

Baldwins Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our 'end of May, early June' newsletter! The children have been working so hard in all their class challenges, showing great courage and responsibility, as usual. I hope that you will enjoy reading all about the things that the children have been up to over the last month and learn more about what is coming up for them now the last half of the Summer term is in full swing.

Thank you to all of you for coming along to our Sports day this week! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves despite the weather. I hear that the sunshine is on its way back.....

Have a lovely weekend, all.
Warmest wishes,
Jenny Dabell and Team Baldwins.

Parking around our School

The area outside our school is busy in the mornings and even more so at leaving times. To keep everyone safe and respectful of our neighbours, we ask that parents/carers stick to these parking guidelines:

- Protect children's safety by being a thoughtful driver.
- Keep the 'School Keep Clear' zig-zagged area clear of cars.
- Park respectfully - not on pavements, grass verges, corners/junctions or across neighbours' driveways even for a short period of time.
- Turn off car engines when waiting.
- If you are unable to find a safe space near school, park further away and walk the rest of the distance.

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Saplings

This half term in Early Years, we will be teaching some new phonics and HRS words so that we can continue to develop our reading and writing skills. Please keep hearing your child read and practising the phonics and HRS words on the word lists they brought home last term and don't hesitate to ask if you need more.

In Maths, we will be working on patterns in the counting system and developing our understanding of numbers using this. We will also be looking at measures.

We are going start our new topic called 'Going on a Journey'. In this topic we will think about lots of different types of journeys from getting the bus into town to getting on a plane and visiting a foreign country. We will learn that other countries speak different languages and try to learn a few basic words. We will compare towns in other countries to our town and identify similarities and differences. We will also talk about how the children have been on a journey through their time in Early Years and we will aid them with the transition into a new year group.

Willow

Year 1 worked exceptionally hard last term with our topic "Why is water precious?" We had some great discussions around what we use water for, how we use it, and why it is important to look after water.

In our writing, we focused on texts around water, including both fiction and non-fiction texts. The children worked hard to explain their ideas through our discussions.

In geography, we looked at the water cycle and where water comes from, as well as making some fab posters for Mrs Custard to use for our eco award!

In maths, we looked at halves and quarters, as well as consolidating our understanding of numbers up to 50, and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In science, we looked at plants and how they grow, as well as doing our very own bean in a bag experiment (we are still watching how these are doing!)

We have now moved onto our new topic - Out and About, and more information about this will follow.

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Sycamore

Year 2 ended the Summer 1 term with their trip to Godstone Farm. All the children demonstrated the core values on the trip, and proudly represented the school. We caught fish in our pond dipping experience, met a tortoise and a duckling, and fed some goats! Lots of children enjoyed watching the baby goats escape from their barn, and cheering on their favourite pig in the 'Hogstacle' race. It was a great end to our 'how are we the same as animals' topic and brought our learning from the half term to life. Thank you for your help in dropping off and collecting your children from the farm. We are starting our topic about beaches next week, where the children will discover what life was like at the beach in the past and we will explore the geography of beaches, including physical and human features.

In Maths we have been learning about fractions of shapes and amounts, in particular a half, a quarter and a third. The children have been working very hard to identify and find these fractions in different ways, using counters, whiteboards and images. We will be starting a unit on measurement next week, where we will be focusing on length and height, capacity, mass and temperature.

In English we have written the ending to the story 'The Tin Forest'. The children used imagination and creativity to decide what happened at the story, and used adjectives and similes to bring their story to life. We will be writing a postcard in our next Writers Sequence to link in with our topic about beaches.



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Maple

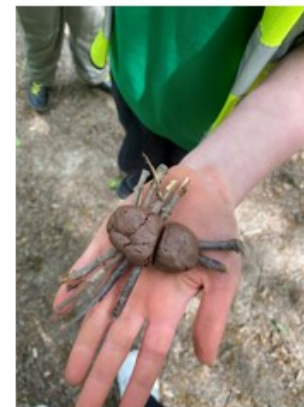
Year 3 have had a fantastic term learning all about bugs! We had a fantastic trip to Ashdown forest, completing some fun outdoor activities (please see some photos attached).

Maths: In maths, we have been learning all about unit and non-unit fractions. We have worked out how to find fractions of different numbers using our multiplication and division knowledge as well as comparing fractions with different numerators and denominators. We are now coming to the end of this topic and will shortly be moving onto learning all about time!

English: The children have been finishing writing their recounts from the Ashdown forest trip and some children have reviewed their learning by putting their skills to practice by writing a recount all about sports day! We will be continuing our spelling and grammar lessons and will be moving onto our new WRITER sequence next week.

Science: Year 3 have had their science hats on this term and we have explored different habitats, classification, food chains and life cycles! We have ended the term on dissecting some tulips and exploring the different parts of a flower. Ask your child what a stigma is! Next week, we will be starting our new science topic all about light and shadows.

