



## A message from Mr Bishop

Welcome to our latest Newsletter! We are now headed towards the end of the Spring Term, and have lots to celebrate and look forward to. This newsletter is packed with plenty of highlights from new joiners, to curriculum learning - #teamRB is strong and growing. It was a particular highlight to see the community Bingo night sold out last week. Thank you for supporting the school, together. We have been overwhelmed by the number of pupils being added to #teamRB throughout the year and so we are now able to recruit new teachers to join us in September. We learn, we care, and we achieve TOGETHER. I do hope you are able to join us throughout the remaining months this year as we hold our annual curriculum assemblies, performances, sports day and 50th birthday celebrations.

*Jon Bishop*

# Key Dates

15th March  
Red Nose Day

12th March  
2pm-3pm Open Classroom

19th March  
Lower school disco (R,Y1-Y3)

20th March  
Upper school disco (Y4-Y6)

21st March  
Year 4/5 Easter Assembly

22nd March  
School closes at 3:15pm

25th March - 5th April  
School Closed for Easter

10th April  
Y4/5 Victorian Day at  
Beaumanor

29th April - 1st May  
Y2/3 Beaumanor Residential

6th May  
School closed for Bank Holiday

13th -16th May  
Y6 SATs

23rd May  
Y6 Warning Zone visit

27th May - 31st May  
School Closed for half term

5th June  
Y2/3 Justice Museum trip

7th June  
Y6 Curriculum Assembly

14th June  
Y4/5 Curriculum Assembly

19th June  
Sports Day

22nd June  
Y2/3 Curriculum Assembly

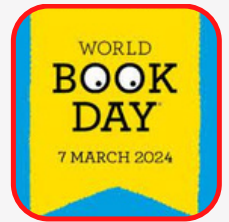
28th June  
Reception and Y1 Curriculum  
Assembly

8th July  
Y6 Leavers Graduation

10th July  
School Closes at 3.15pm today

## World book day

We had a lovely day celebrating World Book Day in lots of different ways across the school, from time sharing a story in the library to sharing stories with other classes and all whilst in the comfort of our pyjamas!



## Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Perry and Mrs Lovett to our LSA team here at Robert Bakewell both working with children in KS1.

Mrs Cook is currently with us supporting our Y6 children through the National Tutoring Programme.

Mrs Perry



Mrs Lovett



Mrs Cook



welcome!

# Attendance

For children to have the best chance of academic success it is vital that we aim to have our children within the 'green' group of our attendance diamond. This poster demonstrates the impact of falling attendance.

To help raise awareness we will continue to send half termly attendance data so parents are informed of current percentages.

Our aim is to support families so we can maximise the potential for our pupils.

A common cold or cough does not need to be a reason to keep your child off school. If you are in doubt, just call and speak to one of us and we will advise on whether to bring your child to school or keep them at home.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



## PE Kits

All children are required to bring a PE kit from home. We would suggest bringing this to school on Monday and taking home for washing on Friday. Children will need the following items:

- A white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- suitable trainers
- Black hooded top
- Black jogging bottoms



## Cross Country

Well done to Edith, Ava and Jack who took part in the national primary cross country event which took place at Prestwold Hall on the first weekend of March. They competed amongst the top primary aged school children from across the UK.

**#teamRB** are very proud of you.



## Mental Health Coffee Morning

Our next mental health coffee morning is on the 18th April from 9am. The focus will be supporting your child with anxiety.

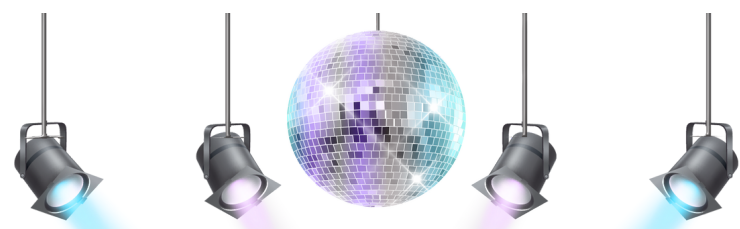


**WELL DONE!**

## Robbie's Farm

We have been very lucky and had some visitors to Robbie's farm. We have loved seeing you all visiting our kids and their mum on the farm and were very sorry to see them go! Keep your eyes peeled for more short term visitors soon...

Thank you to Ebony and Ayesha who organised a cake sale at the end of last term. A whopping £85.67 was raised for Robbie's Farm. Farmer Rae along with Ayesha, Ebony and some friends have been busy planting flowers in new plant pots with this money.



## Disco tickets

Lower (KS1) and Upper school (KS2) Disco places are now available to book via ParentPay.

