

March 2023

# Bidbury Infant

# NEWS

## Highest Attendance for February

The class with the highest attendance for February was:

**Diamond Class—97.6 %**

Well done, Diamond Class!



## Request for Help

Exciting News—We have secured an ALLOTMENT!

Are you, or someone in your family, green-fingered and know your biennials from your perennials?

Could you help teach our children how to grow fruit and vegetables and tend to the produce throughout the year?

Please pop in to chat with Mrs Cook or Mrs Keegan if you can spare your time to help us.

## Celebrating Learning at Bidbury

### In Year R...

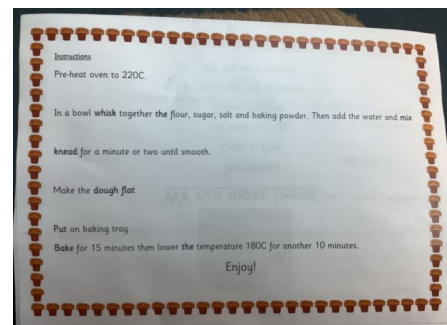
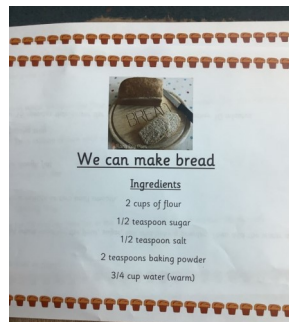


Some eggs have arrived in Year R. We have been talking about what might be hatching out of them.



The children made bread rolls. They needed flour, salt, warm water and baking powder. They had to mix and knead the dough then put it in the oven.

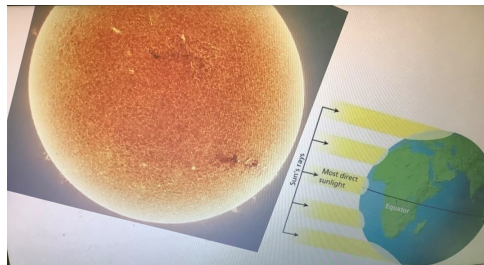
Why not have a go at home?



## Celebrating Learning at Bidbury

### In Year One...

In geography, children have learned all about the equator and how this is the hottest part of the world because of the sun's rays. They used a video (<https://youtu.be/qHgs8dcmB4M>) to help them to understand this. They discussed which countries might be hotter and which might be colder and they placed animals into the countries they thought they might live in. For example a polar bear lives somewhere cold, away from the equator but a lion lives somewhere hot, near to the equator.



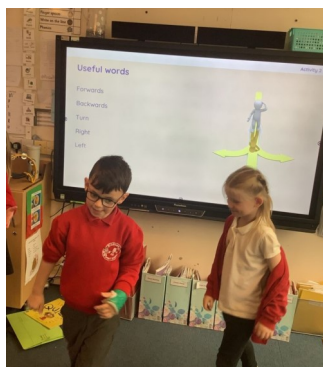
In science, children learnt about predators and prey and how they move in order to survive in their habitats. They watched BBC Earth videos to explore how predators and prey move in the wild, which animals are predators and prey, and how prey adapt their movements to survive against predators. The children used drama to act out movements of predators and prey to understand what they are like in the wild.

### In Year Two...



The children took part in a Circus Drama Workshop with visitors from Drama4All and had lots of fun!

To celebrate Women's History Month, so far we have learnt all about Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic!



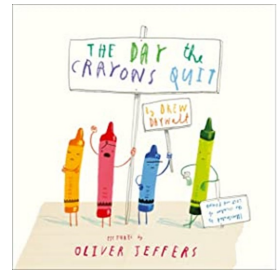
Children have been learning that an algorithm is a set of instructions. They gave their robot partners instructions to move and they copied. This is an algorithm!



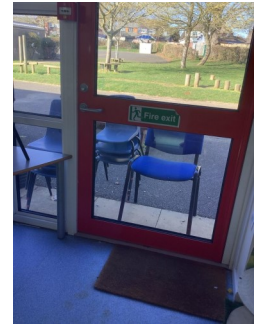
## World Book Day 2023



Our theme for the day was 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt and children came into school wearing any colour they wanted!



Year Two soon found out that crayons were not the only item to quit that day!!



## Lunches after Easter

After Easter, the Jacket Potato option will be replaced with a summer term Picnic Lunch option! (All the following rolls are served with vegetables /fruit and a dessert)

Mondays—Ham  
Tuesdays—Cheese  
Wednesdays—Tuna  
Thursdays—Ham and Cheese  
Fridays—Sausages

## EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM 2023!

To encourage more children to eat their vegetables, we will be taking part in the Eat Them To Defeat Them campaign. From 20th—24th March, children will be offered Peas and Peppers at lunchtime and from 27th– 31st March, they will be offered Carrots and Cauliflower! Come on kids, join the fight!



## Emergency Contact Details

Please ensure we have your latest, most up to date contact details for our records.

It is important we have telephone numbers for two or three contacts so we can contact you in an emergency.

Having the correct email address will ensure that you receive all communication from us.