PE: The children have been enjoying going swimming every Monday (thank you to those parents walking with us!). Now that sports day is done, we are going to be doing orienteering as our next PE focus. The children will be putting their map skills to work!



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Cedar

As we continued exploring our topic 'What Happens Inside Us?', we delved into the digestive system, learning how food travels through the body and how each organ plays a vital role. The children created fantastic diagrams and even modelled the process using everyday materials! Next, we looked at the skin, discovering its many layers and how it protects us. We also explored the skeleton, identifying major bones and understanding how it supports and shapes our bodies.

In Reading, Year 4 have been diving into the novel *The Fastest Boy in the World*, using their VIPERS reading skills to explore the story in depth. Through this exciting book, the children have been practising how to retrieve key details, infer characters' thoughts and feelings, predict what might happen next, and explain the meaning of new vocabulary. The story has sparked thoughtful discussions and helped the children develop a deeper understanding of character motivation and plot.

In English, the children have also been busy writing their own fact files about the digestive system. Using the knowledge they've gained in science, they organised their writing clearly and included technical vocabulary to explain how the digestive system works.

In maths, Year 4 have been building on their understanding of fractions by exploring mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children have been learning how to recognise and convert between the two, using visual models and number lines to support their understanding. This has helped them develop greater confidence when working with fractions greater than one, and they've enjoyed the challenge of applying their knowledge in problem-solving activities.

Martial Arts Day

The Martial Arts session was a great success, there are still places available in the after school club should you child wish to sign up. Please email the School Office.



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Oak

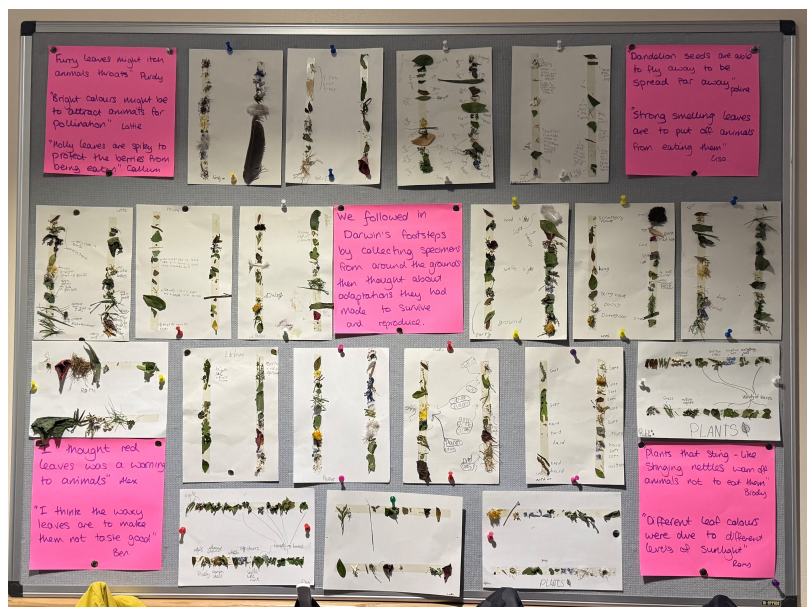
What a fabulous time we've had following in Darwin's Footsteps in year 5! Having scoured the grounds for specimens of various plant life as our hook, we then looked into the lifecycles of plants as well as how plants adapt to survive in different habitats. With all this knowledge we then invented our own plants thinking about their lifecycle and how they disperse their seeds. What great ideas they all came up with.

We also shared our learning with year 6 as our fab finish having used the new chromebooks to create slides all about Darwin and our science learning. This was a great way to combine our computing skills with our knowledge of our topic.

In maths we have investigated negative numbers thinking about where we find them in real life. We have practised counting backwards through zero in different multiples and ordered and compared negative numbers. We then moved onto learning about reading and plotting coordinates before learning how to give the new coordinates of points after they had been translated or reflected. We will now revisit decimal numbers and how to solve problems involving numbers with up to three decimal places.

In writing we finished our biographies which will be displayed within the school for others to read. We then moved onto story writing incorporating a range of skills we've learnt over the year: character descriptions, setting descriptions and moving action on using dialogue. I can't wait to see the finished pieces.

We're now about to embark on our new geography based topic to finish off a fabulous year of learning.



Redwood

The children showed great motivation and enthusiasm during SATS week. The children came into school early for breakfast and enjoyed the time with their friends to prepare them for the tests each day whilst eating a bacon roll or toast. Thank you to 'Rumblin Tums' cafe for the kind donation of breakfast!

