



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

As you will probably know, our school mission statement is about children achieving well and enjoying their primary years. We want to give children experiences they will remember for life. That is why we aim to provide children with a range of different experiences, especially ones that will be new to them.

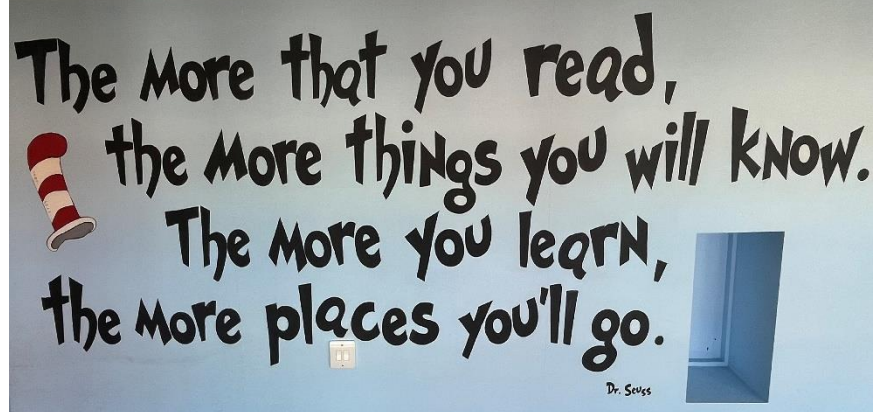
Trying new things can be challenging at times and cause us worry. I remember the first time I was on a Year 6 residential and went caving. I'm not small and I was incredibly nervous about fitting in tiny spaces. The sense of achievement after I had done it was huge. As adults it is easy for us to avoid new things and stick with what we know. For children, they get to try new things all the time and in a safe environment at home or at school they can revel in it. It never ceases to amaze me how resilient and brave children are when trying new things or when new things happen.

Take our Reception children - in the last month, they have started school for the first time. This is a massive event in their lives, but it seems like they have always been here. On Tuesday, Mrs Jaycock and Mrs Cooper took some children to the Panathlon Games bowling competition. Half of them had never done it before, but the joy on their faces when they were encouraging their team mates was amazing. So was the fact that they came second out of 21 teams and brought home another trophy for our ever-growing collection (photos below). Yesterday we had Alastair Rigden from Old Brentwood's rugby club coaching Year 2, which for many would have been their first experience of rugby.

This week, the ceiling in the Year 4 and 5 corridor has been taken down as it has in some of the classrooms. New ones will be up by this time next week (a new one is up in 4B already), but I found it very odd. The children though just got on with it – it didn't faze them one bit. I think we can learn a lot from their ability to cope with new things and changes.

With that in mind and with the fact that I turned 50 in July, I'm making a list of 50 new things to do. I've already crossed off a few of these, but part of my inspiration is taken from the children and way they tackle new things whatever they are.

One thing that is not new though is my love of reading and reading every day. Below is quote about reading that is painted on the wall by the entrance door – even reading gives you new experiences!



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Online Safety

The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) has released a new online resource aimed at helping schools to support parents around online safety. For adults with busy lives and various responsibilities, it is not always feasible to maintain a grasp on advancing technologies. Particularly when those technologies might not be aimed at your age demographic, but will be aimed at your children's age brackets. LGfL's presentation - Parent Online Safety: A Ready-to-use resource - aims to get parents familiar with topics such as social media, gaming, and online harm.

The presentation can be found here: <https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/parent-online-safety>

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Collapse	Individual	Conflict	Manufacture	Labour	Derive



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Reuben in 6H for demonstrating the value of friendship.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Harrison	Freddie Fo.	Ava	Orla-Blossom	Dylan	Tania	Alba
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Finley	Gracie	Iyla-Mai	Acacia-Mai	Daisy	Jessica	Charlie S



Reading at Home

7 classes have all read at least 4 times – the best so far this term! Well done Reception, what a great start to school. Also, well done 4B with all but one reading 5 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	30 (100%)
RT	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	24 (89%)	27 (100%)
1B	5 (18%)	5 (18%)	18 (64%)	23 (88%)
1G	6 (20%)	3 (10%)	20 (69%)	23 (79%)
2P	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	25 (89%)	27 (96%)
2W	2 (7%)	5 (17%)	22 (76%)	27 (93%)
3C	1 (4%)	6 (21%)	21 (75%)	27 (96%)
3M	1 (3%)	5 (16%)	25 (81%)	30 (97%)
4B	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	29 (97%)	30 (100%)
4T	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	25 (86%)	29 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	28 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	23 (83%)	28 (100%)
6H	3 (11%)	4 (15%)	20 (74%)	24 (89%)
6R	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	23 (82%)	28 (100%)
Total				96%



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Diary Dates

Below are some of the of the important dates coming up this term, including Christmas events!

Tuesday 8 October	District Cross Country
Thursday 17 October	Don Rae with Reception
Tuesday 22 October	Individual school photographs
Wednesday 23 October	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 23 October	Parent Consultations 15.30-18.00
Thursday 24 October	Parent Consultations 17.30-20.00
Friday 25 October	Break up for two-week half term
Monday 11 November	Return to school
Tuesday 10 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 December	Year 1 sing-a-long 13:00
Monday 16 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2P, 3C, 4B, 5L, 6H (pm)
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2W, 3M, 4T, 5P, 6R (PM)
Friday 13 December	Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 December	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 30 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	99.3%	92.1%	93.3%	97%	96.3%	94.1%	92.2%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	98.1%	96.1%	97.6%	95.2%	98.3%	88.9%	90.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RA	5P	3M



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	99.4%	95.8%	94.8%	98.1%	96.7%	95.9%	94.6%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	98.3%	97.8%	96.8%	98.5%	94.3%	93.1%	93.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RA	5L	3M



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