



# Bryony School Newsletter

## Autumn Term - Issue 70 - 22nd September 2023

### Harvest Festival 2023



Today, **Father Jenkins** visited our school for our Harvest Festival. We received a huge amount of donations for the Medway Food Bank.

Thank you Father Jenkins and a huge thank you to everyone for your generosity.

The food bank provides 3 days' of nutritionally balanced food and support to local people in crisis. For more information please visit:- <https://medway.foodbank.org.uk/>

### PE - Year 1 & Year 2

The children in Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed developing their throwing and catching skills during their PE lesson this week!



Mrs Paice and Mrs Dyne

### Perform

On Thursday, Year 2 enjoyed a visit by **Richard** from Perform.

*"We helped Phileas Fogg on an adventure to Australia to find a boomerang to give it to King Charles". - Thomas*

*"We met a crocodile! He wanted to put sausages on the BBQ, but we ate them when he wasn't looking!" - Roman*



Mrs Dyne

### Year 3 - Stone Age



On Wednesday, year 3 visited The Guildhall Museum to learn about the Stone Age. Jeremy showed us hand axes and flints.

We also saw a mammoth tooth, tusk and bones. It was lovely to learn more about our topic and see actual artefacts from the Stone Age.

We had a look around the rest of the museum and then visited the shop. Thank you **Mr Wood** for driving us.

Mrs Foot





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## Acting Debut!

During the summer holidays **Leah** (Year 2) participated in her very first theatre production at Spotlights Theatre in Chatham. She played the part of the little dog in Tom's Midnight Garden and she also had some other important roles, such as being part of the ice dance.

Despite only recently starting drama lessons and being one of the youngest members of the cast, Leah did an amazing job!

Mrs Paice and Mrs Saroya enjoyed watching Leah's debut onto the stage and we are all so very proud of her!

Well done Leah!  
Mrs Paice



## Swimming Award!

**William** in year 3 has been doing really well at his swimming. He can now swim 10 metres.

Well done **William!**



## Man of the Match!

**Austin** from Year 4 received the Man of the Match trophy on Saturday after playing a great game of football and scoring a goal.

Well done **Austin!**



## Online Safety Bulletin

This week's National Online Safety have produced this useful poster of Top Tips for Parents & Carers about 'WhatsApp' For more information please follow the link below.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday>

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP**

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents (as well as making voice and video calls), WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's free and easy to use. Only those messages to be viewed by the intended recipient (WhatsApp itself doesn't read them). This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently in the UK, as the Office of Information Commissioner (OIC) has reported that WhatsApp's privacy policy is not as clear as it should be. WhatsApp has responded by updating its privacy policy, but it remains to be seen if this is enough to restore trust in the app.

**EVILING SCAMS**  
WhatsApp is a popular messaging app, but it's also a common target for scammers. Scammers often use the app to contact their victims, usually by posing as the target's child, friend or family member. Because of its popularity, scammers often use the app to contact their victims, usually by posing as the target's child, friend or family member. Because of its popularity, scammers often use the app to contact their victims, usually by posing as the target's child, friend or family member.

**CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**  
To start a chat, strangers only need the mobile number of the user they want to message. If you don't have your own mobile number, you can use a virtual number. This means that anyone can contact you on WhatsApp, even if you don't know them. WhatsApp also allows you to share your location with others, which can be useful for family members, but it can also be used by strangers to track your location.

**FAKE NEWS**  
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**ONLINE**  
The ability to send images or videos that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or videos. This is a concern for parents and carers, as it can be used to share inappropriate content. WhatsApp has introduced a feature called 'Vanish Mode' that allows users to send messages that disappear after they are read. This is a useful feature for parents and carers who want to ensure that their children are not sharing inappropriate content.

**CHAT LOCK**  
Another new feature allows users to store certain messages or photos in a separate 'locked' chat. This is a useful feature for parents and carers who want to ensure that their children are not sharing inappropriate content. WhatsApp has introduced a feature called 'Vanish Mode' that allows users to send messages that disappear after they are read. This is a useful feature for parents and carers who want to ensure that their children are not sharing inappropriate content.

**VISIBLE LOCATION**  
WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be useful for family members, but it can also be used by strangers to track your location. WhatsApp has introduced a feature called 'Vanish Mode' that allows users to send messages that disappear after they are read. This is a useful feature for parents and carers who want to ensure that their children are not sharing inappropriate content.

**EMPHASISE CAUTION**  
Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution. Get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details, even WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links or images. Encourage your child to report any suspicious activity to you.

