# Term 5 (1)

# BAILEY'S COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSPICET



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone connected with the school for all of their support this term. It has been a very busy and enjoyable six weeks and looking back it is very pleasing to see how much we have achieved. We hope everyone has a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone again when term starts again on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is an INSET day).

# Year 5 Camp



Last Friday our children in Year 5 spent the day constructing shelters that they were hoping they would be able to sleep in when they returned for an overnight sleep-over later on that evening. With the shelters finally completed, the children set off home at the end of the school day, only to return a few hours later to begin their overnight camp. The weather was wonderful and the children spent the first part of the evening treasure hunting and taking competing in 'It's a Knockout'.



This was followed by a delicious barbeque and a huge camp fire, around which the children took it in turns to sing songs, tell jokes and demonstrate some of the many talents that they had.





At approximately 11pm, the children returned to their tents to settle down for the night, or more accurately, start their midnight feasts. Having eaten their fill, one by one the children started drifting off to sleep and 4am it was reasonably quiet.

Saturday morning started quite early (at 5am more precisely) when the first few individuals woke up and within no time at all, everyone was up collapsing their tents and trying to find their belongings and repack them back into their bags. Soon after it was time for breakfast: bacon sandwiches and rounds of toast which were greatly appreciated by all.

The children had a few moments to run around outside before parents began to gather at the gate and it was time for the children to depart for home.

The overnight camp was very successful and we would like to comment as a school, how proud we were of the children who were full of fun and displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the camp. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff of the school who very kindly gave up their time to help look after the children over Friday night – thank you!

### **Sports Days**

It was really lovely to see so many parents joining us for our Key Stage 1 sports day earlier this week. The children competed very competitively and it was good to see the sporting spirit that they all displayed. Unfortunately due to poor weather we had to postpone our KS2 day. This has now been rearranged for next term.

# **Mrs Morris**

Earlier on this term, we said a very sad goodbye to Mrs Morris who had worked in our school for ten years and had given a huge amount of dedication supporting our children and their families. The children and staff held a special assembly during her last week in school to celebrate her time with us and to give her a special send off. She will be greatly missed by us all!

# Welcome Mrs Brewer

As we announced previously, Mrs Brewer has been appointed to replace Mrs Morris as our School Business Manager. Mrs Brewer has already been working in school for the past four weeks and is doing an absolutely fantastic job running to business side of the school operation. We are delighted to her her as part of our team!

# World Bee Day

We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Rose who spent World Bee Day talking to our children in Reception about the importance of bees and the amazing things they do to help us all.



# Sensory Garden

Our children and staff have been hard at work adding plants to our sensory garden this term.





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### Summer Fair

The next big fundraising event is our Summer Fair on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. There will be lots going on including local businesses selling their wares, bouncy castles and fairground rides, hot and cold food and drinks and a full display programme.

The Friends would very much like to hear from anyone who could spare a few hours to help on the day. There are also a few spaces left for local traders if anyone is interested.

# What Are My Children Studying in School?

Every term our teachers spend a huge amount of time planning the learning for the children in their classes. At the beginning of each term we send out an overview to parents providing details of the areas children will be focusing on. Our school website contains further information for parents regarding the topics children will be studying and the objectives that will be covered in English and Maths for each year group. Parents can access this information via the 'Learning' section of the school website.

# **Traffic Safety**

Every morning, we ensure that a member of staff (very often Mr Lynham and Mr Telfer) is standing at the junction of Breaches Gate where the road turns towards our school. We stand there to welcome children and families into school and also to try and reduce the amount of traffic that turns into the stretch of Breaches Gate that leads to the school gates.

We very rarely need to speak with drivers as we all understand the expectation. Occasionally, we have deliveries to school or drivers who actually live in Breaches Gate and, apart from that, children and parents are very understanding and we appreciate your ongoing support.

It has been brought to our attention that, beyond Breaches Gate itself, there have been concerns about both the parking and the driving of some vehicles at the junction with Bailey's Court Road and other adjoining roads. Please could we ask that all drivers are mindful of the number of children and families that use the roads around the school at the beginning and the end of the school day. The roads do get very congested at these times and we ask that parents park their vehicles safely at all times and, where possible, consider walking to school to help reduce the amount of traffic and the level of risk.

Thank you for your continued support.

# 101 Things to Do Before ...

Each year the children are set a range of challenges to complete at home throughout the year which are specific to their age and stage of development. Once completed, children are encouraged to complete their '101 Booklet' and bring it back to school so that they can be awarded with a special badge and certificate.

Details as to what is needed to complete the challenges can be found in the 'Learning' section of our school website. Children have until the summer to complete this year's initiative.

# Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45am and our after-school club is open between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Bookings for the clubs will be made on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to book a space for your child, please contact the school office.

# **Diary Dates**

INSET 3rd June Children arrive back 4th June MOJO Active - Year 6 6th, 7th June Forest school Year 5 10th - 14th June New reception parents meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June 6pm Forest school Year 6 17th - 21st June New reception meet the teacher visits (after school) 17th June – 21st June Forest school Year 2 24th – 28th June Parent forum 27th June 2.45pm Forest school Year 3 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July Reception stay and play visits 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July Summer fair 6<sup>th</sup> July Reception teddy bear picnic 5th July MOJO Reception 8th and 9th July Year 4 swimming 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July



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Parents' evening 18<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 – 4.30pm Birthday Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 23<sup>rd</sup> July End Term



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