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## DIARY DATES

13 Jul - Y6 Leavers Service Trip, Chester Cathedral (pupils only)
14 Jul - STAR Day (whole school) 18 Jul - Deanery Sports 5-8pm 19 Jul - Y6 Leavers Evening (NEW DATE) 20 Jul - Y6 Leavers Service at St.Boniface, 11am 20 Jul - Y6 Signing of school shirts
Please view our school calendar on our website for up to date information: www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/events

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by and I can't believe we are so close to the end of the school year. Around school there is still an excitement to our learning, although we are all sounding a little tired. We forget that this is the first full year we have had in school since 2019! It has been fantastic to hear our year 6 children rehearsing for their end of year celebrations and play. Key Stage 2 SATs results arrived this week and we have now been able to share these with parents along with the Year 4 multiplication test, KS1 SATs and Year 1 phonic tests. I am incredibly proud of all our children's achievements.

Whilst we may all have very different views on the place of testing within the primary curriculum the testing process for these children was kept in perspective. All the staff at Bunbury ensured that the children were prepared adequately so that they could achieve their potential but not at the expense of their mental health and well-being. I know that through the year they have all worked incredibly hard deepening their learning in preparation for

these tests and I am extremely proud of each and everyone of them. They all need to be congratulated for their progress and the standards they have achieved.

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As their head teacher, and a parent, I know that it is not easy being tested as a child at any age but there is something we all need to remember when looking at our children's results. None of the tests listed above measure what makes your child special and unique. They do not know that they sing, dance and are extremely creative. They do not measure how kind they are to their friends or how they look after their classmates. They do not know how far they can run, how well they can ride a horse or how many goals they have scored. They do not know that they have overcome hurdles and obstacles in their life especially over the past 2 years with the covid disruption and they certainly do not test how special, unique and amazing they are as individuals.

# The results from these tests will tell you something, but not everything.



On Monday we welcomed Max a year 7 pupil from Bishop Heber to come and talk to our Year 6 pupils about life in their new school from September. Max is one of our past pupils and we are incredibly proud of what he has achieved during the past 12 months - he is a shining example of an ex Bunbury pupil. The previous week we welcomed Lucy a year 11 pupil from Tarporley who again spoke to our children about life at Tarporley next year. We thank both of these young people for giving up their time to support, encourage and inform our primary school leavers.

We also welcomed 2 new pupils to our school this week Oliver (Year 4) and Isobel (Year 3). We hope you will be very happy in your new school and we look forward to making you a part of Bunbury school family.

Yesterday we were also treated to a piano concert by our Year 6 musicians. William, Harriet and Finn shared their musical talents with the rest of their class. It was so lovely to hear how far they have progressed with their piano skills during their years of music lessons at Bunbury.

Each week on a Friday one of talented Bunbury musicians plays the whole school into our worship. It is such a fantastic way to celebrate their talents but also a fitting start to our weekly celebration worship.





Today we held our first Rural Church Schools Academy Trust Ethos conference at Bunbury. Our Ethos teams from across the trust gathered together to explore the value of HOPE. We welcomed Rev Tim for an opening worship and Beth Hayward for a Forest Church session before reflecting on what HOPE

meant to us and completing some craft and art activities to take back to our schools. We look forward to making this an annual event across the trust.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11











# STAR Day - Thursday 14th July (2-4pm)

STAR Day (Success, Targets And Reflection)

As you may be aware from our newsletter diary dates, Star Day is scheduled for Thursday 14th July, 2pm-4pm. This is the first time we have been able to hold the event for 2 years and we are delighted that Star Day is returning in it's original form. At 2pm you are invited to celebrate your child's achievements, share books and learning. The aim is to enable parents and carers to discuss their child's achievements, evaluate progress and discuss next steps in learning with your child so that we are all working together to ensure the best outcomes. You can come in at any time between 2-4pm to do this. We will ask you to complete a short form with your child as you discuss their work which identifies what your child has been successful at as well as targets you can create together. The aim is to work in partnership with you and co-create effective and achievable targets for your child and also to reflect on the progress they have made this year. We hope that the afternoon will be an enjoyable and supportive experience for all involved.