**THINKING BEFORE SHARING**  
Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy to send a message - for content to be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how it might affect their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

**ADJUST THE SETTINGS**  
It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy' then 'Profile') to specify which of their contacts can see their 'My Contacts' or 'My Contact Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use the 'live location' feature, you can give permission for this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

**CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY**  
Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to protect them. If you don't have a locked chat, you can use the 'Vanish Mode' feature to send messages that disappear after they are read. This is a useful feature for parents and carers who want to ensure that their children are not sharing inappropriate content.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr. Claire has published an online safety guide for parents and carers. It's a free guide that provides practical advice on how to keep your child safe online. You can find it on the National Online Safety website.

**...HEY OSCAR...**  
National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday

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## Charity 10k Run!



At the weekend Mrs Kemp ran 10k in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust in Faversham.

Harry from Year 6 and his brother (past pupil)

George, took part in the 1 km children's fun run. They were both presented with medals by the Mayor of Faversham!

Well done all of you!



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## Reminders

### School Uniform

We continue to wear the Summer uniform up to the half term break in October.

New uniform is available at **Schooltime**.

87-89 High St, Chatham ME4 4EE. You can also visit their website:

<https://schooltime.co.uk>

### Equipment

Please ensure your child comes to school with the correct equipment needed for the day including full pencil case (this includes glue stick and scissors), water bottle and reading books. Please NAME everything!

### Morning and After School Care

If you require morning or after school care please complete the ParentMail form, in advance.

## Diary Dates

### September

**Thursday 28th** - Year 5 Swimming

**Thursday 28th** - Year 3/4 Primary School Games, Tri Golf Festival, Howard School

### October

**Tuesday 3rd** - Pre-school Stay & Play

**Thursday 5th** - Year 5 Swimming

**Monday 9th** - World Mental Health Day

**Tuesday 10th** - Parents' Evening - 5W and 6L at Meresborough Road

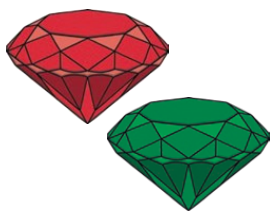
**Thursday 12th** - Year 5 Swimming

**Thursday 12th** - MYG Hockey, Holcombe

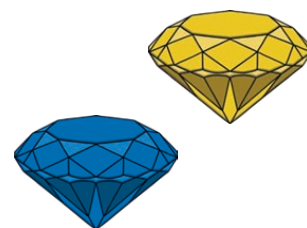
**Friday 13th** - KS1 Visit to Kent Life - Victorian Workshop

## Junior Clubs

Day of the Week	Lunchtime/ After School	Type of Club	How to Sign Up	Teacher
Every Day	Lunchtime	Library	See Mrs Foot/ Mrs Ware	Mrs Foot/Mrs Ware
Monday	Lunchtime	Japanese	See Mrs Atkins	Mrs Atkins
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Art and Mindfulness	Via ParentMail	Mrs Kilbourne
Tuesday	After School	Basketball Years 3 to 6	Via ParentMail	Mrs Atkins
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Homework	See Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
Thursday	After School	Hockey Years 3 to 6	Via ParentMail	Mr Johnson
Friday	Lunchtime	Choir for Christmas Connects	Via ParentMail	Mrs Foot



## House Points Term 1



### Weekly House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Zircon	250
2nd	Emerald	182
3rd	Sapphire	175
4th	Ruby	145

Zircon has achieved the most points  
this week taking the lead by over 50 points!

### Running House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Zircon	508
2nd	Sapphire	456
3rd	Emerald	365
4th	Ruby	358





Congratulations and best wishes to:-

**Jack W, Sienna O, Zara, Milan,  
Elijah & Emma**

who celebrate their birthdays this week!

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



Practising your spellings will always help you when you have your spelling tests...

**Year 1:** 1st - **Nihaal**  
2nd - **Shawn**  
3rd - **Isaac**

**Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**  
2nd - **Roman**

**Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**  
2nd - **Mireya**  
3rd - **Meera**

**Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**  
2nd - **Nancy**  
3rd - **Matilda**

**Year 5 :** 1st - **Safet**  
2nd - **Darcy**  
3rd - **Olivia**

**Year 6 :** 1st - **Ava**  
2nd - **Ovo**  
3rd - **Shaarav**

Well done to all the children for using the **SpellingShed** program to practise your spellings.



The more you practice the better you will become!

**Year 1:** 1st - **George**  
2nd - **Teniola**  
3rd - **Nihaal**

**Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**  
2nd - **Milan**  
3rd - **Roman**

**Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**  
2nd - **Mireya**  
3rd - **Laith**

**Year 4 :** 1st - **Charlotte**  
2nd - **Amira**  
3rd - **Inès**

**Year 5 :** 1st - **Kesi**  
2nd - **Darcy**  
3rd - **Olivia**

**Year 6 :** 1st - **Brendan**  
2nd - **Elijah**  
3rd - **Shaarav**

Fantastic to see a full house for **MathShed** this week. Well done all of you!