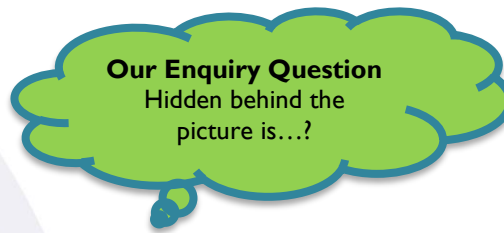


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Dear Families,

The children have worked extremely hard this week in school. We have embraced 'Anti Bullying Week 2023' with a focus on kindness. During our assemblies, we joined children across the country to discuss how we can ensure our school is rooted in kindness at all times and all children know that they are valued, unique and safe. We talked about the importance of speaking up and saying when things do not feel right so we, as a team, can be always be there to help and solve problems. The Year 5's created a poem which showcased this perfectly:

Anti-bullying Week Poem – Year 5
Make some noise!

*If you think your words don't hurt,
Then you need to stay alert
We're not having fun
So let's get something done*

*Let's make a noise about bullying,
Let's be shouting and calling.
Bullying is not fun and games, it's bad.
You never know when they can make you sad.*

*If someone's getting hurt
Don't make it double,
Tell an adult,
Don't make it trouble.*

*Is it bullying or is it not?
If it is, it needs to stop
We can help you along the way,
To make sure you have a good day.*

*When bullying happens
Do not stay quiet.
Please make some noise
To help the girls and boys*

*If you think it doesn't matter
Reconsider what you say,
Then quit the chatter.*

*If it is happening when it's banned
Reconsider what you do,
Then learn to lend a hand.*

*People are called names
Whilst playing 'games',
If you think it's not okay
Then make a stand and help today.*

*Be kind, be truthful,
Be all you can.
Let's stop the bullying and make some noise today!*

Penguin Class (Year 5)

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This week we are pleased to announce our star achievers and look forward to seeing them on the Golden Table. A big congratulations to...

The Nest
Will, Sam
Nursery
Ali, Emily
Reception
Elodie, Eli

Year 1
The whole class!
Year 2
Aida, Jon

Year 3
The whole class!
Year 4
Marcel, Oakley
Year 5
Lewis, Kara

Our winning house is: Silver Birch House 😊

Our attendance winners are: Panda and Lemur's Class 😊

Children in Need – Friday 17th November 2023

We had a super 'spotacular' day today raising money for Children in Need. The Year 3 and 4 children produced some beautiful bunting to hang in our library area and children across the school enjoyed taking part in activities. You all looked 'spotacular'! Once we have counted up the donations, we will announce how much the school raised. Thank you for your support.



Blue Tokens at Tesco

We have been working hard to collect tokens at Tescos across Bicester to support our garden project at school. Please do keep an eye out for the blue tokens at Tescos around Bicester. We are in the large store and some of the express stores too. Huge thanks to everyone 😊

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FROGS – Winter Fair this Sunday!

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to the Winter Fair this Sunday at 11am-2pm. There will be plenty of games, a tombola and refreshments. We are also looking forward to saying a big hello to Father Christmas too!

Thursday 23rd November 2023 - Early Years Communication and Language Workshop

Next Thursday at 9.15am, Mrs Whiskerd and Miss Tynan will be leading an Early Years workshop with a focus on Communication and Language. The workshop will be on TEAMS. If you have not received a link for the workshop, please do get in contact with Miss Desborough in the school office.

A message from Mrs Whiskerd and Mr Latham

Our Physical Challenge of the month.....

I would like to introduce you all to our physical / PE challenges which are going to be planned each month.

Physical activity for children is very important and therefore we would like to set up a monthly activity to help get everyone in the GB community active!

The PLT Sports Crew are going to work alongside Mrs Whiskerd and Mr Latham to get these up and running!

The idea is for the children to work on these challenges in school during breaktimes and lunchtimes and also work on them at home with their family during weeknights, weekends, and school holidays.

Each month there will be a new challenge and the idea is for children to keep working on achieving the challenge, they may wish to improve their skills weekly etc.. or even set up a family competition to see who has mastered the skill the best!

*I am pleased to say “N” is for **No ipad November: for 30mins a night we would like you to ditch your ipad, phone or tablet and get active why not set up some physical challenges for your family e.g. who can stand on one leg for the longest? Who can do the most jumps in 3 minutes? What other physical time challenges can you do?***

We have also sent some physical activity cards you might like to use plus this website might be helpful [Free indoor activities for kids – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

So this challenge will start on Wednesday 2nd November and will end on Thursday 30th November.

The PLT Sports Crew will be setting up some physical challenges for the children to enjoy and complete during playtimes and lunchtimes

So let's see how active we can all become in November, Good luck!

Have a good weekend with families and friends,

Emily Holloway and the Gagle Brook Team

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Diary Dates

Dates for your diary – November 2023

19th FRoGS Winter Fair 11am -2pm

23th EYFS Communication and Language Workshop 9.15am (Teams)

27th – 3rd Dec National Tree Week

Dates for your diary – December 2023

5th -12th Book Fair in school

7th Whole School Panto (in school) – big thank you to FRoGS

8th Christmas Jumper Day

12th KSI Christmas production – 9.00am

14th Nursery and Reception 'A Christmas Wish' - 9.00am

18th A Christmas Wish Years 3,4,5 – 2.30pm

20th **End of Term**

Free Entry

The Hummingbird
LIGHT THE LIGHT
Saturday 9th December
12-4.30PM

Come and join us for a festive day of fun...

- Santa Claus
- The Launton Village Players
- Military Wives Choir
- Festive Stalls
- Face Painting
- Hot Drinks and Cakes
- Tombola
- And Much more!

The Hummingbird Centre
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