



Issue 4, May 2021

**End of Term Round-up**

Last week, it seemed like the rain was never going to end but some warmer weather is here at last! I do hope you make the most of the good weather next week and have a fantastic half-term break.

The children have been working so hard over the past few weeks and I have been so impressed with their amazing attitudes to learning and determination to succeed.

You, as parents and carers, continue to be outstanding in your support with distancing, wearing face coverings and generally being considerate of others and I am extremely grateful to all of you. It feels wonderful to be supported by such a strong school community.

**CALENDAR**

31 <sup>st</sup> May	Spring Bank Holiday
1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> June	HALF-TERM
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1&2 Rainforest Day
16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of Summer Term</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Inset Day 1</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Start of Autumn Term (Years 1-6)</b>

**Celebrating Cultural Diversity**

Across the school we have been looking at cultural diversity and how it influences our everyday lives. Cultural diversity can be seen in people's writing, religion, music, clothes or cooking and it is important we learn about the different cultures there are.

**Year Six End of Term Events**

As we rapidly approach the end of the Summer Term, we have been having a lot of queries from parents about the end of term activities that Year 6 children usually enjoy. We are delighted to announce that the Year 6 Leavers' Prom will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

We are committed to providing a great prom experience whilst taking every precaution to ensure a safe event. We therefore ask that there are **no cars brought onto our school site**. There will be allocated drop off points to help keep everyone safe. We do hope you understand that we want the children to have the best prom experience and will support us with this change in arrangements. Additional details will be sent out to Year 6 parents during the first week back after half-term.

**Protecting children from Online Danger**

It is so important during these times when children are spending more time online that we remain vigilant to the risks that are ever present. We have a very straightforward guide on our website to protecting your children from online hate, extremism and fake news that we hope you find informative. It can be viewed via our [Online Safety](#) page or by clicking this link: [Parent Guide Protecting Children Online](#).

**Advance notice – Resurfacing on Ringmead**

We have been notified by Bracknell Forest Council that they will be carrying out road resurfacing works on Ringmead on the stretch of road between Wroxham and Welbeck. These works are scheduled to commence on Wednesday 9 June and should be completed by Thursday 10 June but delays are possible. Signs will be erected at the roadside advising of any changes.

The works will be carried out during the day between 9.30am and 3.30pm and will involve closures of the road during this time and a diversion being put in place. Unfortunately this will cause some disruption and inconvenience but the works are essential to maintain the condition of the public highway.

## School Lunches

You will have received a letter today along with some ideas to help make healthy choices for your children's snacks and/or lunchboxes. Developing great eating habits now will help as they become older and start making food choices for themselves. I hope you found this information helpful.

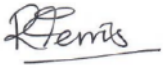
## Half-term Learning

I wish you all a relaxing half-term break and hope you enjoy getting out and about in the (hopefully) lovely warm weather. Please do remember to encourage your child to keep reading over the break, it really does make a difference if they read daily for a short amount of time.

Don't forget that our older children and those who have finished with Read, Write, Inc will have access to myON, which contains a whole host of different reading materials, tailored to meet your child's current attainment levels. They will already have a login for myON and we will be focussing more on using it when we return in June.

I am proud to share just some of the amazing learning happening here at your school. The children have been amazing and continued to work hard to produce some truly GREAT work.

Wishing you all the best for a safe and relaxing half-term break.

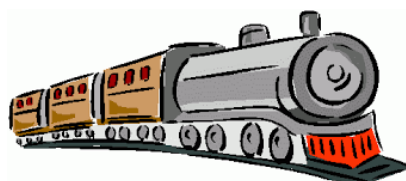


**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher

# GREAT Learning!

## Caterpillars

The children in our Nursery have been learning the story 'The Train Ride'. They have designed and painted their own train and had a go at moving along like a train by chugging along with their arms and going fast and slow. They have also been using the small world train set to retell the story they have learned.