KS1 is from 3:30-4:30pm on Tuesday 19th March and KS2 is the same time on Wednesday 20th March.

## School Dinners

A gentle reminder, please can we ask that all dinners are paid for in advance. If however you need emergency help, please contact a member of our welfare team.

## Charnwood SEND Friends Parent Support Group!

Join other parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs for a coffee and a chat once a month at Mountfields Lodge Children and Family Wellbeing Centre in Loughborough. A leaflet is attached with this newsletter.

## Healthy Food

Please be reminded that we operate a healthy schools food policy at school. If you are unsure of what food is acceptable please speak to your child's class teacher.

## 50th Birthday Celebrations

Thank you to all that came and supported us with the first of many upcoming birthday celebrations playing bingo. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. All monies raised will go towards the celebration day on the 31st August 2024.



## Y4/5 Easter Production

On 21st March at 2pm, Year 4/5 are hugely excited to be performing their Easter Production of Charlie Mackesy's best-selling book, The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. Tickets can be reserved on ParentPay on a first come first served basis.



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# Children's learning

## Alder

Have been learning about seasons in science: discussing the changing weather as we move into Spring and looking outside for signs of new life.



# Spring

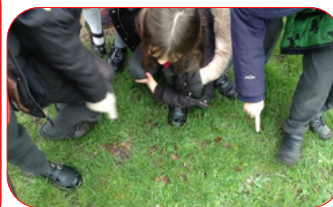
## Ash

To help launch our question What countries make up the UK? The children have been looking at images of our planet Earth. We know that green represents the land and blue represents the sea. Children enjoyed using play dough to create our planet.



## Beech

In science this term Beech have been looking at the different seasons and the weather. For our first lesson, they walked around the school grounds looking for signs of Spring.



## Birch

In February, Birch were busy creating mud art. The children were thrilled to learn that they could throw mud! They explored the patterns the mud made when it splattered against the sheets and made muddy handprints too!



## Cedar

We took our maths outside, measuring in metres, centimetres and millimetres. Our measurements were then checked to see if we all measured accurately. The result? Our measurements were very accurate, well done everyone.



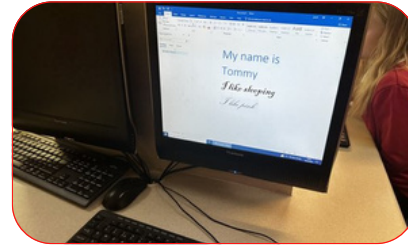
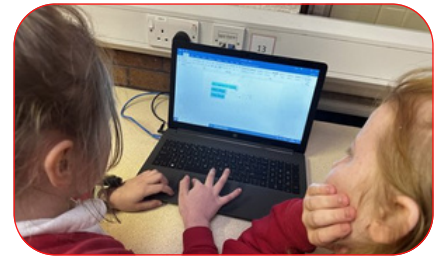
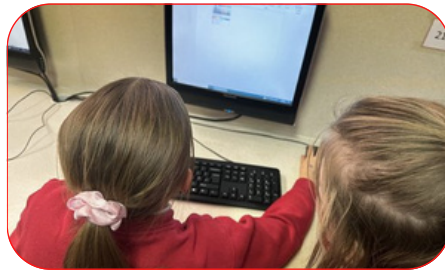
## Elm

We have been looking at how to improve our sentences and writing. To help us, we tasted, smelt, looked at, felt and explored the movement of honey to come up with some amazing descriptive words.



## Hornbeam

The children had a great time learning how to edit a Word document during our Computing lesson! They learnt how to change font and the size and colour of their lettering, as well as to make edits such as using bold, italics, underlining, highlighting and text alignment. They demonstrated fabulous understanding of the new skills they were learning!



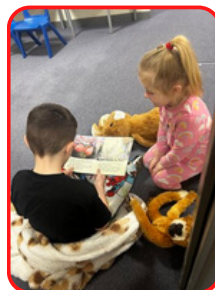
## Lime

We have been learning about Frida Kahlo and her legacy. We discovered that she had a near fatal accident at the age of 18. During her recovery, Kahlo took up painting. She devised a clever solution to work around her wounds: her mother hung a mirror above the bed so Kahlo could paint herself while lying down. To experience this themselves, the children stuck their paper under their chairs to see how challenging it is to draw upside down. They all decided it was trickier than it looked and they all had aching arms at the end of the lesson.



## Maple

Maple had a lovely time sharing their books with the children in Beech Class - it was lovely to see everyone so engaged in reading!



## Rowan and Sycamore

Rowan and Sycamore class are learning about three different types of maps (topographic, relief and Ordnance Survey). They have looked at contour lines and developed their understanding by creating a mountain out of clay, chopping it into sections and drawing around their bases.

