

NEWSLETTER

Attendance: 94.7%

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A Spring Term of Achievement at BFJS!



This term has been a shorter term than usual but packed full of achievement and extra-curricular activity at BFJS. We launched OPAL - our new play curriculum for lunchtime provision and the new zones have proved an instant hit transforming the children's experience and improving both behaviour and attendance. Our work has not gone unnoticed and we were delighted to be featured on the ITV Anglia News this week with some great pupil reporting featured! Please see the OPAL newsletter for more information.



Our Y5 pupils entertained staff and families at the Church of Our Saviour by retelling the Christian Easter story. We then heard some inspiring words from Rev Andy about the importance of hope in all of our lives. The School Council organised an Easter hunt for all the children at school and also so many of you have been donating money to Farleigh Hospice in exchange for the adorable farmyard flumpets. These will be on sale in the 1st week back after Easter too for a few days.



Summer Clubs Provision Launched

Parents can view the provision for Teacher-led Summer clubs which begin in Week 2 (22nd April) and the booking window opens on first day back 15th April at 7pm. SCS have also launched their Summer clubs provision which begins in the 1st week back so sign up using QR code here. All clubs will end by Friday 28th June.



SCS Club QR
booking

CLP Parent Carer newsletter

Please take the time to read through the broad range of achievement from our wider family of schools within the CLP (Chelmsford Learning Partnership).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 15th April for a long but exciting Summer term.

Ross McTaggart
Headteacher

Attendance Matters



We continue to prioritise attendance at school at BFJS as evidence consistently shows it is crucial to achievement and future life chances. Please see, attached to this newsletter, an open letter to parents and carers from Vicky Ford MP which also supports this drive.



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Stars of the Week

28/03/2024

Y6	Seren	Oliver A	Amar
Y5	Joey A	Ano	Annie
Y4	Ellie W	Reggie	Zach T
Y3	Annabel E	Maryam H	Lara

Reading 3R
75%

Fantastic Flumpets!



These have been so popular that we have asked Farleigh Hospice to bring us some more for next week! You can continue to bring in your donation next week to raise money for Farleigh Hospice and support the fantastic work that they do.



£2 suggested donation

Calling all young poets! The Spring Poetry Competition in collaboration with **Essex Library Service** is now open! Inspired by our new exhibition, 'Restless Brilliance: The story of J.A. Baker and The Peregrine,' this year's theme is 'protecting nature.' 🌿🐦

If you need some extra inspiration, pop by our drop-in sessions running from 3-5 April and 10-12 April.



Spring Poetry Competition

Football Result!

This week saw our year 5 and 6 girls team travel to Baddow Hall Junior school for their 3rd match in the league. Within 5 minutes Barnes Farm were 1-0 down and it was becoming more and more obvious that they were playing a very good team. The girls dug deep, showed real spirit and were soon level and starting to show why they are undefeated this season. Great defensive play, teamwork and some great passing saw BFJ get on the scoresheet again to go 2-1 up. The girls were put under constant pressure by some skilful players but managed to hold on for the win, some breakaway attacks almost extended their lead but at the final whistle the score remained 2-1.

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FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

1st April - 12th April

Eligible school aged children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?
Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?
Clubs will be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?
Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal! We also offer specialist youth, SEND and mental wellbeing clubs.

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?
If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/ren do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.

www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate



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Support our PTA!

For every order of Stikins name labels, our PTA will receive **30%** commission. Each child, from both schools, will receive 5 free samples to use from after Easter and parents then have the choice to order. The PTA receive will receive a cheque annually, the first one will be paid in Nov 2024, following any orders our parents make. **OUR FUNDRAISING NUMBER IS 1344.**



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Another chance to win a golden ticket with Barnes Bars



The PTA will be offering more delicious chocolate Barnes Bars for sale after school on Thursday 28th March. There are still lots of prizes to be won and delicious chocolate to be enjoyed, while also raising funds for the Summer Fete. Bars cost £2.50 each and will be available on a first-come, first served basis. Prizes will also be available for collection so if you got a golden ticket last time but didn't get chance to collect your prize, now's your chance!

BF PTA

Wider Achievement

Y6 Brazil Afternoon

Lucy's Easter Rabbit Y5



Kelly from 6D and her mum made for all the Year 6 pupils for our Brazil enrichment afternoon. They went down incredibly well and lots of the children asked for the recipe so they could make them at home!

Kelly also taught all 3 classes a few Portuguese words and phrases. As well as this, the children participated in some samba dancing and created some tribal art.



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