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PRIMARY SCHOOL

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

The Highland Games come to Bishops!



The Maide-leisg. A sort of one-on-one tug-of-war, the name comes from Scottish Gaelic and translates as "lazy stick". This test of pure strength sees two competitors sit on the floor facing each other, with the soles of the feet placed against one another's. Each person holds hands, whoever lifts their opponent off the ground wins.

During Culture Week, Balmoral Class learned about Scotland. Here are some photos of their Highland Games.

Scottish hammer throw is very similar to the hammer throwing you see in the Olympics. This Scottish version sees competitors throw a metal ball as far as possible. We used a ball and rubber darts and compared throwing distance in colour groups.



Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

With new variant of Covid-19 spreading and some local primary schools now having pupils with positive test results, I am so sorry, but we are going to keep all of our current safety precautions in place. This unfortunately means that we will not be able to hold parents' evening. The children will still attend their transition mornings in their new classes with their new teachers on 7th July and reports will be sent out on Friday 2nd July. As always, please contact your child's class teacher if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Although sports day will go ahead, the children will compete within their separate bubbles and parents and visitors will not be able to spectate. I can't tell you how disappointing this is for our whole-school but it is our priority to stay safe and protect our community as best as we possibly can. I would also like to thank you all for continuing to work with us.

There are additional symptoms from the new variant: cough, temperature, headache, sore throat, sickness,

diarrhoea, running nose. So, if your child is showing any of these symptoms, please do not send them to school and get them tested using a PCR test where you book an appointment and visit the test site.

Before school, please do not give your child any paracetamol or ibuprofen medicines (typically Calpol or Nurofen) as these will mask a temperature, which is an established symptom.

But it's not all doom and gloom! I have to tell you that your children are absolutely wonderful in school. They are well-behaved, they are working hard and their manners are fantastic. All your children are 100% used to our Covid-19 routines and these have not stifled their enthusiasm to learn and the positive contribution each and every pupil makes to our happy school.

We are a nurturing and welcoming school. If you wish to make an appointment to discuss any matter, then please don't hesitate to ask.

Jacky Sykes

Head Teacher



Stars of the Week

Balmoral — Emily and Finley



Miss Jeacock says: Before half term, Emily Pilling and Finley Scott had both been working incredibly hard within all areas of their learning. They are setting a high standard for behaviour within the classroom and are demonstrated just how independent they have become, well done.

Buckingham— Oskar



Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Hobbins say: We have chosen Oskar for working hard in every single lesson and for settling in so well into the class. Well done.

Sandringham— Orri and Scarlett



Mrs. Stewart says: Orri has been chosen for his lovely writing that shows lots of imagination, creativity and attention to detail. Scarlett for great listening in lessons and working well with others to share knowledge and experiences. Well done, both of you!

Kensington—Chloe and Kaci



Mrs. Russell says: This weeks Star of the Week are Kaci and Chloe both for fantastic participation in our Bollywood dancing but also for their lovely recount writing and artwork.



Stars of the Week

Windsor— Hollie and Luca



Mrs. Saunders and Miss Aston say: We have chosen Hollie for settling in our class so quickly and for always working very hard! Luca has been chosen for his caring and hard-working attitude. He puts his hand up in lessons and is a great role model.

Holyrood — Ollie and Ronnie



Mr. Purewal says: Ollie has been a great addition to our wonderful class. He has produced some great writing in English and been superb in our PE lessons.

Ronnie has been working very hard in maths and English. He has been taking real care with his handwriting. Well done Ronnie.

Ladybirds — Deegan and Bronwen



Maddie says: Deegan has been chosen for really good sharing, especially in the water play area. Bronwen has been chosen for her being very brave when we climbed on the pirate ship.



On **2nd July**, we are supporting the charity, Brain Tumour Research, by asking children to wear a hat to school on this day and donating £1 by bringing their money into school. Or, parents can donate using the justgiving website that I have set up: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wearahatdayatbishopsitchington.com.

Orri in Year One has asked me if we can support his chosen charity, which of course, we are absolutely delighted to do.

[Please note the official date for this event is 18th June, but as this clashes with Fathers' Day, we have moved the date to **Friday 2nd July instead**].

The children can wear any hat they choose!

Mr. Purewal to run between the MAT Schools to raise money for ICT equipment for Bishops!

We are delighted to have the support and commitment of Mr. Purewal—our Year 4 class teacher—who has offered to take up a running challenge to support fund-raising for the school.

From Monday 14th—Sunday 20th June 2021, Mr. Purewal will “run” the MAT. No not literally be in charge of the MAT but he will be running the distance between the Primary Schools in our MAT.

This is no means an easy challenge! Mr. Purewal will need to run the distance from Bishops Itchington Primary School, to Stockton Primary School, then to Byfield Primary School and on to Southam Primary School then to Temple Herdewyke School and finally to Rokeby Primary School before completing the loop back to our school.

The total distance Mr. Purewal will be running is 51.7 miles (83.20km). But fear not, each class will be able to help Mr. Purewal to achieve his target by running mile ‘as a class’ - this may be a relay for infants. Mr. Purewal will then receive a reduction of 6 miles from his total.

To support Mr. Purewal and FoBIPS, you can donate online via:

BACS—43736268 30-98-97

PayPal—using fobips@gmail.com Reference ‘RUN’

We are aiming to raise a total of £10,000 to purchase much-needed ICT equipment for the school, and Mr. Purewal’s run will hopefully be a great contributor towards our target.



Dates for your Diary!

JUNE 2021

Wednesday 23rd	Windsor Multi-Sports
Wednesday 30th	Kensington Multi-Sports

JULY 2021

Friday 2nd July	Wear a Hat Day—Fund-raising for Brain Tumour Research Charity Children's school reports sent home
Mon 5th	Welcome evening for new Reception Parents at school (Covid-dependent)
Wed 7th	Transition morning—all children to join their new class and meet their new teacher. Parents' Open Evening 3.45—6pm—Details to follow (Covid-dependent)
7th, 8th and 9th	Year 6 transition days at Southam College (details to follow) - on hold.
Monday 12th	Sports Day—Infants morning. Juniors afternoon—no parents. Sorry.
Wed 14th	Disability Awareness Day
Friday 16th	Celebration and Awards Assembly 2.30pm— on hold.
Tuesday 20th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm—This will happen but how is being considered.
Wed 21st	Last day of the school year.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Thurs 2nd	INSET DAY (Teacher Training)
Friday 3rd	INSET DAY (Teacher Training). New Reception Class Stay and Play morning.
Monday 7th	New School Year begins. All children in school.
Friday 17th	Family BBQ on the school playground after school.

Term, Holiday and INSET Dates

SUMMER TERM 2021

Half Term Holiday	Monday 31 st May – Monday 7 th June inclusive Monday 7 th June is a Teacher Training Day
Back to School	Tuesday 8 th June
Summer Holidays	Thursday 22 nd July – Friday 3 rd September inclusive Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd September are Teacher Training days

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Back to School	Monday 6 th September
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th October – Monday 1 st November inclusive Monday 1 st November is a Teacher Training Day
Back to school	Tuesday 2 nd November
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20 th December – Tuesday 4 th January inclusive Tuesday 4 th January is a Teacher Training Day

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22

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Half Term	Days
1	37
2	35
3	34
4	30
5	24
6	35
Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	72
Spring Term	64
Summer Term	59

	School Holiday
	Public Holiday
	Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

	School Induction Day
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