

This week we have welcomed trainee secondary teachers from The Royal Latin Buckingham Partnership SCITT. It is an important part of their training and development to spend time in a primary setting and during their day with us they had the opportunity to work with children from F2 to Year 6. They all enjoyed the day very much and commented on the standard of work being completed across the whole school and the warm welcome both staff and children showed them.



This morning I was talking to the admin team about what a quiet week it has been in school when suddenly the sound of sirens filled the air! My heart rate shot up and I was just grabbing my high-vis vest when I remembered the Fire Service were visiting Year 1! What a fantastic start to their Super Hero topic and thank you to Luca 's mum for making this possible.

Looking ahead to next week, on Wednesday all of the children will be enjoying the pantomime Robin Hood. If you are able to and haven't already done so we would really appreciate a contribution towards the cost of this opportunity, which you can do via Parentmail.

Looking at the weather forecasts there is a possibility of some wintery showers next week. Although we do not expect the snow to be disruptive enough to close the school I didn't think it would hurt to direct you to the adverse weather policy on the website which will answer any questions you may have. You can find all information regarding our procedures at <http://www.buckinghamprimary.com/adverse-weather.html>

Mrs France

Sports News

A group of our year 6 boys took part in a Dodgeball tournament on Monday 14th January. They showed great teamwork and persevered throughout. They ended with a play off for 7th and 8th place and they secured 7th. Well done boys!



Manners Matter

The manner we will be focussing on next will be:

Appropriate Exclamations

Such as:

'Oh my goodness!'

'Wow!'

Please help us by re-enforcing this at home.

Lunch Boxes

Can we please remind you that we are a Healthy Eating Schools and we do not permit chocolate in lunch boxes.

We also have both staff and children with nut allergies so ask that no nut based products are included in your child's lunch box—including some chocolate spreads. Avoiding the use of these product prevents cross contamination.

Whilst we understand that children can be selective in what they eat from one day to another, please limit how many options they have in their lunch box. Ideas for children's lunches can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier->

Nursery

We are having the author Jill Stanton-Huxton to visit the nursery for a book reading to both you and your family. Tickets are available via Parent-mail for a cost of £2.50 for a family of up to 4, on Monday 21st January in the early evening. Jill will be available to sign copies of her book purchased on the night. Buckingham Book Shop will be having a stall where you are able to both purchase books and order them directly from them, they will also be having some vouchers for people attending the evening. We look forward to seeing you and your families (perhaps in their nightwear) ready for the story.

Across the nursery winter activities have been taking place as we thought we may have seen some snow by now and been able to offer the children a variety of cold activities. We will be moving onto new topics next week. Swans will be looking at the book Bear Snores On whilst the chicks and cygnets will be looking at The Gruffalo's Child and Stick Man.

Foundation 2

This week we have been reading Cinderella and The Three little pigs, describing settings and emotions. In maths, we have been partitioning teens numbers and exploring different ways of representing them. We have also been investigating different materials and hunted for them around our environment using new vocabulary. Next week, we will be learning about money in maths and Little Red Riding Hood in literacy. We will also be discussing different kinds of weather and how that affects activities and clothing that we might wear.

At home:

Please can parents read with their child and write in reading records at least 3 times per week. This really supports their progress and has a huge impact on their development in all areas.

Discuss traditional tales

Write sentences about characters or settings.

Practise recognising teens numbers and describing how many tens and ones are in each number.

Practise our manner of the week - Good partner talk

Practise being a 'Creative Chameleon' - having your own ideas and discussing them.

Reminders:

Please send PE kits and Welly Walk clothing back into school.

Please let us know if you cannot view your child's observations on Target Tracker Link.

Year 1

In Year 1 we are thoroughly enjoying our Incredible Me topic, writing about superheroes in addition to society's real heroes including Amelia Earhart and Tim Peake. In art we have been busy making cityscapes with a superhero flying through.

In preparation for our maths activities over the coming weeks we would be grateful if you could send in any spare small plastic (drinking) bottles that you no longer require.

Year 2

This week we have been learning more about the events that led to the Great Fire of London. We have been using our excellent vocabulary to describe the events.

