



BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminders

- Please can Ash class bring in an old shirt for painting on Monday as they are using acrylic paint – there are still some children who haven't bought one in, and they will need to use washable paint if they don't have an old shirt to protect their uniform.
- Suffolk Mind Parent evaluation survey - please can you fill this in.

[Parent Feedback | Suffolk Mind Survey \(qualtrics.com\)](https://qualtrics.com/surveys/SuffolkMindParentEvaluationSurvey)

Tesco Tokens Community Grant Books

School Council and staff have been helping to spend our £1000 from the Tesco blue token competition in the Summer. Willow class have asked for decodable books for their cozy corner. Oak and Ash asked for book banded books for the baskets that they are short of books in. Yew class asked for some more graphic novels that they love reading after we bought some from the BSA donation last year. We have also ordered some picture books to promote and discuss diversity from the 'No Outsiders – everybody different, everybody welcome' project. Thank you to all those of you who collected the blue tokens for us in Tesco stores.



Head Pupils Cake Sale

The Head Pupils would like to run a cake sale on Wednesday 14th February to raise money for Suffolk Mind. They haven't had many offers of help yet! Please could you let them or us know if you can bake cupcakes or biscuits for them.

TTRockstars Certificates

As promised, I have been looking at the stats on ttrackstars and the following children have received certificates:

Ava – for the most progress score in Gig in Yew Class

Jessica – for having the best Studio speed of 2.8 in Yew class and for having 95% accuracy in answering questions.

Connor – for having the most progress score in Gig in Ash class and having the fastest speed in Studio and 91% accuracy.

Luca – for having the highest score in Gig in Oak class.

LGBT+ History Month

This month is LGBT+ month and I did an assembly on how some people celebrate this and about the lives of significant individuals on society this week. As you know, one of our curriculum drivers is diversity and we want our children to understand the diverse world in which they live and to be tolerant and respectful of all differences. I did cover what the letters stood for but did not go into detail as this is usually covered further up the school and into High School. I deal with a few incidents from time to time of children inappropriately using the term 'gay' and it is important that this is addressed. If parents want to know more about what we teach in PSHE and Relationships Education, then please refer to our website, where you can find lots of information about what we do and do not cover in school. I did hold a Parent Coffee and Chat on this topic in November to discuss our Policy and Curriculum, but no parents attended.

[Bucklesham Primary School - PSHE \(juniperwebsites.co.uk\)
download.asp \(juniperwebsites.co.uk\)](http://juniperwebsites.co.uk/BuckleshamPrimarySchool-PSHE/download.asp)

Measles

The phone number given out earlier in the week for the measles vaccinations was incorrect. Please see correct information below from Suffolk County Council:

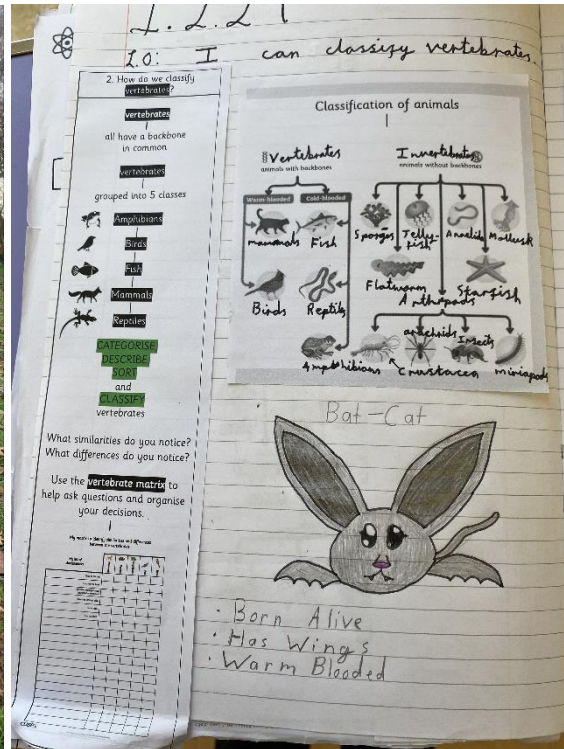
If your child has not been fully vaccinated with the MMR vaccine it is a good time to get this done to protect them.

This can be arranged through the child's GP practice or by booking an appointment directly by calling the Community and School Aged Immunisation Service on 0300 555 5055, option 3. The service also welcomes email enquiries to hct.csaissuffolk@nhs.net

You can check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations by looking at their personal health record (Red Book) or by asking their GP.

Trees

Thank you to Stanley's Mum, Gemma who has donated 2 trees to school, which gardening club planted yesterday. We are looking to plant some more hedging around the planting beds this term and some more trees to provide shade. Thank you to Gemma and Miss Cocker, who are doing a fantastic job running gardening club.



Celebration Assembly

Willow shared their new word 'balance'.

Oak shared their writing of character descriptions.

Ash shared their historical narrative writing.

Yew shared their Science learning about vertebrates and designing their own invented invertebrate.

Ash class' display on their Smart Goals for the year and Oak's on their Art card sculptures.



Certificates and Awards

Well done to the following children who have received the Headteacher's award this week.

Willow Class	Alaiya, for FANTASTIC blending on a new guided reading book this week – you always try so hard and never give up!
Oak Class	Amelia, for using conjunctions in her writing.
Ash Class	Avianna, for striving for independence when changing for swimming
Yew Class	Hettie, for excellent effort and ideas in Science this week.
Reading challenge Bronze Award	Dylan, Willow
Bronze Award for learning	Austin
Reflective	Stanley, Lelayla, Charlie, Harry M

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and we look forward to the week ahead.

Miss Rachael Rudge
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Clubs next week: Mon Inspire, Tues Homework, Wed Dance, Thurs Gardening, Fri Football

Tuesday 6 th February	Safer internet day, Yew class Police talk
Wednesday 7 th February	Yew class swimming gala am
Tuesday 13 th February	Y5 music day at St Josephs, KS1 visit to Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 14 th February	Break time cake sale £1 for Suffolk Mind
Friday 16 th February	Last day of half term
Wednesday 28 th February	10 pen bowling tournament
Thursday 29 th February	Parents Maths Homework workshop 9-11:15
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day, wear PJ's and bring your favourite book, Parents invited in from 2pm
Monday 11 th March	Ash class trip to Sutton Hoo Long Shed 12-3pm
Tuesday 19 th March	U11 Boys futsal tournament
Wednesday 20 th March	Cross Country pm Royal Hospital School
Friday 22 nd March	Year 6 outdoor day with FOSS schools here
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024

Half Term: 19 - 23 February 2024

PD Day 12 April 2024

Monday 15 April 2024 – Friday 19 July 2024

May Day – 6 May 2024

Half Term: 27 - 31 May 2024

TERM DATES 2024-2025

Wednesday 4th September 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Half term: 28th October - 1st November 2024

PD Day 2nd and 3rd September

Tuesday 7th January - Friday 4th April 2025

Half term: 17th February - 21st February 2025

PD Day 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July 2025

PD Day 21st and 22nd July 2025

All dates are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change