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## Diary Dates

- 19 Feb - HALF TERM WEEK**
- 26 Feb - Return to School**
- 27 Feb - Y5 Jodrell Bank**
- 01 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)**
- 04 Mar - Y1, Y3, Y6 Chester Zoo Trip**
- 05 Mar - Y6 Transition day**
- 07 Mar - World Book Day**
- 08 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)**
- 15 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)**
- 15 Mar - Red Nose Day - wear something red**
- 20 May - Y6 London Trip**
- 22 Mar - Y4 Roman Trip**
- 27 Mar - Y5 Hope Journey Trip**
- 27 Mar - Takeaway homework due**
- 27 Mar - Share the Learning (view takeaway homework in school, 3.30-4.30pm)**
- 28 Mar - Easter Service 11am at St Boniface Church**
- 29 Mar - Good Friday**
- 01 Apr - EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 15 Apr - Return to School**
- 22 Apr - KS2 onsite swimming lessons commence**
- 06 Jun - Sports Day**
- 19 Jun - Y6 Conway residential (for THS pupils only)**
- 27 Jun - Reserve Sports Day**
- 03 Jul - Y4/Y5 Residential**
- 08 Jul - School Fest Week**
- 16 Jul - STAR Day (2pm-5pm)**

### FRIENDS OF BUNBURY ALDERSEY (formerly PTA)

- 16 Feb - Red Team Cake Sale**
- 07 Mar - World Book Day**
- 14 Mar - Kids Disco**
- 27 Mar - Sponsored Bunny Hop**



Dear Parents and carers

It's the final Friday of Spring A half term and it has been another busy week in Bunbury.

On Tuesday Year 5 took part in a science workshop - Chemistry with Cabbage for the day. All the pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was fantastic to hear that experiments had continued at home - hopefully everyone still has a kitchen left!

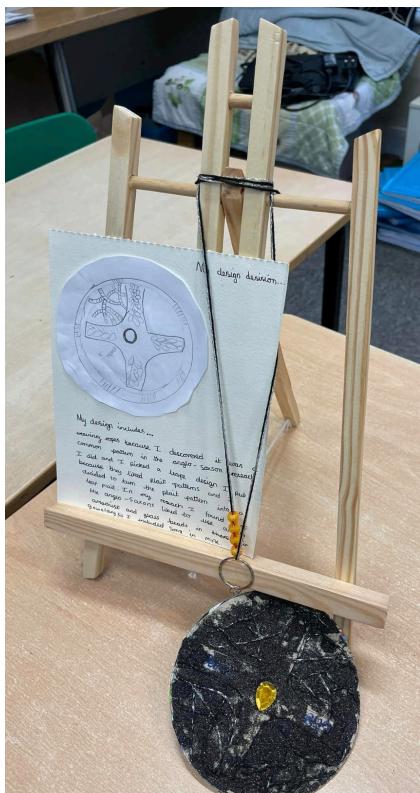
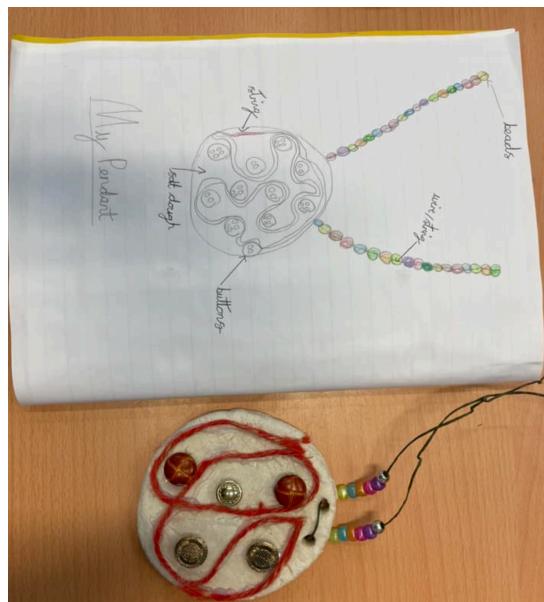


Our Year 4 children also enjoyed an art day. Inspired by the work of Nick Rowland they created some fantastic erupting volcano masterpieces. The creative curriculum also continued in Year 2 as they cut out and sewed together, as part of their DT work, dragon finger puppets.