# Reading

Oxford Owl is a great website that has free e-books you can read at home with your children.

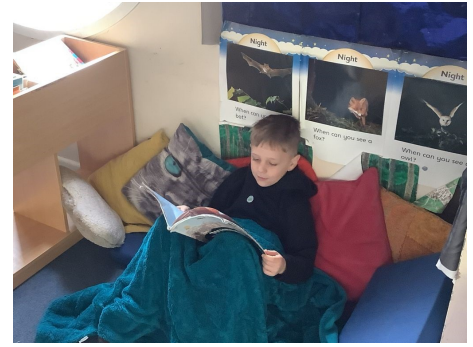
Click on the link below:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>

Click on 'students' and enter the username and password to access the Read Write Inc books.

Please ask your child's class teacher if you are not sure of the username and password.

Please note that the books go up in levels and we recommend you check colour book your child is currently reading.



HERE'S THE IMPACT OF  
**READING 20**  
MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

## Seesaw

If you have not yet signed up to access the Seesaw app, you are missing out on having an insight into your child's time at school!

Please sign up and share videos and photographs of how your child is getting on with reading at home too!

We would love to know!



# Raffle Winners!

- 'Mirabelle in Double Trouble' by Harriett Muncaster— **Ellie (Year R)**
- 'Isadora Moon Gets the Magic Pox' by Harriett Muncaster— **Jacob (Year R)**
- 'Just Right For Two' by Tracey Corderoy & Rosalind Beardshaw— **Isaac (Year 2)**
- 'Sugarlump and the Unicorn' by Julia Donaldson— **Serin (Year 1)**
- 'The Gruffalo Child' by Julia Donaldson— **Ellie (Year R)**
- 'The Very Messy Mermaid' by Tracey Corderoy— **Mrs Colley (Year R)**
- 'A Duck Called Brian' by Al Murphy— **Isla (Year 2)**
- 'Room on the Broom' by Julian Donaldson— **Jess (Year 1)**

Congratulations! You have won a book which has been personally signed by the author!

**We raised—£110!**

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket!

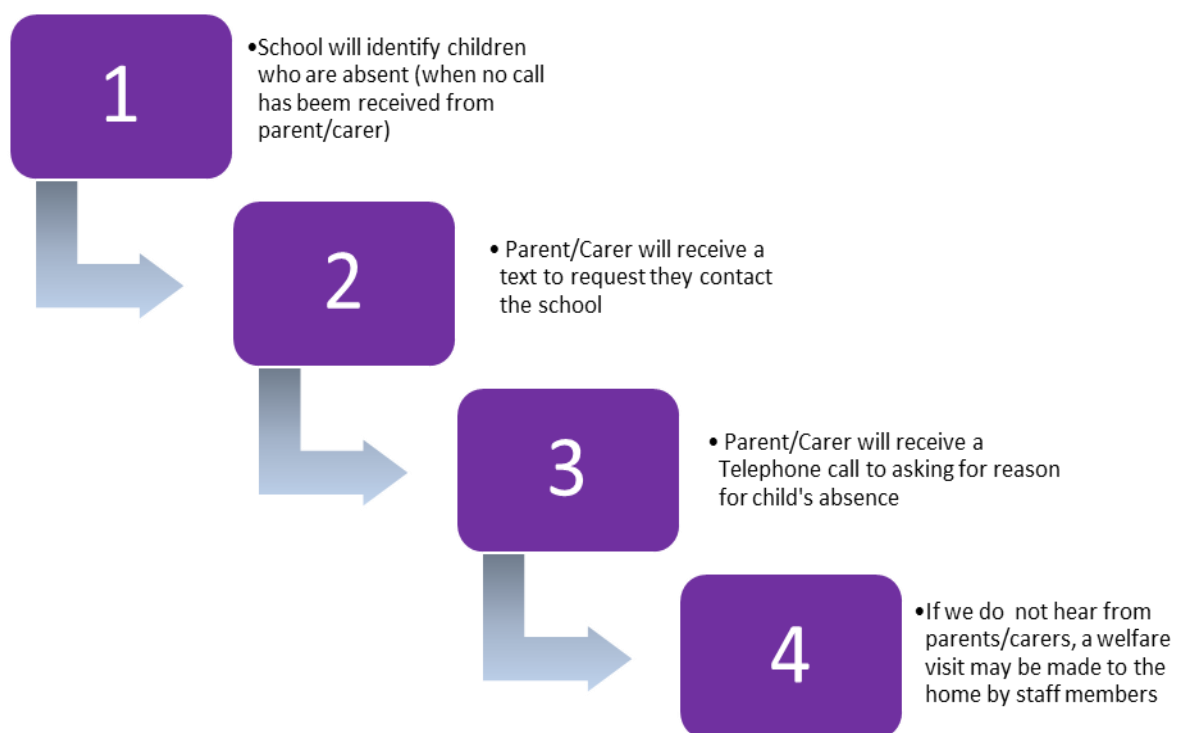
## Absence Procedure

Please see below our school procedure for managing children's absence each day.

We monitor attendance daily and monthly to make sure children's education is not hindered and that everyone is kept safe.

