

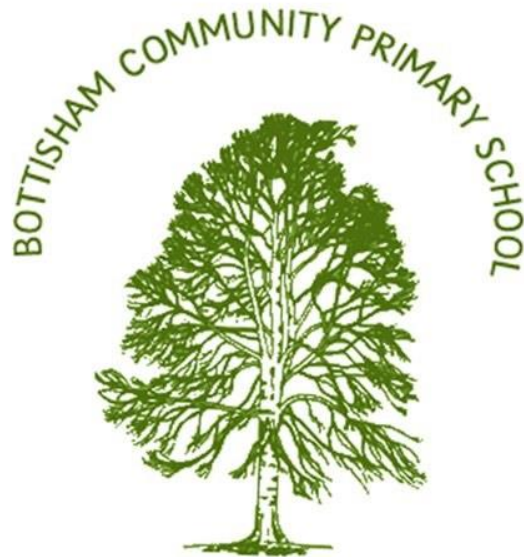
BCPS News 27.01.23



Welcome to this fortnight's edition of our school newsletter!

Friday 27th January 2023

Headteacher Update



Welcome to another edition of our whole school newsletter. This fortnight, we are introducing our 'Subject Spotlight'. In each edition, we will focus on a different subject within our curriculum, giving a greater insight into how the subject is taught and what knowledge and skills the children will learn in that area as they move through the school. We are starting thing off with PE (Physical Education) and hope you find it informative.

We were pleased to work with Diversity Role Models this week in delivering workshops to our Y5/6 children (see below) as part of our PSHE (personal, social and health education) curriculum. Although the rest of the school didn't participate on this occasion, we enjoyed sharing the book 'The Great Big Book of Families' in our whole school assembly this week, celebrating the wonderful ways that families can be different but also the similarities that we all share.

Finally, we would like to wish a fabulous time to the Y4 children who are going to Burwell House next week for their first school residential visit. We will make sure that parents and carers are kept updated through email, Facebook and Twitter.