On Wednesday we celebrated the Take away homework which had been completed this half term through our Share the Learning event. This event involves children viewing all the work completed across the school during the final part of the school day as well as sharing in more detail with their class. It is fantastic to see them look so carefully and ask questions about the different pieces of work on view around the school.

After a request raised at parent council we have also opened this up to parents from 3.30 - 4.30pm on the same day. This is a fantastic opportunity to share the learning taking place outside of the classroom. Thank you to all who support this event. Please look out for future Share the Learning events which will be advertised in our weekly newsletter.



# World Book Day

As usual we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. On this day Mrs McShane our English lead will be organising a range of exciting book related activities for the children to enjoy. This year we will be having a PJ day and bringing in our favourite bedtime stories to share with our classes. **All children and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas to school on Thursday 7th March.**

## School Uniform

We appreciate that the cost of school uniform can be a huge financial pressure on parents at the start of the school year and during the remaining terms. Recently we have purchased some new uniform from a previous supplier which we are able to sell at a reduced price to parents. We do not have a full range of sizes and items but there are various sizes of skirts, jumpers, blazers and polo shirts.

Should you be interested in purchasing any of the uniform please contact Natalie on 0759 2609116.

## School Lane Traffic

As you will be aware the school work hard to promote safer streets around Bunbury in relation to safe and considerate parking. There are often regular reminders via text, email and offending vehicles are often shared on the newsletter. We hope that with a continued campaign we can all park safely and respectfully around the streets of Bunbury during the busy times of drop off and pick up. Recently, I have also been

made aware of a campaign led by a Parish council committee to reduce the speed limit through Bunbury Village. **The school are in full support of this campaign and there will be a meeting for any parent wishing to attend on Tuesday 27th February at 6pm in the school hall.**

**" A little bit slower, a whole lot better for Bunbury."**

In the recent survey of the village, there was a lot of support (over 90%) for making Bunbury a cleaner (air?), quieter, and safer place. The Parish Council wants to act upon that broad concern by considering the possibility of introducing a 20 mph zone across all the residential areas of the village. We are starting with this issue because it is often raised with Councillors and indicates a general concern about how our life in Bunbury is developing. 1934, the 30 mph speed limit was introduced as the best guess for vehicles travelling through towns and villages. Then, there were less than 3 million vehicles on the road. Now, we have nearly 34 million. It is time for a rethink, and part of that was expressed in the same village survey when residents voted by 96% for a rebalance of the relationship between pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles.

The simplest and cheapest way to do this – a critical issue for local governments everywhere- is to change the 30 mph speed restriction signs at the entry points of the village to 20 mph. Once in the village all drivers would know the maximum speed is 20 mph until the signs tell them differently. Why do we need an 'Advisory Speed Restriction' of 20 mph when children go to and from school but not the rest of the time? Why, when the pavements shrink and disappear, do drivers still face cars legally travelling at a speed that will kill or seriously injure them when 20 mph adds little to journey times and makes pedestrians much safer?

We need to confirm that the whole village supports this suggestion of a 20 mph zone covering the Bunbury. When we ask Cheshire East to implement such a scheme, and it only at their say so, they will rightly expect us to have unambiguous evidence that we have the community behind us. Therefore, we intend to gather the data through a survey of every house, including all adults and children, to test our proposition so that no one can say they were not asked, and the result will speak for itself; with this in mind we urge you to show your support by completing the survey on this matter which will be delivered to you in the coming month from the parish council'



## **Attendance**

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. The Government have launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign aims to primarily reach those parents and carers whose children are taking preventable odd days of absence – or "avoidable absence" – rather than children who face greater barriers to attendance, such as those with long term medical needs or special educational needs and disabilities.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Whilst we understand that pupils will be absent from time to time due to illness; absence from school for other reasons should only be for exceptional circumstances. I have received an increase in the number of holiday absence requests for holidays. As a school we look at each request for leave from school on a case by case basis and absences in term time will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and maybe subject to a fine.

