

# BANDON HILL BULLETIN

ISSUE 25  
FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER  
2024



## Deputy Headteacher Update



The first half-term is now over and what a busy few weeks it has been! It was nice to see everyone at this week's parents' consultations. If you were unable to meet your child's teacher, please arrange with the school office to meet them after the break as it is always helpful for parents to receive feedback as to how well the children have settled in during the first term of the school year. If you ever have a concern or would just like an update on your child's progress in the year, please contact the office to arrange a meeting with the class teacher.

This week, several children took part in a cross-country run competing with other schools. A special well-done to Libby in Year 6 who came third in her event and Tabby who came fourth in hers. Also this week, the boys football team played Woodfield Primary in what can only be only described as the Wallington Derby. Unfortunately we did not win this time, however, the boys did us proud and we look forward to a rematch next year when I am sure we will bring 'it' home (as I'm not a football enthusiast, I am not sure what 'it' is but I'm sure it will be good!).

Today we saw some of our Year 5 children show great entrepreneurial skills by organising a cake and sweets stall at the end of the day to raise money for school sports equipment. The profits have not yet been counted but judging by the photo they did very well!

Next half-term we will be having the first of our 'Dream Days' as well as lots of other activities and events leading up to our Christmas celebrations so we are looking forward to seeing you all soon - have a great half-term!

*Mr Haddock*

WHAT'S  
NEW?





# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Year 2 – Tower of London visit**  
This event will take place on 06/11/2024

**Frank Class Parents Evening**  
This event will take place between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on  
06/11/2024

**Frank Class Parents Evening**  
This event will take place between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on  
07/11/2024

**Children in Need 2024**  
This event will take place on  
15/11/2024



## REMINDERS

- School gates close at 8.45 am. After this please bring your children around to the school office to sign in.
- Sickness and Diarrhoea. If your child is unwell with sickness and diarrhoea, they must not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode.

**Everything you need to know can be found at:**

<https://www.bandonhillprimary.co.uk>

# Reminders for the Year



## Autumn Term 2024

First Day	Last Day
Monday 2nd September 2024	Friday 18th October 2024 @3.15pm (Finish for October Half Term)
Monday 4th November 2024	Friday 20th December 2024 @1.00pm (Finish for Christmas)

## Spring Term 2025

First Day	Last Day
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025 @3.15pm (Finish for February Half Term)
Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025 @1.00pm (Finish for Easter)

## Summer Term 2025

First Day	Last Day
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025 @3.15pm (Finish for May half-term)
Monday 2nd June 2025	Tuesday 22nd July 2025 @1.00pm (Finish for Summer Holidays)

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# CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

**N** What a fantastic first half term your children have had! We are so proud of them and we know you are too. They have all settled so well and are enjoying their time here with us. This week we have thought about different ways we can move our bodies. We also made repeating patterns with body movements, for example, 'clap, clap, stamp, clap, clap, stamp'. We enjoyed exploring pumpkins which was messy but lots of fun! Mr Reader kindly gave us some very large cardboard boxes and the children loved hammering golf tees into them, strengthening their hands and fingers as they worked.

After half term we will start to hold show and tell sessions every Wednesday. These sessions will give your children an opportunity to share information about a special event or something important to them. Once Tapestry is up and running, you will be able to upload photos and videos for the children to talk about. Thank you to everyone who attended our parents evening. It was a pleasure to have an opportunity to discuss your children and how they have settled with you.

We hope you enjoy the half term break and look forward to welcoming your children back on 4th November!

