

NEWSLETTER 36 – 19th June 2015

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Jo Walker – This week we have had the sad news that Jo Walker, our Girls Football coach has died in a road traffic accident. Jo had worked with our pupils for 10 years teaching the girls with selfless enthusiasm. He was very special – a cheerful friendly face who will be deeply missed. Our thoughts go out to his family.

Athletics -

- Congratulations to all of our pupils who took part in the annual Arden area athletics competition at Stratford school last week. We have several children (who will be notified shortly) that have qualified for the next round which will be held on Monday July 6th in school time.
- Some of our KS1 children took part in a multi-skills competition on Wednesday at Alcester Academy. Activities included running, throwing and jumping. All of our children were extremely enthusiastic and very well behaved. We would like to mention the Alcester Academy Year 11 Sports Leaders (some who are former pupils of Bidford) who did a very good job and explained all the events clearly to our children.

Budgens Bakery – On Monday our year 4 pupils visited the Budgens Bakery in Tewkesbury. The children tasted a range of freshly made breads evaluating the taste, texture and appearance. They also made bread, croissants and pain au chocolate – yummy! Thank you to Warner Budgens for paying for the transport and arranging this exciting opportunity.

British Museum Trip – Y5 & Y6 children thoroughly enjoyed their day to the British Museum. The highlight of the trip was seeing The Elgin Marbles and Friezes from the Parthenon along with numerous Greek artifacts. We were really proud of how the children behaved not only on the long trip but in the museum as well. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteer helpers that went on the trip, especially those who went on Tuesday.

People who Help Us – Reception children have been learning about people who help us – thank you to everyone for giving up their time to talk to us:

- The children really enjoyed their recent visit to Bidford Fire Station. They had the experience of sitting in the fire engine and using the hose, and learnt about fire safety.
- The local police came in to talk to us. The children investigated all of the equipment in the squad car including the flashing blue lights and siren.
- Nurse Foster came into school and showed the children how to put on bandages, talked about the various types of nursing and how to keep ourselves healthy. She also showed the children how to wash their hands properly whilst singing Happy Birthday through twice.

Intercultural Dancing - On Wednesday some of our KS2 pupils took part in an inter cultural performance with several other schools and groups at Stratford Arts Centre. Our children performed a number of African dances and I am sure their parents would agree that the children put on a fabulous show!

Mad Museum - Some of our Year 4 pupils represented our school at an Ogden Trust visit to the MAD Museum in Stratford where they explored and designed moving models. Thank you to Mike and Katie at the Museum for organising such an exciting trip - the pupils learnt lots of interesting information about mechanisms and how science and engineering can be used in a variety of ways.

Dogs - Please do not bring dogs to school. It is very upsetting for the children when they see dogs left outside barking and getting distressed.

Clubs Update – Girls football will continue with Miss Mason & Mr Johnston.

Dates for your Diary –

- Party Church at St Laurence Church on Sunday 21st June at 4pm. Explore the story of Jonah and the Whale with games and songs.
- St Laurence Church are holding a sponsored Hymnathon on Sat 27th June 10am-12noon. They are aiming to sing 30 hymns in 2 hours. Sponsor forms are in the school office or call Judith on 01789 773328.
- Sports Day will be on Monday 29th June; Rec & KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. (Reserve day in the event of bad weather is Friday 3rd July.) Children should wear a T shirt in their house colours.
- Year 6 Pantomime – Tuesday 14th July at 2pm.
- Year 6 Leavers Service – Friday 17th July at 9.30am.

Book of the Week – Mr Thackway's class are reading 'The Extraordinary Adventures of Mr Benn' by David McKee. Mr Benn lives at 52 Festival Road. He is an ordinary man who visits an unusual fancy dress shop where he tries on an outfit and, as if by magic, enters a world full of surprises and adventure.....

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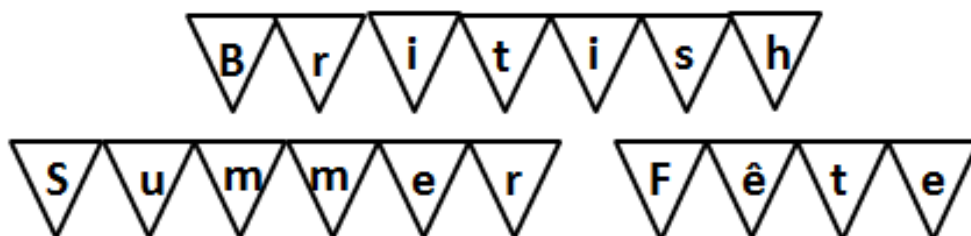
Let's get ready for the Summer Fayre!

Friday 10th July, 6-9pm
(volunteers for games and stalls needed 6-8pm)

This week, there are lots of ways you can get involved in this year's Summer Fête!

- ✓ Your **tombola donations** will still be gratefully received in the school hall in the morning of Friday 26th June
- ✓ We're doing a **school uniform stall** so if you have any donations, we'd love to receive them on the 26th too!
- ✓ **Sign-up to help run a fun stall or game (kids and parents/carers!)** using the sheet to be placed in the school reception from Monday. Kids, if you're signing up please make sure you sign-up with an adult too! There are loads of fun things to do – have a look at the board!

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please get in touch as below!



Keep checking our Facebook page for the latest information.
Search for "Bidford School BSA" or sign-up to volunteer on "BSA Volunteers"

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