Attendance at school enables us all to build a strong team and to strengthen our learning powers. Our overall attendance for whole school is currently **96.66%** which is **1.86%** above the national figure currently at **94.8%** and above other North West schools.

**Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons. Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.**

From next week we will also be focusing on persistent lateness to school and reminder letters will be sent to parents where there is persistent lateness.

The school day begins at **8.45am** with gates opening at **8.30am** and closing promptly at the start of the school day.

**Our attendance officer will be joining us periodically to support the school with our "Late Gate" campaign.**

### PE Celebrations

A huge well done to our Year 6 Basketball team who competed at Tarporley High School last night. Great team effort from all our players and a gold medal position. Well done team - we are very proud of you.



### SchoolMoney Accounts

We will be changing our payment system from 1st June 2024, could you please login to schoolmoney to ensure all balances are cleared before this date.

## Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

**We have now been awarding children with different Christian values for a while based on the half termly focus value. We will still be working on a half termly value within school and this term we will be focusing on : Courage. Now that the children have a deeper understanding of our Christian Values we will be asking them to help choose a child from their class each week.**

**This could be in recognition for any value we have been working on in school**

### Christian Value Award

**YR** - Otto for showing perseverance when writing a recount

**Y1** - Charlotte for having a positive attitude in everything she does

**Y2** - Ada for having the courage to give everything a go

**Y3** - Mya for showing friendship and compassion to others and helping strengthen the class community

**Y4** - Henry for his kind and compassionate nature and support for others

**Y5** - Jessica for showing respect and being ready to learn, always!

**Y6** - Oliver for showing compassion to his peers



### Headteachers Award

**YR** - Ottlie for always giving 100% in everything she does

**Y1** - Alice N for fantastic independent work in science this week

**Y2** - Ava for fantastic art work this half term

**Y3** - Georgiana for her hard work and incredible big independent write

**Y4** - Mia for her hard work and effort in her independent writing

**Y5** - William Burr for his enthusiastic contribution to our chemistry workshop

**Y6** - Isla, Ted and Ella for their help at parents evening



**Times Tables Awards****Y2** - Albert, Rose, Aelwen**Y4** - Sienna, Theo, Florrie, Charlie, Frankie, Freya**Y5** - Carly, George, Ingo, James, Olivia**Y6** - Ella, Freddie, Jacob WM, Arlo, Isla**My Maths Awards** (*for those who consistently completed their weekly tasks through this half term*)**Y1** - Theodore, Arabella, Alfie, Isla, Alice N, Amelia, Lewis, Lilly, Samson, Rae, Arthur**Y2** - Lucy, Sam, Dylan, Rose, Elsie, Albert, William, Aelwen**Y3** - Lachlan, Willow, Ruby, JP, Mya, Harvey, George, Edie, Finley, Jack Morg, Jack Morr, Aaron**Y4** - Mia, Isla, Molly, Evelyn, Daisy, Primrose, Ada, Charlie, Marcie, Ruby, Jonty, Chloe, Alice, Annabelle, Ezra, Freya**Y5** - James, Noah, William Buckley, Zachary Burton, Ella Grant, Cassian, Stanley, Harry, Freddie, Morgan, George, Olivia, Rory, Seb, Henry, William Thrussell, Sam, Issey, Ella, Anya.**Y6** - Zach, Isabelle, Gemma, Ted Corey, Hugo, Freddie, Isla, Jack, Seb, Sam, Archer, Rose, Tenzing, Elise,

William, Alexa

**PE Award**This weeks PE award goes to **Saskia in Year 3** for always smiling in PE

Have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 26th February back in school. Please remember gates will shut promptly at 8.45am

**Nic Badger**

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Tuesday 19 March 19:00 - 21:00 £24	<b>What is ACT?</b> An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
Thursday 28 March 19:00 - 21:00 £24	<b>Supporting a child with ADHD</b> challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

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