

the children have arrived safely and on time to all their sessions.

We have also had a number of visitors in school this week to work in school. On Thursday we welcomed PC Andrew Cornall into school to lead an Online Safety workshop for parents. I know the parents who attended found it extremely useful, informative and supportive in navigating our way as around the online world with our children. PC Cornalls information was well received and he has offered to run a second session early next school year for those parents who were unable to attend. A further letter will be sent out over the next few weeks with some of the

materials discussed today. A number of our children have their own mobile phone and devices and I am conscious that nowadays most children have these at an earlier age than previously. However with the owning of such devices comes the responsibility of using it appropriately and with respect to others.

It is clearly not school's decision as to when a child is given a mobile phone nor our responsibility as to what APPs the children are using. I do draw your attention however to the APPS and their Age ratings graphic below. PC Cornall also emphasised the importance of keeping phones/tablets etc out of bedrooms, bathrooms etc so that the sites,



activity and online connections they are making can be monitored and checked upon for suitability.

Unfortunately, we do often see issues from irresponsible use of mobile phones coming back into school along with a lack of understanding and appreciation as to how to use a mobile phone responsibly. This lack of understanding can leave our children extremely vulnerable to their peers and online predators. Difficulties can take the form of comments made on social media after school hours, inappropriate messaging, photos and sexting and can lead to much more distressing scenarios developing.



We also welcomed Music For Life into school during an

assembly this week. During the session with the children they talked to the children about the opportunities for music tuition in school from Year 2. Should your child be interested in music lessons in school please refer to the letter sent out this week with further details for booking.

Earlier in the week we welcomed Louise Cook into our Year 6 classroom to talk to the children as we prepare for the SATs tests next week. The children took part in a workshop with activities to alleviate stress and promote well-being.

Next week our Year 6 children will sit their end of Key Stage 2 SATs papers in reading, maths and SPAG. Over the past few weeks and months they have worked incredibly hard in preparation for these tests and I am extremely proud of each and every one of them.For some, this week will be quite challenging, emotionally some will be on a rollercoaster and for others they will take it in their stride. As their head teacher, but also a parent, I know that it is not an easy week and there is something they all need to remember.

The SATs tests do not test what makes our children special and unique. They do not know that they sing, dance and are extremely creative. They do not measure how kind they are to their friends or how they look after their classmates. They do not know how far they can run, how well they can ride a horse or how many goals they have scored. They do not know that they have overcome hurdles and obstacles in their life and they certainly do not test how special, unique and amazing they are as individuals. The results from these tests will tell them something, but not everything. They will not define them as an individual; personality, kindness, empathy are far more important at the end of the day.

I would also personally like to thank Miss Hickson for all her work this year with the children in year 6. Having taught year 6 myself for many years I know how much time and energy is given to ensure each pupil achieves their potential. I am sure that once again you'll agree that Miss Hickson has given, as with all teachers at Bunbury, 110% to the class of 2023.



Today we celebrated the coronation of King Charles in school. Due to the unpredictability of the British weather we decided on an indoor street party which had been superbly prepared by Mrs Crook and her team. The hall was decorated with bunting and balloons in preparation and the children looked fantastic in their red, white and blue outfits. During the day the children were asked to draw, paint or write about a future they would like to see that puts nature first to celebrate the Kings commitment to nature and the environment. We look forward to sharing this display with you.



#### **Reception Parent council Member**

Our parent council are a group of parents who represent the parent body within their child's class and hold regular meeting with Mrs Badger. The meetings are held half termly after school for about 45 mins via zoom. During the meeting questions from the parent body can be raised to clear any confusions or add clarity to things taking place in school, it is also a fantastic opportunity to raise with school any positives which can often go unheard.

