

## School Fest Newsletter 2024

This week the children have taken part in our Schools Fest event 2024. Enjoyed by all 196 children in school they have been able to participate in a range of different activities which have included: Forest skills, Taekwondo, Bubble Capers, Silent disco, Street Dance, Drumming, Nerf Battles, Kayaking, Cave bus and new for 2024 High ropes, Crazy golf and Fencing.

A huge thank you also to our parent helpers who have led Festival Makeovers for children and staff and Mr Bennett for the camp cricket! Thank you also to those parents who also helped to set up the site for the week by putting up tents at the weekend. Your support as always is very much appreciated and without the behind the science support School Fest would not be the event it is.

Through the week our Year 6 and Year 3 have also enjoyed an overnight camp on the field and it has been fantastic to see all the children challenging themselves and enjoying new experiences. As head teacher, I am passionate that our school is so much more than academic learning. The skills and personal development the children have encountered this week cannot be put into a percentage but it is clear from their faces that much learning and development has taken place.

It has been fantastic to see all our children develop resilience, independence, strength of character and practical skills as well as overcoming personal fears and challenges throughout the week. The enjoyment and laughter has been infectious all week and I know everyone has thoroughly enjoyed what the week has offered.

School Fest began during covid and was born out of the fact that our children had not taken part in such activities due to the pandemic. The commitment of the staff team ensured that despite everything this was not going to be an element of our school that the children were going to miss out on. 4 years later we are still passionate about the opportunities these type of weeks bring to our children and so School Fest continues and is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year. Weeks like this would though not be possible without all of the Bunbury staff working as a team to bring the event to life and provide an even better experience than last year.

I am always humbled by the dedication, commitment, engagement and enthusiasm that each staff member working at Bunbury gives to our school and I am sure you will join me in thanking them. Without all of them working together this event could not take place.

A special thank you needs though to be said to Mrs Armitage who has organised all the timetables and activities, Mrs Walker for her pizza preparation and cooking both nights this week and to Ms Charlesworth for collating all the risk assessment paperwork which we need to have in place. There are so many more things I could say about this week but I think the photos of the children below really do sum up what an incredible week it has been.....

I wish you all a very restful weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday for the final week of the academic year.

Many thanks as always for your continued support  
Mrs Badger