Mrs Johnston

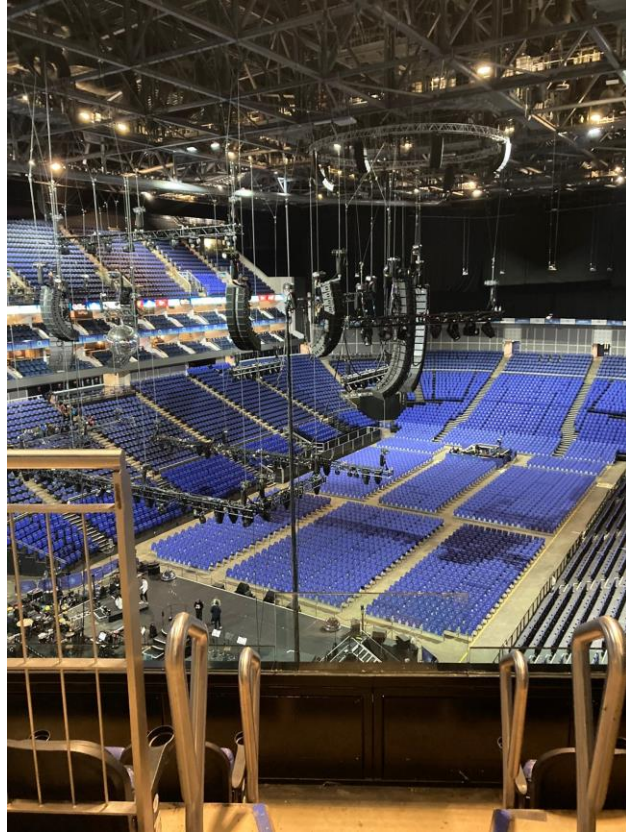
Spring Term 2023 Diary Dates

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| Thursday 5 th January | School opens to pupils |
| Friday 13 th January | Y6 Cool Choices session |
| Monday 16 th January | Burwell House residential trip (Y4) – information event |
| Friday 20 th January | PTA Film Night |
| Monday 23 rd January | Diversity Role Models Workshop – Y5/6 |
| Tuesday 24 th January | O2 Choir visit |
| Thursday 2 nd – Friday 3 rd February | Y4 residential visit to Burwell House |
| Monday 6 th February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Friday 10 th February | PTA Valentine's Cake Stall |
| Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February | Half term |
| Friday 24 th February | PTA Young Apprentice event – Y5/6 |
| Tuesday 28 th February | Parent / Carer Consultations |
| Thursday 2 nd March | Parent / Carer Consultations |
| Friday 3 rd March | World Book Day |
| Tuesday 14 th March | Sycamore Class Assembly |
| Friday 10 th March | PTA Mother's Day Gift event |
| Friday 17 th March | KS1 visit to Mountfitchet Castle |
| Monday 20 th March | Y5 Bikeability |
| Monday 20 th March | YR Village Walk |
| Wednesday 22 nd March | World Water Day |
| Thursday 24 th March | Anglian Learning Y5/6 Cross Country competition |
| Tuesday 28 th March | Y3/4 Production |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Willow visit to Wellcome Genome Campus |
| Thursday 30 th March | Maple & Sycamore visit to Wellcome Genome Campus |
| Thursday 30 th March | Anglian Learning Y3/4 Music Event @ West Road |
| Friday 31 st March | Last day of term |

A reminder that bookings for the parent and carer consultation meetings on 28th Feb / 1st Mar are now open on [My Child At School](#).

Young Voices Concert @ The O2





On 24th January, the choir joined around 10,000 children from other schools to take part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London. It was a wonderful evening of song and dance which provided some truly magical moments. A huge thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children on the trip and a special mention to Mrs McMahon - this trip took a great deal of planning and preparation which was driven by her never-ending enthusiasm and passion.

Lunar New Year



1 - The children in Oak and Ash Class have been finding out about Lunar New Year this week and have been practicing their cutting skills with these paper lanterns.

Y5/6 Diversity Role Models Workshop



On 23rd January, the children in Y5/6 had the opportunity to take part in an online workshop with Diversity Role Models. The session focussed on exploring diverse families and understanding about the fundamental similarities that exist between all families, regardless of how they look from the outside. The children also learned about the impact of hurtful language and how to appropriately challenge it. The highlight of this session was a story from a LGBT+ role model, Laura, who spoke about her own experience. The children were brilliant throughout the sessions and made thoughtful and considered contributions.

Parent Survey Feedback



A huge thank you to everyone who responded to our parent survey on communication before Christmas. It's so helpful to have your feedback as it helps shape and develop what we do.

In response to your feedback, we are pleased to share that we will have already made some changes:

- We have a new school website which is easier to navigate and has lots of information that we know is useful such as the school lunch menu which can be found [here](#).
- From the spring term we have made sure that a PDF copy of the newsletter is sent out with the online link and previous issues are also available on our website as well so that you can refer back to them.

- To help keep everyone up to date with PTA events, we will make sure that they are advertised in our newsletter. You can also follow the PTA on [Facebook](#) and on their [website](#).
- We know that the move to My Child At School was a big change and want to say thank you again for your patience whilst we dealt with various technical issues. Your feedback suggested that most people are now able to use MCAS and feel confident to do so. If you are still having issues with this, please do let us know.

Bottisham Primary PTA



Subject Spotlight: PE

PE Subject Lead: Diana Sands

Physical Education is part of our children's weekly timetable at Bottisham Primary School and an integral part of their learning, with aims and intended outcomes that stretch beyond the physical activity by making connections with health, wellbeing and making choices for an active lifestyle.

What will the teachers do?

Through PE, teachers will model a positive attitude to sports and physical activity; they will encourage engagement in a range of physical activity, seek and embrace opportunities for their own CPD. They will also plan events for the children to compete or perform in and celebrate the children's success and personal achievements in sports, physical activity and decisions made to pursue an active life.

What will the children experience?

