

7th June 2024

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Simon into school on Wednesday who held a collective worship to talk to the children about D-Day. During the collective worship Reverend Simon talked to the children about the significance of D-Day, how brave and young some of the surviving veterans were at the time, and it's relevance to events taking place in our world today.

Details were shared about the commemorative events taking place in our village including the beacon lighting on the Millennium Green and it has been lovely within the school to discuss with children what they have done to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Leo in year 3 shared with us his experience of going to the lighting of the beacon in Ampthill Great Park last night.



This weekend is Silsoe VC Lower Schools football tournament and I (and a number of other members of staff) are looking toward to going to watch some of our children and their families taking part in the event. This week we have been very lucky to have welcomed the tournament sponsor Toby Burton who is the managing director off Burton Smith Plumbing and Heating. In regards to the event and the sponsorship he has said "We are thrilled to sponsor Silsoe Lower School's annual football tournament. We look forward to seeing the talent and teamwork on display and are proud to contribute to an event that brings joy and excitement to our community."

"It's also gratifying to promote the physical and mental benefits hat sports like football have on our young people".

We look forward to seeing many of you this weekend

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Boyle'.

Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher

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Reception Classes – Acorn and Chestnut

Welcome back, it is hard to believe that this is the last half term for the children in Reception!

This half term we start our final topic 'Where in the World'. We started our learning on this, this week by looking at transport and how we can travel to places far and near. The children have drawn and painted pictures of transport, practised their cutting skills and played with lots of different types of transport such as cars, boats in the water and planes. In both classes the children have enjoyed the new role play areas too. Chestnut now have an airport and Acorn have a Travel Agents.

The sun also came out this week allowing us to enjoy time outside. The children decorated the path outside Acorn and Chestnut with the chinks. We were also able to go on the field to practise for sports day. The children had a try at the sack race and using the egg and spoons. They all look forward to showing you their skills on sports day.

Year 1 – Hawthorn and Willow

In English this week we have been looking at the suffix '-ing' and how we can use this with verbs (action words)

In Maths we have been working on place value to 100, including using 10's to count.

In RE this week, we have been thinking about the 5 pillars of Islam and why they are so important to Muslims.

In science we have been exploring the lifecycle of a bean. The children in Willow class have been looking at how the bean is growing since Mrs Taylor planted it in her garden. Some children were really enthusiastic when talking about how they were growing fruit and vegetables in their garden.

Year 2 – Maple and Sycamore

We have been extremely busy this week getting creative with clay and creating our tiles. We used lots of methods to create our pieces such as score and slip and impressing. We are excited to them when they have dried.

Yesterday we had an amazing day at Herrings Green Farm on our trip. It was incredible to see so many birds and experience them up close. From, flying owls to holding cockroaches, we are proud that we challenged ourselves and faced our fears. There were many highlights to choose from but we loved watching the birds of prey show and learning more about these amazing creatures. Thank you to all the adults who came with us to make the trip possible!



Year 3 – Palm and Pine

This week in Year 3, as part of our DT lessons the children have been learning where food comes from. The children have learned about the origins of different foods and explored seasonal foods and the importance of eating seasonal produce. They then cooked using British ingredients available all year round. The children had a great time baking fairy cakes using British produce to make them.



Year 4 – Elm and Oak

This week we have begun lots of new units of learning. In DT, we have begun to find out about kites of the world in preparation for when we design and make our own kites. In English, we have watched all about a Phoenix bird called Evol who will help us to write a diary entry from a different perspective. Finally, in PE we have begun to learn the skills and rules needed for netball.

Conifer class

The children have continued to access their personalised curriculum in English and Maths whilst building and strengthening relationships with their peers and adults. Some of the children continue to access some mainstream lessons in the afternoons.

In our Hamish and Milo sessions, we continue to think more deeply about friendship and what 'friendship' means. We have been thinking about how to be assertive with our friends to let them know that we don't like something they are doing.

Some children have started to learn about different types of lines in Art & Design. We have continued to be creative in our learning and are enjoying the sunshine! Other children have continued to access many of their lessons with their mainstream class. We have also made junk model musical instruments!

Attendance for this week

Acorn	93.3%	Chestnut	92.9%
Hawthorn	90.4%	Willow	91.8%
Maple	94.7%	Sycamore	89.8%
Palm	95.2%	Pine	89.6%
Elm	92.0%	Oak	91.9%
Conifer	91.8%		

Please find the link to the NHS website regarding 'Is my child well enough to be in school'

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child has a temperature for more than 2 days please take them to the doctor to get them checked for an infection.

Being late for school can affect your child's attendance, anyone arriving after 8.55 and entering through the front doors will be marked as late and anyone arriving after 9.15 will be marked as an unauthorised absence which will affect their attendance (unless there is an acceptable explanation).

Star and Leaves awards

We are proud of the hard work the children make with their academic work, their resilience and positive attitude to learning in addition to the efforts they make to follow our school values. Each week in our celebration assembly we congratulate children who have gone above and beyond and have demonstrated a positive attitude to learning and thus achieved the Behaviour for Learning Star. We are also very proud of the children who demonstrate our school values to a high standard

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and are awarded the Values Leaf. All children who are recognised for their hard work in our celebration assembly will enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Boyle, our Headteacher.

This week we are celebrating:

Class	Stars	Leaves
Acorn	Jordan	Charlie B
Chestnut	Charlotte	Freddie
Hawthorn	Elsie	Halim
Willow	Lola	Isla
Maple	James	Ayub
Sycamore	Noah	Layla SB
Palm	Khloe	Patrick
Pine	Jacob	Kai
Elm	Athelia	Frankie
Oak	Mason	Niall
Conifer	Lennie	



General Information

Inspired by Eco Council

Poppy in Year 3 has been inspired by our Eco Council and has been helping to grow potatoes and strawberries in her garden.



Performing Arts or Musical Theatre examination

In March this year a group of our children took either a Performing Arts or Musical Theatre examination with LAMDA and we are delighted to share that every one of those children received a Distinction Grade – the highest that can be awarded by LAMDA – they were all excited to receive their certificates over the last few weeks.

A huge congratulations to you all, we are very proud of you.

School Council

Our school council would like to invite you to attend a bake sale which will be held on Friday 14th June on the playground at both morning break and from 3pm for parents to come and buy a treat.

The children are trying to raise money for art supplies for the school and this will be cash only suggested donation of £1 a cake.

They would like to ask for any donations to be dropped off to reception on the morning of the 14th June (any coming in Tupperware please ensure these are named so we can return them to you). Please can we ask for nut free cakes only and for the list of ingredients also to be left with the donations, attached to the Tupperware.



Silsoe Lower School's Football tournament



We are very excited for the upcoming football tournament this weekend and some of our Year 4 children were able to take part in a photo shoot with our main sponsor Burton Smith Plumbing and Heating. I think the photos clearly show the excitement our children have for the upcoming tournament. Good luck to everyone taking part.



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Current year 2's and 3's - sign up now for woodwind lessons in September

Would your child be interested in learning Flute, Clarinet or Saxophone? If so, I have spaces available for lessons at Silsoe Lower from September. Individual or group lessons are available and Inspiring Music can provide an instrument to borrow free of charge. More information including cost and the link to enrol here - <https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/overview>

Year 3 or 4 is a great age to begin learning an instrument in preparation for the move to middle school, where they will have an opportunity to join the school orchestra and be able to access the wide range of benefits that come from playing and performing with others.

Miss Alsop

Inspiring Music Woodwind tutor (Silsoe Lower and Arnold Academy)

French Day Tuesday 25th June 2024

I am delighted to let you know that as part of our International school activities this year, we will be holding a French day on Tuesday 25th June. This will support the children's learning of French in KS2 and act as introduction to French for those children in Early Years and KS1. Children will take part in games and activities related to France.

Reception and Year 1 classes will also have a workshop provided by Freshwater Theatre Company. Their session will be based on a familiar fairy tale and be completely in French. Rest assured, from my experience the children will understand fully and enjoy the story through being involved in the drama. Year 2, 3 and 4 will get to watch a French play performed by the drama company Onatti. The play is called 'Le Château' (The Castle) It will be performed in French and English. All actors from both companies are native speakers. Silsoe PTA have very kindly agreed to fund these visitors for the whole school for which we are very grateful.

Children are invited to dress up in blue, white and red for the colours of the French flag. If any children wish to put in that extra effort they can dress up as a famous person from France or anything related to France with the chance of winning a prize.

Children are welcome to wear team kits.

Mrs McCarthy

International School Lead



Chilli Children

Before half term, the whole school spent time for their homework writing and drawing about their favourite playground games ready to be shared with the children of Kitazigurukwa Primary School in South West Uganda. We have created a link with this school through the charity Chilli children as part of International School award project. We hope to be sharing lots more news with each other in the future.



Kitazigurukwa Primary School head teacher receiving our pictures and writing all about playground games.

Below are some examples of the letters Silsoe received from Uganda. Each class were able to look at a set of letters as the whole of Kitazigurukwa School had written to us.

Dear my friend,
How are you doing over there?
My name is Rukundo Victor.
I am in Primary Three. My school is called Kitazigurukwa Primary School. My favourite subject is Mathematics.
I like eating Chicken. I have 5 brothers 3 sisters.
When I am older I want to be a doctor.
My friend what do you like about school?
My friend what do you eat in UK?
From Rukundo Victor



Dear my friend
How are you doing over there?
My name is Gumoshabe Blessing
I am in Primary Three
My School is called Kitazigurukwa Primary School
My favourite subject is English
I like eating chicken
I have 3 brothers and 2 sister
When I am older I want to be a nurse
My friend do you like about school
My friend do you eat in UK?
Re from Gumoshabe Blessing

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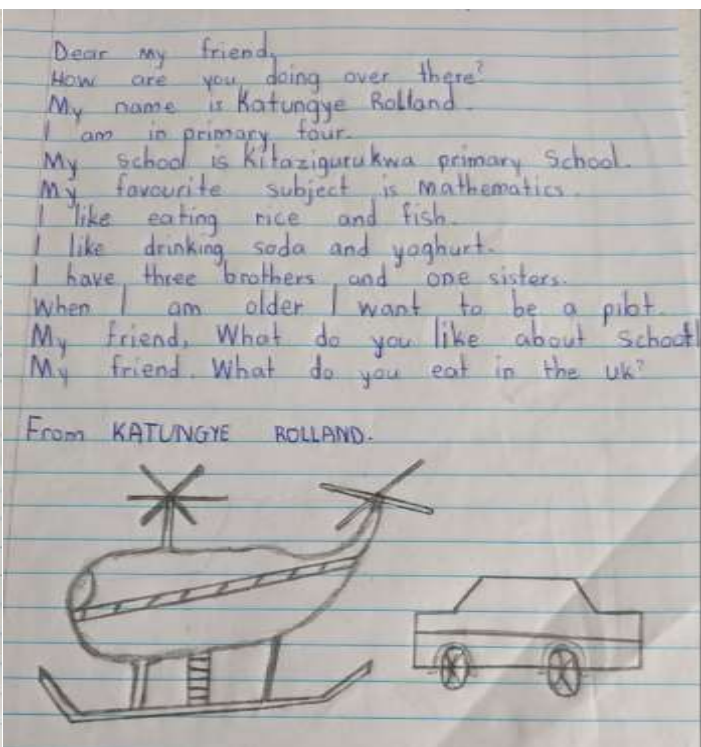
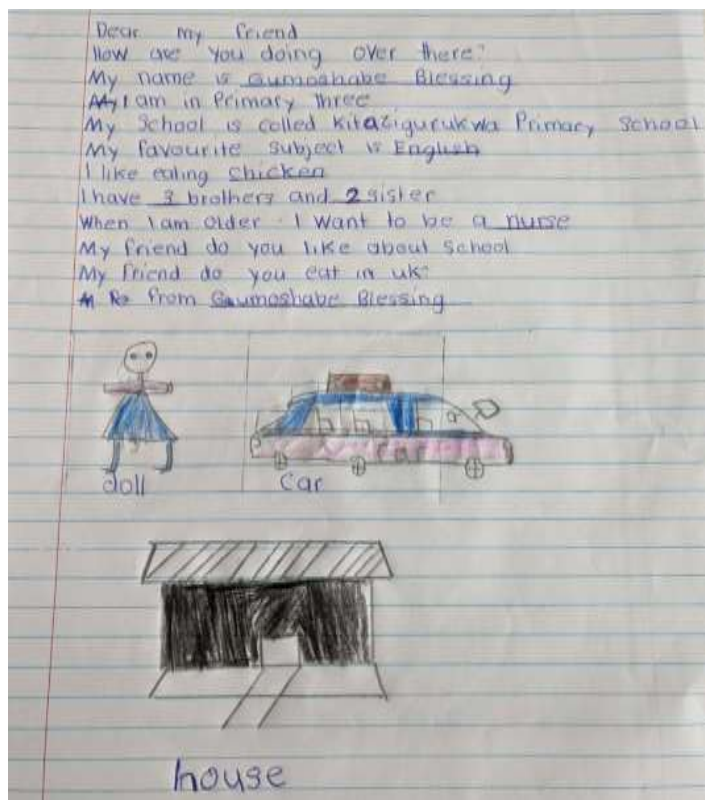
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Class photos

This is a reminder that on Wednesday 12th June we have class photos being taken. Please can all children wear full school uniform on that day and **NOT PE kit**.

PTA update

Thank you to our amazing PTA who have funded the coaches for our trips to Standalone Farm, Herrings Green & Mountfitchet Castle this term

Medicines in school

Medicines should only be administered in school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to. Medicines should be left at the school office where parents will be asked to give their consent for medication to be administered by completing a Medicine Record Form.

Prescribed medicines

Where clinically possible, medicines are generally prescribed in dose frequencies, which enable them to be taken outside of school hours. For example, antibiotics prescribed to be taken 3 times a day could be given before school, after school and before bed and would not need to be administered in school.

Schools can only accept prescribed medicines that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin, which must still be in date, but will generally be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather than in its original container.