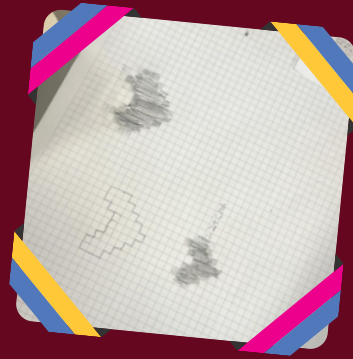


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WOW, what an amazing first half term we have had in Reception! They have all settled so well and are enjoying the activities they have in class. This week we focused on the sounds CK, E, U, R and also learnt the tricky word 'I'. In maths we have been building on our subitising skills and looking at different arrangements of quantities. In our topic lessons we have looked at where we live and what our homes look like. The children have made some fantastic houses using paint, junk modelling and playdough. Thank you for attending our parents evening, it was lovely to speak to you all about your wonderful children! We hope you have a restful half term!



# AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



## HOUSE POINTS

## UPDATE

Mason  
House

Shanahan  
House

Weir House

Widdowson  
House

1057

1353

1278

1409



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

# 1

This week the children have enjoyed exploring addition and subtraction through exploring number bonds. They have been introduced to and using the symbols  $+$   $=$  and the appropriate language to use when explaining the number sentence. For example “2 plus 3 is equal to 5.” We are really encouraging the children to use the phrase “is equal to” rather than “equals” We have enjoyed the story of “Mr Gumpys Outing” and from this encouraged the children to create their own “first, then, now” stories using different toys and objects.

This week in English, children have learnt to write an acrostic poem about dinosaurs! We remembered all the vocabulary linked to the dinosaurs from all of our past English lessons. This helped us create a word bank! We read our poems out to each other at the end of the week. We also finished painting our dinosaur fossils and we were so excited to take them home. What a lovely end to our dinosaur unit this term.

Thank you for ongoing support and attending parents evening. We hope you have a restful break!

This week year 2 have continued to focus on the story ‘The Dark’, they have planned and written persuasive letters to one of the characters in the story. In maths, they have been adding and subtracting, using their knowledge of number bonds to find the most efficient strategy.

After half term we will continue with our maths focus of addition and subtraction and will move onto adding two digit numbers. In English, we will be looking at poetry and writing our own fireworks acrostic poem. We will move onto geography with a topic of ‘London’ during which we will look at London landmarks.

We are all very excited for our trip to the Tower of London, which will end our history topic of ‘The Great Fire of London’ and lead us onto our geography topic of ‘London’.

We will not be sending home new reading books this week but we encourage all children to read for pleasure.

# 2



# ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



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**OWENS AND FRANK  
CLASS**

# PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK



**DONALDSON, GOODALL,  
CURIE, FRANK, GANDHI,  
HADID!**



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2



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This week, Year Three has been introduced to fronted adverbials. This grammar technique gives more information to the reader within their writing. They have also been writing a non-chronological report about The Stone Age! The children have explored organising writing using subheadings and paragraphs.

In maths, we have continued learning about addition and subtraction. The children have understood how to add and subtract hundreds in a three digit number. In art, we have finished off our clay bowls by varnishing them and reflecting on the process that they used to make them.

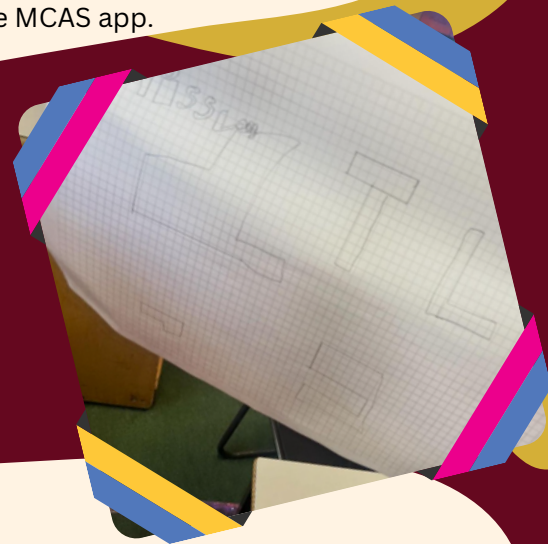
## Important Notice:

Please return any permission slips for the trip ASAP. The purpose of this visit is to inspire the children's writing. For further information about this please see the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5sXkgjR\\_k&ab\\_channel=Loopings](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5sXkgjR_k&ab_channel=Loopings)

Please can the payment of £14 be made by Friday the 18th of October via the MCAS app.

