



Purple Press

Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

Next Week (w/c 15th November) New Lunch Menu – Week 2

10th November

FoBIS Firework Mufti Day & Craft Afternoon

A HUGE thank you for FoBIS for the planning and resourcing of our fantastic firework fun day on Friday 4th November.

Every class we visited was enjoying their bead threading, fire picture creating or breadstick sparkler making and the staff shared how much enjoyment they were having alongside the children too!

Year 1 and 2 classes also had a Bollywood dance session with Dance Days to learn and perform a firework/Diwali dance. An amazing way to end the week!



Diary Dates

Saturday 13th November
‘Design a Card’ order deadline

w/c Monday 15th November
F2 - Y2 Parents Evening
Telephone Appointments

Tuesday 16th November
F2 Parents Evening Face to Face

Wednesday 17th November
‘No Pens’ Day

Wednesday 17th November
Y2 Parents Evening Face to Face

Thursday 18th November
Y1 Parents Evening Face to Face

Friday 19th November
Wear Spots to School
Children In Need Day

Tuesday 23rd November
F1 & F2 School Photos

Wednesday 24th November
Flu Immunisations F2 –Y2

Wednesday 8th December
Christmas Themed Lunch

Friday 17th December
School Closes for Christmas
Closing at 1.30pm

Staffing Update

Our Bedgrove Baby Boom continues...we are delighted to announce that Mrs Shaw, HLTA, is expecting a baby next March. She is hoping to continue working in Year 1 until February half term. I am sure you will join us in sending Mrs Shaw and her husband best wishes for their new adventure into parenthood.

Ms Ahmad is currently not in school having been instructed to rest by her doctor. Miss Thurkettle will be working in Dolphin Class from now until the end of the year, to lead the teaching when Ms Ahmad is not in school this term, work as part of the team when Ms Ahmad is in school and take over the class for Ms Ahmad’s maternity leave, due to begin at February half term.

Wear Spots to School for Children In Need

We are inviting all children to come to school wearing spots on Friday 19th November to raise money for Children in Need. We will be sending more information out this week via ParentMail.

Looking for School Governors

We are looking for School Governors to join our outstanding local infant school. We are keen to welcome community minded people who are outside of our parent and staff communities, a grandparent or active member of the Bedgrove or wider Aylesbury community would be ideal.

As a School Governor, you can make a positive difference to the education of local children by providing support, information, advice and challenge to our school and by enriching our community relationships.

You do not need to be an expert on education, our board is made up of Governors with a range of experience and expertise and full training and support is offered.

If you know anyone that might be interested then please share this with them.

Find out more about our Governing Body:

Website: www.bedgroveinfantschool.co.uk/about-us/governors

Email us: governors@bedgroveinfant.co.uk

Lost Property

Please remember to clearly name your child's belongings so they can be safely returned to you if they get misplaced during the school day. We have several jumpers and coats that go missing every week that cannot be matched with an owner, when they are found, they are unnamed. Children move from classroom to playground and into the hall for lunchtimes, so there are a few opportunities for coats and jumpers to be put down and left unattended. Please help us to help you get your belongings back by naming everything.

Purple Partners

If you are interested in supporting the children of Bedgrove Infant School by signing up as 'Purple Partners' to hear children read in school every week please click [here](#) to register your interest by Friday 26th November.

FoBIS Christmas Raffle

Are you able to donate anything to this year's Christmas Raffle?

All donations are so gratefully received. If you can make any donation at all please contact FoBIS by email to friendsofbedgroveinfant@gmail.com. Thank you!

Parents Evening

A reminder that Parents Evening is taking place next week. Please familiarise yourself with the date and time of the appointment. If you are not sure please contact the school office and we can confirm this for you.

Unfortunately, Parents Evening will not be taking place this week for the Dolphin class and will be re-arranged as soon as possible.

Communication regarding Attendance

Please can we ask that any emails sent to the class emails regarding attendance are also shared with the school office, Thank you.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for the school office, please head to our website for more details: <https://www.bedgroveinfantschool.co.uk/about-us/vacancies>

See what the children have been up to across the year groups as we take a look ...