Non-prescribed medicines

Non-prescribed medicines such as Calpol and Piriton will only be administered in exceptional circumstances and where there is a clear and genuine medical need.

PTA's Uniformly (Online Preloved uniform)

If you would like to donate your preloved items to the PTA, please drop these into reception. Please do ensure that they are washed and in great resalable condition and pop them into the box located in the schools reception.

Please find the QR code for a quick link to the Uniformly website.



Message from the Pre School



SPACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

15 FUNDED HOURS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE 2 YEAR OLDS

Silsoe Pre-School is an OFSTED OUTSTANDING Pre-School offering a caring and nurturing environment for children aged 2.5 to 5 years. Please get in touch for an application form or to arrange a visit.

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Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this school year. Please note dates which have changed or added have been highlighted.

08/06/2024	All Day	Silsoe Lower School Football Tournament
12/06/2024	Morning	School Photographer – Class Portraits
13/06/2024	Afternoon	Year 4 toasting marshmallows
24/06/2024	9.15am	Y4 Moving up assembly/workshop
25/06/2024	All Day	French Day
26/06/2024	3.45pm to 5.45pm	Book look & meet your new Teacher for 2024 to 2025
27/06/2024	All Day	Transition Day
28/06/2023	All Day	Y1 Mount Fitchett Trip
01/07/2024	All Week	Sports Week – details to follow nearer the time
04/07/2024	PM details sent to parents	Singing Superstars concert – Details to be confirmed
05/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Leaf Walk in Silsoe
08/07/2024	All Week	Back up Sports Week (for events cancelled during w/c 01/07/2024 due to adverse weather conditions)
10/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks
19/07/2024	9.30am	Y4 Leavers Assembly

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Understanding

Psalm 119:130

*The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding
to the simple*

How will you celebrate if your team wins the match?

He's Coming Home.

Women's Aid is asking everyone to come together and unite against domestic abuse.



Football doesn't cause domestic abuse, but incidents can increase or become more severe around key matches.

If you need help, for local and national support services go to: www.womensaid.org.uk

If you are worried about your behaviour in a relationship, go to: www.respect.uk.net



#EndAbuseTogether

women's aid
until women & children are safe

Euro 2024 is well underway and many will be looking forward to exciting matches. Women's Aid have produced the above poster as part of their Come Together to End Domestic Abuse campaign. However, in 2022 data showed that reported incidents of domestic abuse increased by 26% when the England football team plays, with a 38% increase if England lost their game. Reported incidents increased the day after matches by 11%, regardless of the match outcome (research conducted by National Centre for Domestic Violence).

We know that domestic abuse can affect anybody, so support is available to everybody (including if you are concerned about your own behaviours - the [Chrysalis Centre](#) or [Respect Helpline](#) can provide information).

Get support

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Bedfordshire

Fire & Rescue Service

 bedsfire.gov.uk
 Southfields Road
Kempston, Bedford
MK42 7NR
 bedsfirealert.co.uk
 @bedsfire

Water Safety - Quarries

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we are approaching the summer months following a particularly wet winter, I would like to provide some information and support in relation to water safety. Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service along with our partners including the Police and Local Authorities have recently been contacted by residents and business owners who are concerned for the safety of young people who are accessing quarries for leisure activities.

Unfortunately, accidental drownings happen all too frequently and even the strongest swimmers can find themselves in difficulties. There are also concerns for young and vulnerable people who may not be aware of the danger and risks that water poses.

Quarry water is normally far colder than river or sea water, and it can send your body into cold water shock or leave you too exhausted to swim within minutes of jumping in. The water is also often extremely deep, with steep drop offs, and shallow water can change to deep water quickly. Quarry water can also contain hazards such as entrapments, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles and pollution.

The fire service is unable to stop people swimming outside or in open water, but if you have concerns of anti-social behavior, please report this to the Police non-emergency number on 101.

If someone is in trouble in the water and needs help in an emergency, please call 999.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards

Lauren McEvoy
Community Safety Officer
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



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SEND Health Focus Week

Talk	Date	Time	Link
Preparing for Adulthood	Monday 10th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
Supporting your teenager with SEND	Monday 10th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here
Lived Experience of Autism and Mental Health Services	Tuesday 11th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
Gender Identity and Neurodiversity	Tuesday 11th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here
The Positives of Neurodiversity	Wednesday 12th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
SEND and Behaviour Workshop	Wednesday 12th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here
Step Away From the Screen	Wednesday 12th June	7 - 8.30pm	Book here
Misconceptions and Lived Experience of Tics and Tourettes	Thursday 13th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
ADHD in Females and Those Assigned Female at Birth	Thursday 13th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here
SEND and Dietetics: Making Mealtimes Manageable	Friday 14th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
ADHD and Medication	Friday 14th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here

 Educate
  Empower
  Encourage

Find out more - www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/shfw24