We hope you have a lovely half term!



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We have been enjoying writing our narratives this week in English and exploring the journey of chicken. We have been continuing to practice our editing skills and looking at how we can improve our writing.

This week in maths we have been looking at area and how we can calculate the area of a shape. Our weekly times tables test on Friday 8th November will be the 6 times tables.

This week we created our final pieces for art, where the children have been looking at poly printing inspired by Berenice Sydney. We have had a lot of fun with this topic and we are looking forward to DT next half term!

Thank you for continuing to donate coins for our 'penny wars' to help raise money for the school. We hope you have a restful half term!

# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

# 6

# 5

What can you do with lolly sticks, elastic bands, a metre stick and a marshmallow? As part of our science work this week - we found out! We made catapults and used them to catapult marshmallows whilst looking to describe the relationship between the length of the lever and the distance that the marshmallow travelled. Our final lesson on forces was great fun and we promise we didn't 'sample' any of the equipment!

We have thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Tale of Ali Pasha* this half term and have finished off by writing some poetry using the theme of World War 1. We worked hard to try and include some emotive and figurative language.

After half term, we will be learning songs ready for our Christmas service in music and will be looking at designing and making our own bread in Design and Technology. Please note that we will be sampling throughout this topic so please let us know if there are any allergies or intolerances - thank you.

It was lovely to meet many of you at our recent parents evening and we thank you for all your support this half term. We hope you have a good break and look forward to seeing the children back in November.

Please remember that we are heading to Kew Gardens on Friday 8th November and that your child will need to wear trainers (comfortable shoes for walking) and bring a packed lunch in a small rucksack as they will be carrying it with them during the day.

We have had a busy week in Year 6! The children dressed up as WW2 evacuees on Wednesday and built their Anderson shelters in the afternoon. We were very impressed at the outfits and how they took to their roles as evacuees.

The children's Anderson shelters looked fabulous. They really took their time and paid attention to detail when creating their shelters. Thank you for all of the materials that have been brought in.

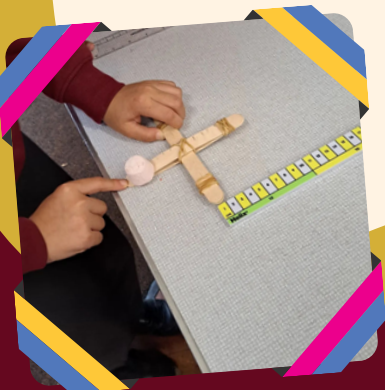
Other than evacuee day, the children have been working hard in English where they have written their fantastic newspaper reports on the Blitz. There was some ambitious vocabulary being used as well as incorporating the features of a newspaper report throughout their writing.

In our maths lessons we have finished our topic of long division and the children did extremely well. We have moved onto looking at factors, multiples, prime, cube and square numbers. After half-term we will be looking at our fractions topic.

Could we please ask for more donations of tissue boxes? Thank you!

Please ensure that over the half term that the children are continuing to read at least three times a week, learning their spellings and completing their homework that was set on Friday.

We hope you have a restful half term.





Dare to...  
**D**aring  
**R**esilient  
**E**nquiring  
**A**mbitious  
**M**otivated



# EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE OPEN EVENTS & TOURS

For families joining our community in September 2025

Our events will offer a unique opportunity for parents and carers to tour the school, followed by the chance to ask any questions you may have with Mr Hopkins, Mr Haddock or Miss Hatchett.

Our Open Events and Tours will take place on **Monday's at 9.30am and Wednesday's at 2.00pm**

To confirm your place please call 02086475377 or email us at [office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to view our fantastic school!



# SPELLINGS FOR THE WEEK



## YEAR 2

Group 1 - door, floor, poor, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children, because.