## Butterflies

Reception children have been learning all about things that live, move and grow in and on the ground. They have been looking about plants and finding out about how they grow and have had a go at designing their own flower garden. They have looked at mini-beasts and earthworms and also been thinking about the different vehicles there are that travel on the ground. What a busy half-term!



## Foxes, Badgers and Hedgehogs

The children in Years 1&2 have been learning all about what plants need to grow for their topic work this half-term. They enjoyed an afternoon of gardening and planting to start the half-term and have made some fantastic clay sunflowers. GREAT work everyone!



## Eagles and Kestrels

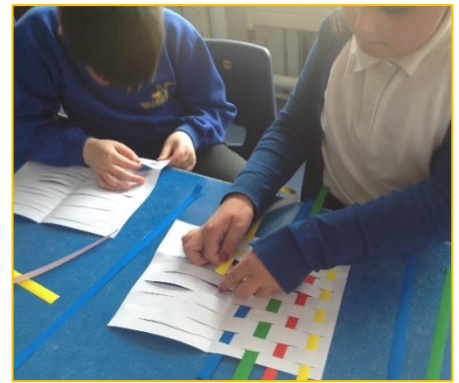
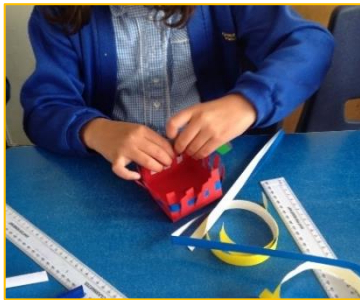
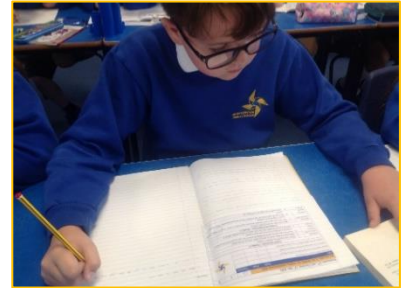
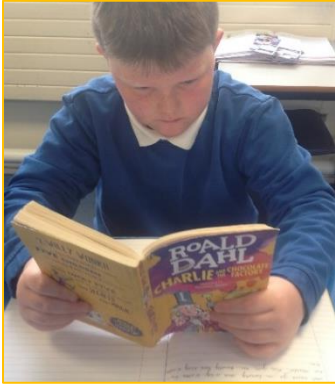
This half-term Year 3 have been learning about the Egyptians. They have enjoyed an immersive Egyptian experience where they entered the classroom after break through a dark tunnel (blanket covered tables) into a darkened classroom with a suspenseful pyramid soundtrack to add atmosphere. They've learnt about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and written mystery stories set in Egypt. The children have also enjoyed performance poetry, where they studied a traditional African song and a poem called 'I am an African Child' What a great way to celebrate the recent Multi-Cultural Day!



## Falcons and Hawks

Year 4 have been looking at chocolate this half-term. They have been reading Mayan Folktales and discovering where chocolate originates from. The children have been creating and designing their own chocolate packaging using Mayan weaving methods and will be creating their own box of chocolate assortments after half-term. They have been reading the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and have been enjoying making comparisons to the original movie.

Children in Year 4 have been implementing the zones of regulation and finding calming strategies to help them stay on task. They have been having fun through the practising of yoga and developing their own strategies of mindfulness.



They've even managed to find time to do some gardening and tidying up in our quiet area!



## Tigers, Lions and Panthers

Year 5 and 6 have been learning all about democracy throughout history. They explored practices in Ancient Greek times and reflected on the changes to the system today. Linked throughout to British Values, they reflected on the importance of tolerance, rule of law and individual liberty. In English, the children have written their own political manifestos and explored many different types of political views through class texts. To conclude the unit, they held mock elections where the children had to present key policies and vote at our Polling Station to have their opinion heard. It was a great success with different outcomes in all three classes. In Art, we have celebrated the changes over time to democracy by creating Greek inspired clay pots painted with a design reminiscent of that period.



**Wishing you all a GREAT half-term break and don't forget term starts again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June!**



# Do you have a child aged 0 to 14?

(or 18 if disabled)

We invite you to complete a short survey about your childcare needs and your experience of accessing childcare in Bracknell Forest. Click on the link below to access the survey.

<https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/public/ey/childcare-2021>

The information you provide in the survey will inform future plans to provide high quality childcare places at the times and in the places that families need it.

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## RACE TO TOKYO

MULTI SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NERF WARS!

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Location**  
Fox Hill Primary School,  
Pondmoor Road, Bracknell RG12 7JZ  
**8.00am – 6.00pm**

**We are fully compliant with COVID-19 Government Guidelines**  
If we have to cancel due to any COVID-19 restrictions, a full refund will be given.

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12  
**FROM £18.00 PER DAY!**  
Additional costs for early drop offs & late pick ups, discounts for siblings & full week booking - please see booking page for details

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Early years provider

## Holiday Activities for children aged 4-13

FROM ~~£23.00~~ per day!

HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, SMILE

MAY HALF TERM & SUMMER 2021

COVID SECURE  
BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE  
COVID SECURE

Your local KOOSA Kids club can be found at:

**Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell**

May Half Term 2021: 1st to 4th June  
Summer 2021: 22nd July to 20th August

AS part of step 3 of the Government's Roadmap Out of Lockdown, children will revert to being grouped by School Year from May Half Term:  
Krazy K's - EYFS | Kool K's Yr 1-3 | King K's - Yr 4-8  
Visit [www.koosakids.co.uk](http://www.koosakids.co.uk) for more information.

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**MAY/JUNE HALF TERM AT**

**READING MUSEUM**

Reading Museum welcomes you back through our doors this half term - with a great range of family activities and trails!

Please share your photos on our [f](#) [t](#) pages

**Bee Happy! Craft Pack**

Learn all about how to save the bees! Find out about bee-friendly flowers and then have a go at planting your own sunflower. Discover more about Sutton's, a well-known and loved Reading company and then create your own Sutton's seed packet.

**Ages 3+, Families**  
**£2.50 per pack, purchase via our website or during your visit**

**The Study of Drawing Art Pack**

Be inspired by our new exhibition Rubens to Sickert: the Study of Drawing and have a go yourself! We have included fun drawing tasks to try at home along with different types of paper and materials that some of the artists would have used.

**Ages 3+, Families**  
**£2.50 per pack, purchase via our website or during your visit**

**Our other Packs are also still available:**

Roman Mosaic Craft Pack  
 Oh Beautiful World! Art Pack  
 Dragon Challenge Craft Pack

**Ages 3+, Families**  
**£2.50 per pack, purchase via our website or during your visit**

**Indoor and Outdoor Explorer Trails**

Become a Museum explorer and follow our indoor trail around the Museum or outside on our Medieval Animal Trail. Why not have a go at colouring in your trail sheet once you have finished? You can collect your toy prize as you leave the Museum.

**All ages (please note the toy prize will be suitable for ages 3+), Families**  
**£1 per trail, purchase via our website or during your visit**

[www.readingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.readingmuseum.org.uk)

Please be sure to pre-book your family's free entrance to visit the museum on the [website](#) to avoid disappointment.

**BTC**  
 Bracknell Town Council

**CARBON REDUCTION**

**LOGO COMPETITION**

Design a logo for the carbon reduction work that Bracknell Town Council does to reduce their carbon footprint. Draw, colour or paint your entry and email them (include your name and age) to:

**mayor@bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk**  
**by 30th June 2021**

The winner of the competition will see their logo on the window of the BTC offices in Bracknell High Street and on all of the literature and communications for anything carbon reduction related.

GET YOUR THINKING CAPS ON,  
 GET YOUR PENCILS OUT  
 AND LET'S MAKE BRACKNELL  
 EVEN GREENER TOGETHER!