Should you be unable to attend by 4pm we will extend the day till 5pm or allow books to go home with children for the evening. Please let the school know however if you require to attend after 4pm or need the books sending home.



Bunbury Primary School Sporting Fixtures: Summer Term fixtures to date





Yesterday evening our Year 6 children took part in a cricket competition at Tarporley High School. I am delighted to report that the team won ALL of their games and were awarded GOLD at the event. A huge well done to all the children who took part and to Mr Friel for supporting them.

At Bunbury, we are blessed to have so many sporting opportunities for children from our reception class right through to Year 6. Under the instruction of our sports partnership at Tarporley High School, we participate in various sporting competitions throughout the academic year from dodgeball to gymnastics to name but a few. These events are all organised by the High school and as a school we are extremely thankful to the time they invest in organising these events for their primary partners.

We always take considerable time when making team selections to ensure that firstly, those who may wish to take part maybe offered the chance and secondly, to ensure that children are chosen in order to develop their skills, abilities and self- confidence. It is though not always possible each time to take all children who volunteer as numbers are often restricted.

Our teams and squad selections are done on a rotational basis with a core of children chosen who excel in a particular sport in order to hone their abilities within a competitive environment alongside those children who show enthusiasm and want to have a go at taking part in a collaborative team sport.

Some may believe that we should be going into a competition to win with the strongest team. However we all know that part of becoming a good well rounded sports person is learning that you may not win each time and to work as a team.

Both myself and Mr Friel agree that our team selection will never become elitist as this does not sit with our school vision of 'Let your light shine.' We will always ensure that there is an equal mix of those who excel and those who show enthusiasm and a desire to try something new within a competitive environment.

As we receive the fixture list through the academic year we will update the sporting fixture calendar below so that as much notice as possible is provided. There maybe times when due scheduling of staff events and training we may not be able to take a team to represent the school.

## 18/7/22 - KS2 Deanery Sports



### PE Award

This week's PE award goes to the **Y6 Cricket Team** who displayed outstanding sportsmanship and competing brilliantly at yesterdays tournament.

# Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

This term we will be focusing on the value of respect. Each week we will be rewarding those children who have demonstrated this value during the school week.

## **Respect Award**

- YR Albert for being respectful of the feelings of others and checking on his friends
- Y1 George for being a respectful role model for his peers
- Y2 Olivia for being a polite and respectful pupil
- Y3 Seb for being a ray of sunshine in the Y3 classroom and always showing adults in school respect
- Y4 Harriet for always being respectful and polite to her peers and all adults
- Y5 Sky for always being respectful to everyone in school
- Y6 Zachary J for always being respectful in the classroom

## **Headteacher Award**

- YR Maggie-Sue for always being so helpful
- Y1 Edie for always making her friends and teachers laugh!

Y2 - Chloe for fantastic art using clay & Tom for his fantastic help tidying up after clay work

- Y3 Isobel for making a super start to Year 3!
- Y4 Oliver for his incredible sub-heading s in english!
- Y5 Hugo for trying his best in art, making clay models
- Y6 Rueben and Mia for welcoming visitor and taking him on a tour of the school





### **Mathletics Awards**

YR Bronze Aelwen, Rose, Isobel B, Ivy, Eleanor & Poppy Silver Aelwen & Rose Gold Aelwen
Y1 Bronze
Y2 Bronze Ben, Theo, Tobias & Ruby Silver Ben, Tobias & Ruby Gold Ruby
Y3 Bronze Eliza, William T & William Buc
Y4 Bronze Archer & Alex Silver
Y5 Bronze Lollie, Amelia & Esme Webster (x2) Silver Lollie & Esme

### **Times Table Awards**

Y2 Bronze Theo
Silver Jonty, Chloe, Tobias
Gold Frankie, Freya, Ruby, Tom & Sienna
Champion Charlie
Y4 Champion 80questions 14xtable Alex H-B
Champion 80questions 14xtable Ted
Champion 99 questions with inverse in 3mins Jack
Champion 99 questions with inverse Jacob K
Champion 99 questions with inverse Jacob W-M
Champion 99 questions with inverse 15xtable Corey
Y5 Champion Belle & Elsie

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Nic Badger