It is important that we hear from you on the morning of your child's absence if you have not already informed us that your child will not be in school.

We worry about your little ones if they are not in school when we are expecting them and will consider the situation a safeguarding concern if we have not heard from you.



Regardless of whether an absence is authorised or unauthorised, it is important that we receive a 'Request for Leave of Absence' form for any planned absence such as wedding or family holiday.

## Women's History Month

Women's History Month is being celebrated this March.

We would like to highlight this event for our children and we are going to be focusing on four significant women from the past and the present day.

The women we will be learning about are:

Amelia Earhart <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN1o6u7Zo9A>

Rosa Parks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCcSsjkQe9s&t=53s>

Greta Thunberg <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIDp50k7tpA>

Jill Scott <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIDp50k7tpA>

There is a book called 'Great Women Who have Changed the World'. This book has recently been turned into a musical and the songs are really catchy as well as being informative for the children. We will be learning these songs in school.

Please see the links below so that you can look at them together at home.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iM7vS\\_tIKhI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iM7vS_tIKhI) (Musical Version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klR1fekvpbA> (Emmeline Pankhurst Deeds—no words)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iadmnTn7y18> (Fantastically Great Song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIzAeAzNnGw> (Quiet children)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tqp5i8yeDlc> (World of Colour)

We are also hoping to invite you into school at the end of this half term so that you can come in and see all the children have learned based on these significant women.

This will be on **Friday 31st March** which is the last Friday before the Easter holidays and we are hoping to do this straight after school in the hall but we will confirm the time closer to the date.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs O'Halloran and Ms Soriano



## Our Golden Gems



Our new values of **Resilience, Respect, Independence and Self-Regulation** are the focus for all our work.

Children receive a 'Gem of the Day' certificate for demonstrating one of the values.

One child per class will receive a 'Golden Gem' Certificate for demonstrating all four values that week.

The Golden Gem Achievers for February were:

*Emerald Class:* **Olivia C, Kasey K and Joshua H**

*Opal Class:* **Autumn L, Ernie D and Jack Y**

*Topaz Class:* **Harry G, Charlie S and Rory T**

*Onyx Class:* **Victoria V, Presley F and Isaac M**

**Congratulations!**

### Park Run



It would be a really lovely if you could join us along with other families to celebrate our Mindful Movers sessions before the Easter holidays. Please sign up for the **Waterlooville Park Run** on **Sunday 19th March 2023**. The most important thing we are trying to teach the children, with your help, is that physical exercise is good for not just your physical health but your mental health too <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/waterlooville-juniors/>

Mrs O'Halloran hopes to see you at Jubilee Park at 9am!

**Inset Days 2022-2023**

(No school for children)

Friday 21st July 2023





After 5 years of refusing any hair cut, Ollie has decided he's had enough of his beautiful long hair and he's donating it to the Little Princess Trust".

On Saturday 11th March, Ollie will be having his hair cut for the first time. Not only will he donate his own hair to be used towards the wig for a sick child, he also plans to cover the £550 it costs to make it, having already raised £476 ahead of his chop.

Ollie has a funding page because it costs hundreds to make the wigs. When mum told him how much he's already raised he said 'But Mummy I don't have enough hair for all those people'.

Check out the report in the [Portsmouth News!](#)

If you can donate to help Ollie and the Little Princess Trust, please [click here](#)

Ollie, we are so proud of you—what a wonderful thing to do!



Congratulations Jamie in Topaz Class!

Jamie won man of the match on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February. He scored 5 goals for his team – The Pirates!



Well done, Freddie in Onyx Class!

Freddie won Man of the Match for his team!



Well done, Hugo in Topaz Class for being an amazing goalkeeper for your team outside of school!



Congratulations Ben on your achievements in football outside of school!



Bidbury Infant School

Community Coffee Morning

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 9:30 – 11:00

Location: Havant Rugby Club



Calling all lovers of cakes, coffee and chats. We are holding another coffee morning on the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

The focus for this catch up will be

Ways to support your child's positive behaviour choices – de-escalation techniques when children become heightened/language to use with your child to support their feelings and emotions, strategies that might help support both your child and you at home.

We will have information from outside agencies as well as our own information around Emotion Coaching/Family Links strategies and how these approaches can support the understanding of where behaviours come from.

Put it in the diary now!!

We would love to see you there.

## Dates for your Diary Spring/Summer 2023

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| MARCH                 | Women's History Month                         |
| 13th-17th March       | Science Week*                                 |
| 17th March            | Red Nose Day—Crazy Hair Day (non-uniform)     |
| 24th March            | National Skipping Day*                        |
| 31st March            | Last day of term                              |
| 31st March—14th April | Easter Holidays                               |
| 17th April            | Children Return to School                     |
| 26th April            | Community Coffee Morning at Havant Rugby Club |

\* Details to follow

Car Park -

Please note that, to ensure the safety of all our children and families, there should be no vehicle movement in the school car park between:

8:35am and 9:00am

2:55pm and 3:10pm

You may be turned away if you approach the gates during these times.