



Bishopstone C.E. Primary School

Upcoming Dates

- 22nd January—Yr6 to 'Explore' at Sainsburys
- 24th January—Renewable Energy Trip for Infants
- 27th January—KS2 to Wyvern to meet Sixth Sense and watch show

Year 6 trip to 'Explore' at Sainsbury's

Once we arrived we started by doing lots of multiplication and dividing decimals. We moved on to 'DMS' (division, multiplication and subtracting). All of this was based around us creating an imaginary restaurant. We were told to find the cheapest options and even looked at different types of food. It was exciting and fun!

Written by Taran

Balanceability Bikes—Taster Session

Reception and Year 1 were lucky to have a very active session with Balance bikes in the village hall. The idea behind the bikes (they have no pedals) is that it enhances a child's balance to the point that when they transfer to a pedal bike they do not need stabilisers. There are many other health benefits and they got to 'scoot' around on them and try out other balance equipment. More information can be found on:

<http://www.balanceability.com/>



Active Kids at Sainsbury's

We are now collecting tokens from Sainsbury's towards sports equipment. The more tokens the more equipment. The school benefits hugely from this scheme so please start sending them in if you receive them. Ask friends and family . . . the more the better and the children will keep you up to date with the totals and their choices of equipment.

Voice in a Million

This is an exciting opportunity for KS2 children. We are currently creating a link with Goddard Park Primary to take a group of children from both schools to Wembley in March. The children will be part of many who will spend the evening singing together. The concert takes place each year in several destinations around the U.K and raises awareness for children who do not have a family of their own. It also helps to raise money for this very worthwhile cause. Further information will follow but we will be looking for some talented and inspired children to take part.

<http://events.voiceinamillion.com/?events=the-schools-event>



Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown past! We started our first Golden Time session this week, where the children choose an activity they would like to participate in for 30 minutes. They had a wide range of choices from painting to computing, bikes to paper aeroplanes! The idea is that the children work towards retaining their full 30 minutes of golden time by keeping to the 'Golden Rules'. If they break a rule then they lose some of their time. We will be closely monitoring this to see if this enhances behaviour within school. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lindsay

School Council

Sport Relief—we are planning big things for sport relief this year and are looking for people to come and join us 'walk the mile' at Coate Water in March. This would be a lovely opportunity for Bishopstone children to walk it together, we would meet there so children would need also a willing 'parent walker with them' . . . Maybe we could design some t-shirts! Other ideas in the pipeline include: Bishopstone Bakeoff, a pet fish, design of lesson mascots, reading pillows and more games for lunchtime. All of which we will continue to work on. We are also currently complaining about children who use bad language and children that disrupt our learning. We are talking about this to Miss Lindsay but please continue to reinforce with your child that bad language is not acceptable at school and that there will be consequences if teachers hear or are informed about it.

From Ruby, Eleni, Oliver, Miya, Taran

Story Telling

Do you have a favourite short story from childhood . . . a book that you think would appeal to children today? We are keen to invite parents in for the end of day slot (2:50pm) to share a story with the class before home time. If you would like to do this please see the class teacher to arrange a 'slot'. The children would love to have you visit!



New School Sign

Watch out for the new school sign which will hopefully go up next week. This is from the children's drawings and collage and has been printed on to a metal frame! Thank you to Helen Cooper who volunteered her time to develop the children's ideas. **Make sure you listen out for the new answer phone message . . . who can it be????**

Messy Church



WANTED

Volunteers to roll
out a creative,
family
orientated
after school event.

REWARD

Lots of messy fun!

Messy Church...

- is a way of being church for families involving fun
- is a church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour
- is found across the world

values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration

Our new Vicar Revd William O'Connell and the school are keen to start up another 'Messy Church' within Swindon. We are thinking initially once a month, after school on a Friday and to be held in the Village Hall. We NEED a small team to help organise the event and to help on the day .

The idea is that parents interact with their child on the art activity, in a social environment, enjoying the community spirit.

Please read further on the following website and then let me know if you are interested in helping out: <http://www.messychurch.org.uk/>

Miss Lindsay and Revd Bill

Please return to by Friday 31st January

Name:

Child:

I am interested in being involved with **Messy Church** organisation

Signed:

Please return to school by Friday 31st January

Name:

Child:

I am interested in coming **in to read** to the children

Signed:

Please return to school by Friday 31st January

Name:

Child:

I am interested in joining in with **Sport Relief at Coate Water** on 23rd March 2014

Signed: