



Bucks Free Press

You may be aware that our school featured in an article in the Bucks Free Press last week, relating to two former employees who are making some allegations in relation to their employment and safeguarding practices within the school. Naturally we take these concerns very seriously. You will be aware that OFSTED only recently visited the school and commented on safeguarding as follows:

Leaders are tenacious in ensuring that pupils are safe. This includes providing support that goes beyond their statutory duties, such as conducting home visits. All staff demonstrate a high level of care for pupils and know how to keep them safe.

If any parents have concerns they would like to discuss, then please do make an appointment to come in and speak to me. The Governing Body are fully aware of the case and wholeheartedly support the school. I would like to thank parents who I have spoken to on this matter for their support for the school, and the recognition of the strong practice that exists within the school to keep children safe.

In far more important matters, the school has had a busy two weeks back with Woodlands Fashion Show, Stay and Play, a visit from the people from the Science Dome, World Book Day and Buddy Week. The children have had a great time learning and engaging with the curriculum. It was also great to hear of such a good turnout for our parent workshop this week run by the Learning Disability nurses.

Bradley Taylor

Spring Term 2019 dates

Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April.
Please note that the School will be closed on Tuesday 23rd April for an INSET day. Pupils return to school on Wednesday 24th April.

Other dates for parents:

Monday 11th March (Downley) 12.30pm – 3.00pm - Every day First Aid Workshop
Wednesday 20th March - e-safety workshop
9:15 Cressex; 2 pm Downley
Wednesday 27th March 1:30 – 3 pm, transitions workshop Cressex site (suitable for all secondary parents)
Monday 1st April – Easter Crafts Stay and Play, Rainbow and Little Wings

Parent Ambassador



Hi I'm Alison Norris and I am the new Parent Ambassador.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and learning from you, your children, and your experiences so that I can help and support you in the most useful and effective way. Please come and chat to me. I am very interested to hear your ideas, requests or any issues you would like to raise.

I work Tuesday afternoons 1-5pm, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9-1pm and am available for home visits.

You can also contact me via the usual channels:

Telephone 01494 532621 or email at parentambassador@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk or anorris@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk.

News from around the school

Rainbow

This half term our topic is 'Under the Sea'. We have been working hard to encompass the SCERTS training all staff received at the end of January into this and it has been great to see the positive responses from the children. The children enjoyed a visit from the Science Dome. The multi-sensory experience enabled the children to explore what happens under the sea in a new way. This week has been World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many children (and staff) dress up and share some of their favourite books with each other. We have also had 'Buddy Week' and have enjoyed meeting up with our buddy classes to explore the world around us. Hannah

Little Wings

The students have all settled back well since half term. Thank you to those parents that came to Stay and Play. This week has been 'Buddy Week' where the pupils have joined up with another class and taking part in different activities including arts and crafts, parachute games and outdoor games. Our topic 'Under the Sea' is being enjoyed by all, with lots of water activities and sensory stories. It was also great to see so many of our pupils dressed up. David

Treetops

The students in Treetops have carried on where they left off before half term and are showing lots of motivation and engagement in their lessons. They have enjoyed buddy week where most of the classes have been making pancakes for a friend. It was also great seeing the students dressed up for World Book Day! Reminder: parent event **Wednesday 13th March at 2.00 pm** for tea and cake in the hall, then you will have an opportunity to go into classes to see some activities. Hope you are able to make it. David

Coppice

This week the children have embraced reading and storytelling and have immersed themselves in World Book Day! We have seen some terrific costumes and the children are really excited to share books, so thank you to all the parents who helped put costumes together! This term Coppice department will be visiting Bekonscot model village so look out for letters in the coming weeks. If you would like any assistance using parentmail please contact our office team, who are always happy to help. Claire

Woodlands

Thank you to the parents who joined us for our Fashion Show on Tuesday morning. The pupils had worked hard to make marks on fabrics and props which they modelled brilliantly as they travelled down the catwalk. The outfits were inspired by the 'Bears and their Homes' topic. All pupils appeared to enjoy some, if not all of the sensory aspects associated with the fashion show experience. It was a shame that more parents were not able to attend. We showed Gemstone Department our Fashion Show on Wednesday. Amanda

Gemstones

I hope everyone had a fantastic half term. Since their return, the pupils have really hit the ground running. All classes have been learning about Invaders and Setters and this half term, I have seen all of our pupils transfer and apply their knowledge by preparing lots of different celebration events for everyone to attend from Art Exhibitions to a Dance and Banquet Show, ending in a celebratory department trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. The children have already joined in with multiple 'Buddy' sessions, visiting classes at our Cressex Site in Coppice Department, as well as classes at Downley in Woodland Department. I look forward to seeing everyone soon and thank you for your support with recent changes and 'WOW' events. Woodlands Department, we loved your fashion show and can't wait until the next one! Pali

Woodland Department's Fashion Show



Rainbow Department's Buddy Week

'Exploring the World around us'

