



Bryony School Newsletter

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Black History Month

Bryony School is celebrating **Black History Month** (1st to 31st October)



Black History Month is a chance to celebrate and learn about the positive contributions that people of Afro-Caribbean heritage have made to the culture, history and traditions of the UK and the world in general. The theme this year is '**Celebrating Our Sisters**' so that we can acknowledge and salute the exceptional achievements of black women. #WEMATTER

As part of our music lesson this week, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed listening to and watching footage of some of the brilliant musical contributions from the recent past. We sang along to the Shirelles, the Supremes and to 'Proud' by Heather Small (which was part of



our Speech Day Performance in July.) The children were particularly entranced and moved by a 1990's performance by **Dame Shirley Bassey**, so much so that they burst into spontaneous applause at the end!

Black History Month will be integrated into many parts of the curriculum over the next two weeks before half term.

For more information: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk>

How are you Feeling?

How are you feeling today?

At the beginning of term the Preschool & Reception children had a special delivery! We were lucky enough to receive a 'Baby Born Feelings Bear'!



The children were so excited to learn more about our new bear, the children were able to select a name of their choice for the best and we selected one at random - meet **Twinkle Bear!**

Mrs Apps kindly made a wonderful school uniform for our bear, the children were so excited to see her matching them all.



Today we had a session all about our feelings, we discussed how Twinkle might be feeling when she started school, and how many different feelings we have.

The children then made wonderful colour monster puppets, selecting the expression of how they feel and a colour to match their feeling today!



Miss Hills

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Black History Assembly

Mrs Atkins introduced an assembly on Black History Month with entry music by Sade and then each class (who had researched different people in their PHSE lessons) presented information on their chosen person in various categories: **3F- Geographers**

Junior children have been asked to research and produce a poster on a British black woman who they feel has been a big influence in their field.



4A - Women in sport



We would like to make a lovely display with this work and a prize will be given to the best entry from each class.

5W - Mathematicians

All work must be submitted by **Wednesday 8th November.**



6J- musicians



Further information will be uploaded on Google classroom.

6L- scientists



Mrs Atkins & the Junior teachers.

'Snow White' Success

Over the summer holidays **Maggie** from year 3 auditioned for a part in 'Snow White' at this years Pantomime at The Malthouse in Canterbury. She was successful out of 300 children in securing a part! Last weekend was the first rehearsal for the show which runs from 13 December 2023 to 1 January 2024. She had a fantastic time starting to learn her part in the show!



Well done **Maggie!**

Horse Riding Success

Emma from year 3 won a rosette for horse riding last week.

Well done **Emma!**

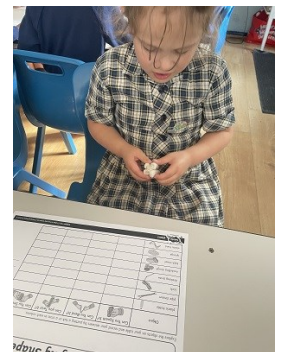


Year 2 Science

On Thursday, Year 2 were testing a range of materials and objects to see how they can change shape.

"A drinking straw, plastic cup and a pipe cleaner were all bendy, squashy and flexible". - Roman

"I liked feeling all the different materials!" - Grayson



Mrs Dyne

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Early Years at the Woods!

This week the children of Preschool & Reception have had a wonderful walk to our local woods! We talked about road safety and how to walk safely near roads.

We discussed what the first signs of autumn are, and the children have collected lots of autumnal items to complete a piece of artwork.



The children also enjoyed building a 'Gruffalo den' as they named it themselves!



So many exciting learning experiences in the woods!

Early years Team!

Online Safety Bulletin

Staying safe online is the one of the biggest worries today's parents have for their children. National Online Safety produce very useful and informative guides each week with Top Tips for Parents & Carers.

For more information please follow the link:-

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday>



Halloween Party

We can't wait for this year's FoBS Halloween Party on 31st October. To reserve a place please respond to the ParentMail and send in the money in a named envelopped. There will be infant and junior, 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the Pumpkin Carving competition so bring your fabulous creations to the party if you want to enter! Please use battery-operated tealights!

Mrs Pittock



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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>

NB:- The weather is changeable this time of year. Please send your child to school with appropriate clothing for the day.

Please arrive at school wearing your Bryony cap/hat and blazer, unless you are wearing your PE kit.

Academic Diary

Our academic diary is on our website. Please follow the link:- <https://www.bryonyschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Academic-Diary-2023-2024.pdf>

Morning and After School Care

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

Diary Dates

October

October - Black History Month

Monday 9th - Pre-school Stay & Play

Tuesday 10th - 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

Monday 16th - Parents' Evening - Year 1 & Year 2, Marshall Road

Tuesday 17th - Open Day, Marshall Road

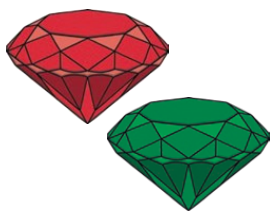
Tuesday 17th - Parents' Evening - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2, Marshall Road

Tuesday 17th - Parents' Evening - Year 3, Year 4 and 6J, Meresborough Road

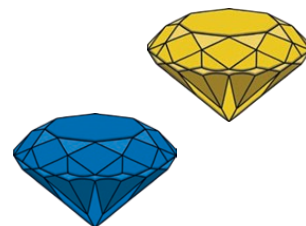
Thursday 19th - Year 5 Swimming

Junior Clubs

Day of the Week	Lunchtime/ After School	Type of Club	How to Sign Up	Teacher
Monday	Lunchtime	Library	See Mrs Foot/ Mrs Ware	Mrs Foot/Mrs Ware
Monday	Lunchtime	Japanese	See Mrs Atkins	Mrs Atkins
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Art and Mindfulness	FULLY BOOKED	Mrs Kilbourne
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Construction Club	Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
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	Christmas Connects Choir	Via ParentMail	Mrs Foot



House Points Term 1



Weekly House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Sapphire	232
2nd	Emerald	229
3rd	Ruby	224
4th	Zircon	197

With just 2 weeks left of the half term
can **Zircon** hold on to the lead?

Running House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Zircon	958
2nd	Sapphire	893
3rd	Ruby	769
4th	Emerald	752



Congratulations and best wishes to:-

Clara

who celebrates her birthday this week!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **Nihaal**
3rd - **George**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**
2nd - **Sara**
3rd - **Leah**
- Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**
2nd - **Rachel**
3rd - **Jayden**
- Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**
2nd - **Amelia**
3rd - **Lyla**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Safet**
2nd - **Tyler**
3rd - **Olivia**
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Ava**
2nd - **Brendan**
3rd - **Folashade**

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



The more you practise the better you will become!

- Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **George**
3rd - **Nihaah**
- 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 - **Safet**
2nd - **Kesi**
3rd - **Olivia**
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Brendan**
2nd - **Elijah**
3rd - **Shaarav**

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