Group 2 - boxes, foxes, brushes, lunches, churches.



## YEAR 3

Group 1: redo, return, refresh, redecorate, reappear, review, replay, reaction, rebound, revenge.

Group 2: write, wriggle, wrap, wrestle, written, wrecked, wrapped, wren, wrong, wrote.



## YEAR 4

Group 1: information, sensation, preparation, vibration, decoration, donation, duration, registration, population, determination

Group 2: was, what, do, get, if, you, there, me, just, help



## YEAR 5

Group One: abundant, brilliant, constant, distant, dominant, elegant, fragrant, ignorant, tolerant, vacant

Group Two: redo, return, refresh, redecorate, reappear, review, replay, reaction, rebound, revenge

Group Three: over, round, never, how, things a little bit of body text



## YEAR 6

ancient, cemetery, criticise, equipped, government, leisure, opportunity, recognise, sincerely, variety



# NURTURE UPDATE



This week in nurture, we continued our journey of understanding and overcoming anxiety with the help of *Hey Warrior!* by Karen Young. Through this book, the children learned about the physical symptoms of anxiety and explored strategies to calm their minds and bodies when feeling nervous. This has been an empowering experience for everyone, as they learned that recognising and facing their fears can lead to wonderful rewards! We shared stories about times we pushed through anxious feelings and came out stronger. It was inspiring to see the children encourage each other!

In Maths, we have been working with number lines. The children practised counting and explored addition and subtraction by using number lines. Today, we baked cookies to wrap up our first half term. It was a cosy and relaxing activity. Baking together allowed the children to practise teamwork, follow instructions, and enjoy the rewards of their hard work. Plus, it was a sweet treat to celebrate the end of this half term!

As we head into Autumn 2, we're looking forward to the exciting season ahead and the festive spirit that comes with it. When we return after the break, we'll ease back into the routine with a calm, relaxing morning to help everyone settle in. Please reassure your child that we'll be starting the new term with a gentle transition back into nurture.

## A Note to Parents

If your child experiences the "Sunday jitters" as we get ready to come back to school, remind them that we'll be here to support them. We're all about creating a safe, welcoming environment where they can feel at ease. Thank you for your continued support! Wishing you a restful and joyful half term break.



# Fun at St Michael's

Thursdays 4-6pm

## St Mike's Tykes

Fun, food and friendship for primary aged children  
& your carer/s & siblings of all ages



*Eat a meal together*

*Journey with Jesus  
and friends*

*Play indoors and out*



*Singing and  
Music*



*Storytelling*



*Crafts*



*FREE and open to all - but please call before your first  
visit so we can plan for dietary or any other needs*

*Mother Berni 07502 411918*

*sbrvicar@gmail.com*



# Family Support



## Primary Family Support Group Empowering parents to build healthy relationships with their children

**When:** Wednesdays at 1pm-2pm/2.15pm

**Venue:** Limes College, Sutton West Site, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, SM1 2SD

**Entrance:** Walk down the drive. On the right you will see the family centre and on the left next to a concrete ball court there are some blue gates (directly opposite the family centre) (not the car park gates) The gate is locked so a member of staff will meet you at the gate at 12.50pm/12.55pm to let you in

**Dates:**

**25/09/24:** Introductions, ground rules, parenting styles

**02/10/24:** Parent's mental health and well-being

**09/10/24:** Promoting positivity in children

**16/10/24:** Trauma and the developing brain

**23/10/24 – No Group, Half Term**

**30/10/24 – No Group, Half Term**

**06/11/24:** Rules/boundaries, sanctions/rewards, bedtimes etc.

**13/11/24:** Online Safety

**20/11/2024:** Attachment

**27/11/24:** Supporting children's mental health, anxiety, self-esteem /Zones of regulation

**04/12/24:** Review ending, what next, evaluation

**11/12/24:** Optional additional session

### All welcome

*Whilst we know that some parents may not be able to attend every session, we do encourage parents to attend as many sessions as possible. As the group develops with each session, trust and relationships will build and parents will hopefully feel more supported by each other and grow in confidence.*

Once you have signed up to the group, we ask that parents contact Elaine or Nibby if for some reason you are unable to

We would like to extend this invite to all parents of a primary aged child in the London Borough of Sutton. We hope to offer parents a safe space to meet other parents in a similar situation to learn more about different topics and explore new ideas that will support your child's social emotional growth and development.

