonics and read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as our main text. As Spring approaches, we will learn about the plants and flowers which are beginning to re-appear.

Next term, our Summer Big Idea is 'What a Wonderful World'. Miss Beresford has had a big hand in the planning of this unit and I know the children will really enjoy learning about the Greeks and their impact on the modern world..

1-1 Tutoring

Mrs Bennett and Miss Beresford have done an excellent job delivering additional teaching sessions to selected children. The impact of their hard work on the children's academic progress is clear to see. To repeat, please do not be concerned if your child is or is not selected for 1-1 tutoring. These are 'bonus' targeted sessions aimed at children across the academic spectrum.

Playground Refurbishment

Slow progress. As mentioned previously, finding builders willing and able to quote and complete our playground refurbishment was one of my biggest frustrations of 2021. Over the last three years, the projected cost of the project has tripled! Despite this, we have managed to secure 3 quotes which will be scrutinised by governors on Wednesday 23rd. If we place our order then, it is expected to take between 2 and 3 months until completion which is exciting!

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you very much to all parents who completed our Parent Questionnaire and gave thoughtful, constructive feedback and many generous comments. I hope you can see that we value and act upon your feedback—the infant parents evening feedback sheets; the book lists; clarity over morning access arrangements and a refreshed Mugginton Mile are examples of this. Further details are available on the school website.

Potential for PE Sessions at the University of Derby

Linked with the parent questionnaire, we agree that one of the few negatives of our small school is space for sports. I am proud of our promotion of sport and the outdoors and I have contacted the University of Derby to discuss hiring one of their 4G pitches once per week for PE. Ideally, this would begin next week, provided transport can be arranged. I will keep you updated—Mr Wraith is very excited!

Bikeability

The Big on Bikes team will be in school in the week beginning June 13th to help children improve their bike-riding and road safety awareness. On Friday 17th, Year 5 & 6 children will have the opportunity to use their skills to cycle around Carsington Reservoir.

Young Voices Concert

Our concert date has been altered again! I have their word that the new date, Friday 13th May, is fixed and is going ahead. This is an ideal time for the juniors to attend the concert because it is the day after the end of Year Six SATs assessments. The children are given a range of songs to learn and join around 7000 others at Sheffield Arena. More details, including ticket information for parents who may want to attend the concert, will be available on our website shortly.

Sports at Mugginton

A key PE aim is that every child from Years 2—6 has the opportunity to represent our school in a sporting event each year. The children have performed excellently at dodgeball, football, tag-rugby and gymnastics competitions. We have signed up for Table Tennis, Cross Country, cricket, tennis, netball, golf, swimming and orienteering through the Amber Valley Sports Partnership in addition to our continuing participation in a tag rugby and football league and a re-arranged Dance Platform! I would like to thank our staff who give so much of their time to make sure our children get as much (and more) opportunities than do children in much larger schools. The Mugginton Mile continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please can children come to school in their normal uniform on running days in case bad weather prevents us going.

Friends of Mugginton School (FOMS)

I would like to thank all members of FOMS for working so hard to re-start things after such a period of disruption. Next on their hit-list is the Mothers' Day Gift Shop on Friday 25th March!

Faith Council & Eco Committee

Our Faith Council have been busy! They have helped me to complete pupil voice questionnaires with younger children; led collective worship and the Eco-Committee are working hard to achieve our 'Green Flag' Eco Award by implementing our action plan to raise awareness of key environmental issues. I will update you on their progress in our next newsletter!

Covid-19

It is good that C19 information need no longer open the newsletter! However, coronavirus is still with us. Mrs Wallen is still to fully recover; this week, we have 9 children absent from school due to positive tests. I sent you a letter home two weeks ago setting out the latest isolation guidance and school's current position (a copy is available on the website). We strongly recommend pupils isolate for 5 days from their positive test and return 2 negative tests before they return to school. The school continues to use the following control measures: 1. Emphasising good hygiene for everybody. 2. Rigorous cleaning regimes. 3. Ventilating all occupied spaces. 4. Continue following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Juniors to London and potential Residential at Mount Cook, June & July

Big ones! As part of our 'It's a Wonderful World' unit, we plan to take the juniors to London to visit the British Museum and Westminster. We love these trips because they create special memories for our children. However, the risk-assessment work is substantial (we will require 10 adults and detailed plans for the day for it to go ahead) - it certainly is in another league to a whole school dog walk! I will update you on residential dates when they are confirmed...exciting times!