



DIARY DATES

May 2023

Mon 8th

Bank holiday for King's Coronation

Tues 9th

Reception Screenings
YR

Wed 10th

Balanceability – YR

Thurs 11th

School Trip to
Whipsnade Zoo - YR

Premier Sports
Multisports YN, Y1 & Y2

Fri 12th

FoSG dress down day –
bottle donations to be
left at collection point

Wed 17th

Balanceability – YR

Thurs 18th

Premier Sports
Multisports – all school

Sat 20th

**12:00-16:00 Swing
Gate Spring Fair**

Wed 24th

Balanceability – YR

Thurs 25th

School Trip to
Whipsnade Zoo – Y2

**Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd
June**

Half term

June 2023

Mon 5th

First day of summer
term 2

Our [school calendar on the website](#) has all of our important dates.

5th May 2023

It's been a celebratory week at school ahead of the King's Coronation tomorrow. One of our talented members of staff created this resource to inspire the children!



This week I have also been promoting positive behaviour displayed by the children. Each day the teaching teams have sent children to the office who are demonstrating one of three school rules:

- be safe
- be respectful
- be kind.

Hopefully, the children have been able to explain why they have received a Headteacher sticker.

It has been lovely to hear the positive news about children showing how these rules have been displayed in school including respectful listening, creating their own kindness stickers to share, being kind and inclusive to our new starters and one child whose teacher said is always respectful and kind with too many examples to mention individually.

Coronation Special!

Today the children all came together in the hall for a celebration picnic lunch. This afternoon



they were divided into vertical groups (YR, Y1 and Y2 children together) spending time in classes than their own and completing Coronation themed activities. Some of their lovely work has been displayed outside school, why not take a look as you walk past.



We have also had Perform working with the children on Coronation themed workshops on Thursday and Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and we hope it's helped to set the tone for the celebratory bank holiday weekend.



Can you guess which member



of staff is pictured here meeting the King and Queen Consort? It was a long time ago though!



Pause for thought

*"The sun will rise and set regardless.
What we choose to do with the light
while it's here is up us. Journey wisely."*
Alexandra Elle author and wellness educator

Menu change next Wed

On Wednesday 10th May the 'Red' choice will be chicken instead of gammon.

Wraparound care from September 2024/25

Little Deers has asked us to let families know that from September the after school club is now full on Tuesdays. There are limited spaces left for the other days, if you are planning to book your child a place in September, they recommend you [contact them](#).

MSA post

On Wednesday next week our advert for the MSA position will go live on [TeachinHerts](#). If you or anyone you know would like to apply please visit our page on the website.

Attend and Achieve

The proud winners of the February attendance cup were **Badgers Class** with an attendance of **98.4%**. Attendance levels for all are below:

- Rabbits with 98.2%
- Foxes with 97.8%
- Hedgehogs with 96.9%
- Owls with 94.3%
- Voles with 89.5%
- Squirrels with 84.1%.

The overall attendance for the whole school is 94.5% and the DfE target is over 95%. We are working to bridge the gaps in the children's learning and good attendance is key for us to be able to achieve this.

School Uniform

Our uniform supplier, PL Schoolwear have opened a shop in Hemel Hempstead. Their updated flyer is attached.

Their website has a temporary issue that they are trying to fix. If you would prefer to order online with free delivery to school then, please select the 'collect from shop' option when prompted to select a delivery option.

School Learning.

Mrs Sharifi came to talk to Voles Class about Eid. Then the children made some star shaped sweet treats to celebrate Eid.



The children took part in a Multisport Workshop, they practised jumping skills, knees bent and arms out.



Squirrels class wanted to learn about African animals and whether cheetahs can run on hot sand.

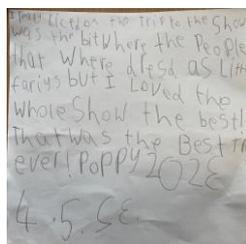
Inspired by this they created these African sunsets. Exploring colour



mixes and creating a black silhouette. On their trip to Whipsnade Zoo next week, the children will be taking part in an African animal workshop.



Year 1 were delighted to be invited to Berkhamsted School's Year 6 production of 'Beauty and the Beast'. Poppy in Hedgehogs said 'That was the best trip ever!' See her thank you letter.



Year 2 had an amazing science afternoon, learning about microhabitats. They observed carefully and saw 22 worms! They also found lots of ants, centipedes, millipedes and even a ladybird.



Year 2 also developed their D&T skills by planning, making and evaluating citrus cakes. The classroom smelt delicious as the children grated and squeezed lemons. The children in Badgers said the cakes were fantastic, but some of the Foxes were surprised by large lumps of lemon in their tasty treats!



Tring Midsummer Fun Run

Have you signed you and your family up for the Tring Midsummer Fun Run yet? Here is a sneaky peek at the Fun Run Medal designed by a pupil at Tring School.



Nippers and Netiquette Security

From virus protection to filtering, talk openly about why this is important and the purpose of having such security in place. If you are downloading apps for your child, focus their attention on the privacy requirements of the app; don't just click 'Accept' without reading

them. Question why some apps ask permission to access all your files or photos. What could they be used for? If you find the privacy terms unacceptable, do not install the app. This will help your child to develop the same good habits.

Wellbeing in Action

Healthy Eating

Cauliflower Cheese Cakes

Ingredients

- oil, for greasing
- ½ cauliflower cut into florets (about 200g)
- 1 slice brown bread, ripped into chunks
- 1 egg
- 50g grated cheddar
- a few chives, snipped



Method

- 1) Heat the oven to 180C/160 fan/gas 4 and line a baking tray with foil. Brush with a little oil. Put the cauliflower in a steamer over boiling water and cook for around 8 mins or until tender. Allow to cool.
- 2) Put the bread into a food processor and blitz to crumbs. Add the cauliflower, egg, grated cheese, chives and a little black pepper and pulse until you have a chunky consistency.
- 3) Form into eight patties. Arrange them on the baking tray and cook for 20 mins until golden and starting to crisp around the edges.

Mindfulness

When you spend time outdoors try to use your different senses to connect with the world. Listen to the birdsong. How many different calls can you hear?

- Smell the freshly cut grass or the different flowers around you. Is there one that is particularly stronger than another?
- Touch the bark of the trees or feel the soil between your fingers. When you are out feel the natural world around you.



- Notice the variety of colours you can see. What is the predominant colour?
- Taste locally grown fruits. From blackberries in hedgerows, to pick your own at farms, to growing your own strawberries on your window sill.
- Look around and enjoy the sweet and satisfying taste of nature.

Reflecting on your experience once you're back inside can help to extend this feeling of connection and further improve your mood.

And finally...

I hope you and the children have time to enjoy the additional bank holiday weekend, with family or friends.



I look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday, and to hear their stories.

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
Headteacher*