Through PE, children will participate in a wide range of sports and physical activities, develop resilience, teamwork skills, determination and drive to achieve their best. They will also have opportunities to compete in intra-school competitions, organize and lead their own activities, events and games, where appropriate, develop and model the skills of 'good sportsmanship', including respect for rules and the ability to win or lose gracefully.

How will the curriculum support those aims?

Our physical education curriculum is carefully planned to include a range of indoor and outdoor based lessons throughout the year and provides a varied and progressive learning programme. All children will receive at least two hours of engaging, high quality and enjoyable physical education lessons per week, as well as taking part in at least half an hour of physical activities per day. Appropriate provision is in place to support a range of learning needs and abilities and ensure positive outcomes for all children.

- In KS1, the focus of the PE curriculum is on the development of the fundamental skills that will be built upon in KS2 when they are applied in specific sports. We aim to help ensure a positive and healthy physical and mental outlook in the future and help young people to develop essential skills like leadership and teamwork. Within each lesson, we strive to give every child the opportunity to develop skills in PE, consider the impact on their health and fitness, compete/perform and evaluate.

- In KS2, the curriculum is mapped out so that it offers opportunities to develop skills that could be showcased not only in intra-school competitions, but also in fixtures against other schools. We usually deliver the same focus across the key stage. For example, in the autumn term, all children participated in Rugby lessons, followed by Football lessons in the second half term. Mr Green delivered these, while class teachers taught Dance and gymnastics.

- The teachers use the Cambridgeshire Scheme of Work to support their planning and ensure appropriate progression between age groups, skills and vocabulary development.

What else is there available to support the children's holistic approach towards PE and Sport?

At BPS, we strive to promote a healthy and active lifestyle that complements what each family no doubt desires for their child. It starts in the classroom, but over time, we have developed a comprehensive provision that offers:

- A wide variety of before and after school clubs
- Opportunities for inter-school competitions delivered in partnership with colleagues from within Cambridge Sports Partnership and Anglian Learning Academy Trust
- Opportunities for parents to volunteer in school and deliver sports clubs in preparation to various inter-school events
- Young Leaders training for our Year 6 children
- Bike ability courses
- Sports holiday clubs delivered in Partnership with Premier Sports
- Links with other organizations to promote inclusive and disability sports through enrichment activities



KS1 MULTI SPORTS

23RD JANUARY 2023
MARLEIGH PRIMARY ACADEMY



WHAT AN AMAZING EVENT! MARLEIGH PRIMARY ACADEMY PLAYED HOST TO 4 ANGLIAN LEARNING SCHOOLS FOR A KS1 MULTI SPORTS FESTIVAL. 33 YEAR 1 AND 2 STUDENTS FOR MARLEIGH, FEN DITTON, BOTTISHAM AND HOWARD COMMUNITY TOOK PART IN A CAROUSEL OF ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDED JUST DANCE, YOGA, NEW AGE KURLING, SKIPPING, THROWING AND CATCHING, TARGET THROWING, RELAY RACES AND HULA HOOPING! THE CHILDREN WERE SUPPORTED BY 8 INCREDIBLE SPORTS LEADERS WHO SHOWED THEMSELVES TO BE FANTASTIC ROLE MODELS AND A CREDIT TO THEIR SCHOOLS! THE CHILDREN HAD LOADS OF FUN AND TOOK PART IN THE EVENTS WITH A MASSIVE SMILE ON THEIR FACES. THEIR BEHAVIOUR WAS PERFECT AND EVERYONE REPRESENTED THEIR SCHOOL WITH PRIDE! LET'S DO IT AGAIN SOON! WELL DONE EVERYONE!