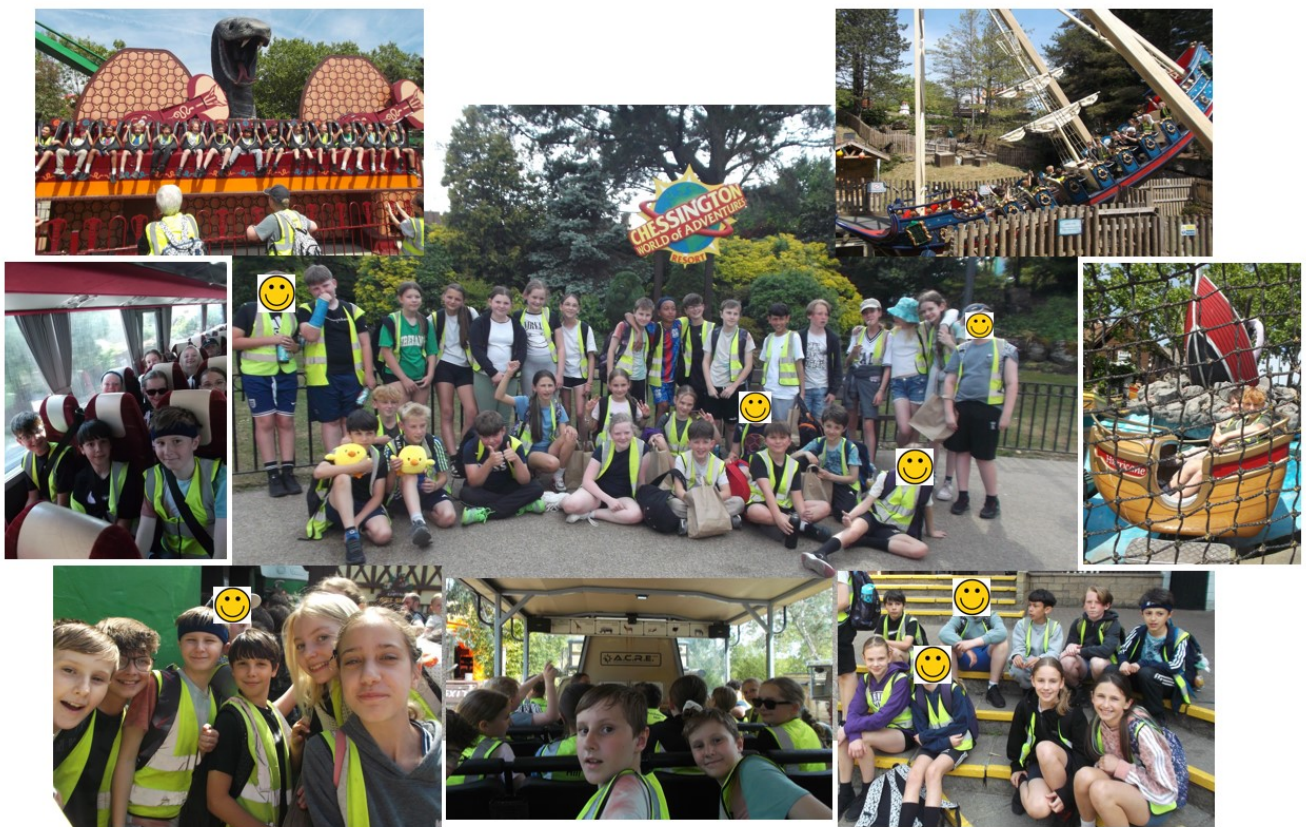
The children have been working hard on finding out information about different countries and putting it together to share for our fab finish. We also have some great quizzers in Year 6 who are putting together a challenging quiz for year 5.

Chessington was a very memorable day for all children - the smiles and squeals of delight and enjoyment was lovely to see. Thank you to our PTA for this amazing trip.

Our main focus now turns to the production of Shrek- where auditions have taken place and the roles have been cast. I am sure you will be rehearsing lines and singing the songs at home as well as the children.

We will also focus on our Mini Enterprise- more details to follow soon!

Dont forget year 6 assembly next Friday with Celebration of Learning in the classroom afterwards.



Dates for your Diary

12 th June	Class Photos ALL Years
18 th June	Parent Forum (New date – rescheduled from the 25th June) 10am on Teams
28 th June	Armed Forces Day
4 th July	Colour Run details to follow
14 th July	Year 6 Production
16 th July	Year 6 Production
22 nd July	Last Day of Term
3 rd September	INSET day (School closed to pupils)
4 th September	Back to school for students
5 th September	New EYS students start school
Class Assemblys	
9 th May	Maple Class Assembly (Year 3)
16 th May	Oak Class Assembly (Year 5)
6 th June	Cedar Class Assembly (Year 4)
13 th June	Redwood Assembly (Year 6)
20 th June	Sycamore Class Assembly (Year 2)
27 th June	Sapling Class Assembly (Early Years)
11 th July	Willow Class Assembly (Year 1)
22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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<https://baldwinhillprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Term-Dates-2024-2025.pdf>

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