Through the Purple Periscope



F1

It has been a colourful and bright start in F1 one this week. There have been lots of firework activities in the provision and the children have had so much fun. We have really enjoyed listening to all the stories about the children's experiences watching firework displays at the weekend. We place a big emphasis on using what the children know and have experienced in our planning and provision and this is why we often do activities after an event has happened. This means that children have a starting point and some experience that they can use in their play. We can then take this starting point further and work on the children's next steps.

Seesaw and observations

I hope you are enjoying seeing your child's learning on Seesaw. This half term we are having focus weeks whereby we focus on 6-8 children per week. We spend time focusing on what they can do, their behaviours, their interests, how they learn, how they interact, their personality, how they are feeling and their wellbeing and how they respond to new experiences and changes. Some of these observations will be added to Seesaw but lots of the observations will add to our knowledge of the children.

This does not mean that the rest of the children are ignored! We have specific adults each day focusing on these children and then other adults focusing on the rest of the children.

Parental observations - the whole child

We would love to get picture of the child as a whole and this means what they are like at home. These can be added to Seesaw and will contribute to our knowledge of each individual child.

Photos showing us that they could do their coat up for the first time, the songs they can sing on their own, the numbers they can recognise, what their interests are, are examples of what you might share but there will be many more ideas that are personal to your child.

F2

This week the children have consolidated their knowledge about Diwali and finished their Diva lamps; they are excited to show you these when they bring them home.

In Maths, we have been learning about the part part whole model and our new sounds this week are, h, b, f, l, and the digraphs ff, ll. Throughout the week, the children have really enjoyed exploring the firework work and Remembrance provision within their classrooms.

Towards the end of the week we will be learning about and celebrating remembrance by making our own poppies to plant in our garden and holding a minute silence.

On Monday the 15th we will be sharing the children's adult led books with you via photos on seesaw, so that you can see the amazing work they have completed in school so far. We hope that you enjoy looking at these.

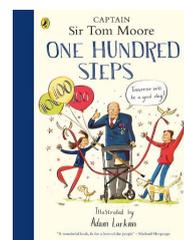
Please can we ask for donations of old children's magazines or children's newsletters for us to use in the F1 and F2 book areas

F2 amazon wish list - <https://amzn.eu/fKBzkgR> These are items that we unable to buy using the school budget and which we would love should any parents feel they wish to make a contribution. Thank you

Y1

In EPIC, we have been focusing on the history of Remembrance Day. We have been learning about why Remembrance Day is celebrated and we have been reciting an extract of the poem 'In Flander's Fields' by John McCrae. We went on a journey with a soldier from WW1 and used our descriptive language to describe what we would have seen and heard back in 1918. In class, we read the story 'One Hundred Steps: The Story of Captain Sir Tom Moore' and celebrated all of his astonishing achievements.

In Maths, we have been learning about doubling. We now know that when we double a number, the number becomes two times bigger! We have been doubling numbers to 20 and representing this using addition ($5 + 5 = 10$) number sentences.





Y2

In Year 2 the children have really enjoyed starting to learn about explorers from around the world. Next week we will be covering Matthew Henson so please feel free to do some research at home with your children.

P.E. Days: Just a reminder that Lion, Tiger and Leopard classes have P.E. on Tuesdays and Jaguar class have it on a Wednesday. P.E. uniform is a white t-shirt, black joggers, a black hoodie and trainers.

Spelling Shed: we have set up the spelling game so that the children can work on their spellings at home in a fun way. The children will bring their login details home this week and will have a list of spellings set up for them ready to play the game.

Resources: We wanted to ask parents if you have any white bedsheets, buckets and tubs you could donate to us if you don't need them anymore. If you can, please send them in with your child to school.

We also have an Amazon Wish List with items that parents can contribute towards. Here is the link if you are able to help us:

<https://amzn.eu/h3X4BbU>

Thank you so much for all of your support!