In Maths we are working hard with our multiplication and division problems. Remember to keep practising timestables and division at home! We would love to see more people playing on Timestable Rockstars.

Please remember to keep reading at home. We love to see all the fantastic comments. Could you write down any of the new words you learn too?

Year 3

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in to our new topic 'What did the Romans do for us?' In English we are writing reports and letters as if we are Roman soldiers in the middle of our battle against the Celts. The children have been inspired by the beautiful mosaics they saw at the Verulamium museum last week and have now began creating their own. They have considered the limited colour of tesserae that was available around 2000 years ago to make their mosaics as effective as possible.

Year 6

Desert day was a great success; we all had a great day dressing as explorers, animals, vacationers and even Laurence of Arabia. The children learnt about deserts across the world, the desert environment and created some Aboriginal art. At the end of the week, we dug our own holes and wrote about how Stanley, the main character of our class novel Holes, would have felt digging in the desert.

We will be making desert themed collages in the next few weeks. If you have any materials that you think could be used, please have child bring them in as of next week.

Year 4

We are really looking forward to our trip to Buckingham Library next week. Thank you to those parents who have already said they would like to come along with us and walk the children to and from school. It should be a really enjoyable trip.

Hopefully, we will be able to find out more about Buckingham's early history while we are there!

Thank you, too, to all the parents who have paid so promptly for the residential trip in July. We will be holding an information evening about the trip before the Easter holidays so more information will follow shortly.

Year 5

Year 5 have been doing some cooking as part of our learning in DT and linked to our topic, China! China! Last week we made egg fried rice and this week we have been making a stir fry. The children have really enjoyed trying new foods and thinking of ways to improve the recipes. I am sure some of them would like to show off their news skills and make you dinner!

Key Dates

Friday 18th January 2019



January

21st	Year 5/6 Dodgeball Girls
22 nd	KS1 Reading Workshops
23rd	Robin Hood Panto
24th	Young Voices Genting Arena

February

1st	NSPCC Number Day
5 th	Internet Safety Day
9th	Nursery Open Morning
11 th	Parents Evening – 4-7pm
12 th	Parents Evening – 4-6pm
15 th	Break up for Half Term
25 th	Children Return to School

Would your child like to learn to play the piano or the violin?

I am delighted to tell you that I have a couple of spaces available for new students this term.

I specialise in teaching beginners and primary school children and I provide a fun but structured approach to musical learning, encouraging students to improve their instrumental skills and to expand their general musical knowledge.

Lessons are during the school day and are 20 minutes long, costing £11 each.

If you are interested, please give me a call on 07789 050257 or email me on rachel.e.fountain@googlemail.com.





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**Children and Young People's
Occupational Therapy Training Talks for
2019**



The Children and Young People's Occupational Therapy Department
is offering informative talks to parents, staff working with children
and staff supporting parents.
We will cover the following three topics:

<p><u>Transition to Secondary School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☉ Wednesday 24th April (6 – 8pm) The Oakridge Centre, 240 Desborough Road High Wycombe HP11 2QR ☉ Wednesday 1st May (7 - 9pm) Rayners Hedge, Croft Road, Aylesbury HP 21 7RD ☉ Tuesday 7th May (6 - 8pm) Amersham Hospital, Education Centre Conference Room 1 HP7 0JD 	<p><u>Understanding Sensory Techniques & the 'Alert Principle'</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☉ Monday 17th June (6 - 8pm) Amersham Hospital Education Centre, Conference Room 1 HP7 0JD ☉ Wednesday 9th October (7 - 9pm) Rayners Hedge, Croft Road, Aylesbury HP 21 7RD ☉ Tuesday 12th March (6-8pm) The Oakridge Centre, 240 Desborough Road High Wycombe HP11 2QR
<p><u>Tips for Developing Handwriting Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☉ Wednesday 6th February (7 - 9pm) Rayners Hedge, Croft Road, Aylesbury HP 21 7RD ☉ Wednesday 9th October (6 - 8pm) Amersham Hospital Education Centre, Conference Room 1 HP7 0JD ☉ Tuesday 18th June (6-8pm) The Oakridge Centre, 240 Desborough Road High Wycombe HP11 2QR 	



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and workshops
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