We are currently looking for 2 representatives from our **RECEPTION** parent class to join our parent council team. Should you be interested in taking on this role please contact Mrs Badger on <u>principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk</u>

#### **PTA events**

We have some new dates for Bunbury PTA fundraising in school during the summer term (more information to follow) :

Wednesday 24th May - Summer term whole school disco

Friday 16th June - "Break 'some' of the rules day!" (crazy hair/ no uniform etc)



#### **Sporting News**



#### Summer term 2023 sporting fixtures

Thurs 20th Apr	Y4/5/6 cross country	4-5pm field
Thurs 27th Apr	No event due to strike action.	
Thurs 4th May	y1/2/3 cross country	4-5pm field
Thurs 11th May	y3/4 athletics	4-5:30pm field
Thurs 18th May	y5/6 athletics	4-5:30pm field

Yesterday our Year 1,2 and 3 children took part in the cross country event at Tarporley High School. Mr Friel led and supported our team and we thank him for his commitment to developing sport in school. It was great to hear reports that the team were fantastic and there were plenty of medals shared across the 3 year groups.





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#### **PE Award**

This weeks award goes to **Sophie in Year 2** for her amazing tennis skills this week

## Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

We have now been awarding children with different Christian values for a while based on the half termly focus value. We will still be working on a half termly value within school and this term we will be focusing on : Service. Now that the children have a deeper understanding of our Christian Values we will be asking them to help choose a child from their class each week. This could be in recognition for any value we have been working on in school

#### **Christian Value award**

- **YR** Charlotte for showing respect to all the adults in Reception
- Y1 Isobel B for being a great friend to others, always
- Y2 Bertie for always showing respect
- **Y3** Florrie for always showing respect to her friends and being ready to learn
- Y4 Stanley for always showing all of the Christian values
- **Y5** Alexa for being a kind and caring friend
- ${\bf Y6}$  Belle for always showing respect to classmates and teachers



#### **Headteacher Award**

- YR Theodore for his fantastic work in Maths
- $\ensuremath{\textbf{Y1}}\xspace$  Rafferty for fantastic reading this week
- **Y2** Finley for his brilliant fairy tale writing
- Y3 Archie and Daisy for their incredible descriptions of a war-torn city
- Y4 Issey, William Burr, Heidi and Callum for their brilliant persuasive letter!
- **Y5** Alex for all of his hard work in every lesson
- Y6 All of Year 6 for their hard work when getting ready for next week

#### **Mathletics Awards**

YR Bronze Lily & Arabella

- Y1 Bronze Lucy, Aelwen, Raphaella & Poppy Silver Lucy & Raphaella
- Y2 Bronze Saskia, JP & Jack Morg
- Y3 Bronze Jonty, Tom, Charlie, Isla & Theo Silver Theo
- Y5 Bronze Rose, Ella, Elise, Isabelle, Gemma & Freddie

#### **Times tables Awards**

Y4 Bronze Morgan

Champ 99q with inverse 3 mins - Stanley

15,16 x table 40q - George

Y6 Champ Euan, Hugo & Emily H

I wish you all a lovely, restful bank holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing you in school on Tuesday.

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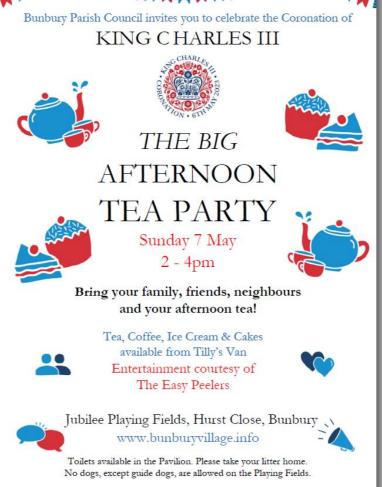


**CORONATION TRAIL** FOR TODDLERS IN **BUNBURY PARK** ON MONDAY 8TH MAY FROM 10AM - 1PM

#### £1 ENTRY

TRAIL MAPS & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCOUT HUT FROM TOAM-IPM. ONE PRIZE PER ENTRY.





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