



Children's Newsletter

Welcome back!!!

We hope you had an amazing summer holiday and that you enjoyed your first term back at Byron. It is a time for new beginnings for all of us but even more for our new faces in Foundation Stage.

It is a scary time for them but we have welcomed them the

best we can and tried to make them feel a part of the Byron School community. Everyone is already working hard!

We are excited to share with you a children's newsletter exclusive:

Recently you may have been thinking

that Miss Keen has eaten a lot of breadsticks; but she hasn't at all. We are happy to announce that Miss Keen is having another baby! She will be leaving us in March 2018 but she promises us she will be coming to watch the year 6 production!

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Strange but true...

A baseball has exactly 108 stitches.

You can compete in an underwater mountain bike race in Wales.

A farmer from the US once paddled down a river in a pumpkin.

FC Barcelona has a reverse sponsorship agreement with UNICEF.

What is a Rights Respecting School?

As you know our school is aiming towards being a rights respecting school. As a rights respecting school we will be looking at an organisation called UNICEF which stands for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. There are 54 articles which

they have written and they include what they believe to be the rights that every child should have. Here are some examples;

Article 28 explains that every child should have access to a good quality education.

Article 14 outlines that children have

the right to their own religions and beliefs about what is right and wrong and Article 6 states that we all have the right to be alive.

This is a big step for our school and we hope that you will support us along the way as your support is essential to us achieving this award.

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How are our new FS getting on?

Our new, smallest children in the school are still settling in to their new environment.

We went to discuss with them how they thought they were getting on; a child from FS2D said: "I like playing with lots of stuff. I have made 2 friends and I like the music during tidy-up time. My favourite thing to play with outside is the water table because it is fun! The

only other thing I want is to be able to bring my tablet in to school."

Another child, this time from FS2M, told our reporters: "I really like Miss Masters because she is kind and she helps me. My favourite thing in class is the number fans and I have made lots of friends. My favourite part of the day is lunch but I don't like eating my food."

A child from FS2F has stated, "My favourite thing from the class is the computer because I like playing maths games. I also really like playing with the dollies because I like dressing them up and doing their hair." It sounds like they are really enjoying their time here at Byron and we hope they have more things to say later on in the academic year!

The Silk of a 1000 Spiders.

Over the past month, 28 children have decided to take part in a project called "Silk of a Thousand Spiders". It is a musical theatre production, telling the story of all the people from around the world that came to live or work in Chatham. The event will be run at Fort Luton, which is next to Victory Academy. Fort Luton was designed by a Russian and built by French Prisoners of war.

"Byron children are the Kindertransport- they are German or Polish Jewish children evacuated from Poland and Germany shortly before the start of the Second World War," said Mr Lock, who will be at the

event, "A large majority of these children settled down in Chatham, having been orphaned in the Second World War."

Ensemble Byron have helped write the lyrics to a song called "My Last Goodbye" which is sung by Kinder-

transport children. You can search for it on YouTube.

The production days are: the 27th of October and the 28th of October. The performances are from 7-9 PM and the tickets are now unfortunately sold out!



Staff at Byron— The Office

This term the newsletter team have been getting to know some of the non-teaching staff at Byron and finding out about what they do. We hope to continue this and get to know all the staff and find out what they do at the school.

We ventured down to the school office and they explained to us what they get up to on a

daily basis; "The staff in the office deal with a lot of different situations every-day".

We discovered they deal with all the enquiries from parents and also produce important reports for the leadership team.

They also place all the orders for our resources and keep checks on pupil attendance. They help

people that want to join our school and also prepare paper work for the children that are leaving us.

Everyone in the office was really happy which is a good thing as they are the first people visitors to the school encounter, We enjoyed finding out exactly what they do and are amazed by all the jobs they do for the school!

Sporting Club Byron—What are they up to?

We have recruited some more people for Sporting Club Byron to replace the older children that have left. Sporting club Byron have a busy year ahead of them,

with many events and many different sports. The sports that Sporting Club Byron are doing this year are: Basketball, table tennis, rugby, netball, Kwik cricket and foot-

ball. We hope Sporting Club enjoys them all and we hope to be able to report about any competitions that they take part in this year.

All In Award

This year, Miss Keen, Miss Knight and Miss Nuttall have started working on a new project—The All in Award. The project is run by MENCAP and the aim of this project is to make sure that everyone gets included.

Several people have been invited to join this project and it has now been opened up for year 4,5 and 6 chil-

dren to apply. Each week on there is a different focus and activities which help us practice old skills and learn new skills.

So far they have learnt some Makaton hand signals, developed their listening skills and developed team building by building towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti.

We are looking forward to finding out more of what they get up to over the rest of the year, and if you are in years 4,5 or 6 feel free to speak to any of the teachers involved about join in the sessions which are 3.30pm to 4.30pm on Thursdays.

Mindfulness

Activity: With each breath in and out draw a line on a blank piece of paper without taking your pen off the paper. Create your own modern art mindfulness coloring pages. Try and colour the sections a variety of different colors.