**Parents will:**

*Feel more empowered and confident to trust their own judgements when supporting their children*

*Build self-esteem and confidence*

*Share ideas and tips with each other*

For more information and to register your interest and to discuss any queries please call or email either: Nibby, Jackie or Elaine

Nibby: 07984 757878  
[nibby.withers@cognus.org.uk](mailto:nibby.withers@cognus.org.uk)

Elaine: 07736338601  
[eberriman@thelimescollege.org](mailto:eberriman@thelimescollege.org)

Jackie: 07736 338809  
[jlawrence@thelimescollege.org](mailto:jlawrence@thelimescollege.org)

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## WhatsApp Notice

# Safeguarding Update

We have been notified by the Sutton Schools team to notify parents that a number of pupils across the Local Authority have been joining a WhatsApp Group which contains many children from different schools. For our older children with mobile phones, can you please remind your children to only join social groups with their own friends and not with people they don't know. The Local Authority are looking into the WhatsApp group in question and we have no evidence to suggest Bandon Hill children are involved but please be vigilant to what your children can access.



Bandon Hill Primary School

# Safeguarding

**NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE?**  
SPEAK TO: TAS, TEACHERS, OFFICE STAFF

If you have a worry, please talk to a DSL

**DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads)**

At Bandon Hill Primary School

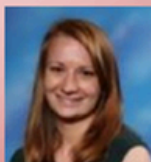


Mr Haddock

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Newsome (DDSL)



Miss Hatchett (DDSL)

Additional Support



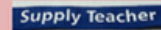
All adults within Bandon Hill Primary School must wear a lanyard which holds an ID card to show who they are. The following colours of the lanyard explain what role in school they have...



Rainbow - Designated Safeguarding Leads



Burgundy - Bandon Hill Primary Staff



Blue - Supply Teachers and Students



Green - School Governors and DBS checked visitors



Red - Visitors without DBS checks (who should be supervised during school hours)

We are committed to safeguarding our children and value the contribution that staff, governors and parents can make. We work hard to ensure that our pupils feel secure, well cared for, and able to reach their full potential.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR WORRY BOX IN YOUR CLASSROOM!**





7:30 - 8:30am

# WRAP AROUND CARE



3:15 - 6:00pm

Wrap around care at Bandon Hill provides pupils with:



- ✓ Child Led Nurturing Activities
- ✓ Homework and Reading Support with experienced and qualified TA's
- ✓ Opportunities to Socialise and Learn Social Skills
- ✓ A start and/or end of day reflection to motivate and encourage
- ✓ Snacks and Drinks

For pricing and to book, please contact the main office.



7:30 - 8:30am

Our wrap around care offer ensures that we are supporting not just our own pupils, but their whole family to..

## Dare to Dream



3:15 - 6:00pm

Telephone: 020 8647 5377 or  
E-mail: [office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk)  
for more information...



**Does your child have  
an EHCP or SEN  
provision?**

**Join us at the Parent  
Trainings Cognus  
Therapies is offering!**

**with valuable information, engaging  
sessions and resources from our fantastic  
team of therapists!**

## TOPICS

- ✓ Sensory Integration
- ✓ Emotional Regulation
- ✓ Communication rich environments
- ✓ Fine, gross motor and independence skills

## INTERESTED?

- ✓ Visit the Cognus website or use the QR code below.
- ✓ Look for upcoming trainings.
- ✓ Fill in the form to reserve your spot (only 50 spots available per training!)

Scan the QR code to  
find out more  
information and to book  
your slot!