ANGLIAN LEARNING



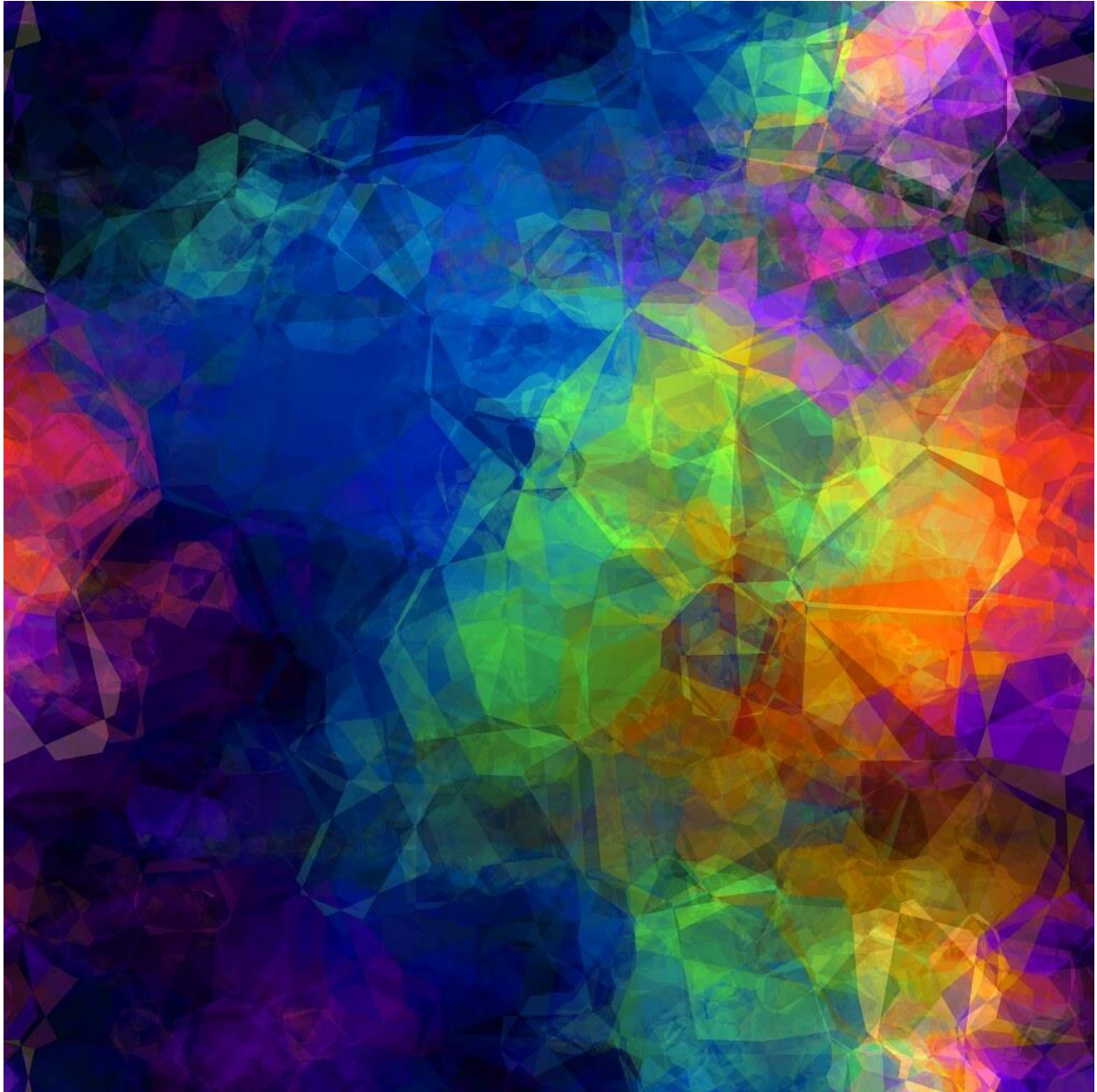
Are you worried about a child, family or friend?

Child Protection involves taking steps to safeguard children and young people at risk of, or suffering from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. It also means protecting children from witnessing Domestic Abuse and Violence as well as supporting families who are in financial or medical difficulties. It is vital that **everyone** takes personal responsibility to look after children, families and friends and report their concerns. If we all watch out for each other then we will ultimately support and protect the future lives of our children.



If you have a concern about the safety and welfare of a child at our school, you can email our confidential address on safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org.

Term Dates 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 2 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5 September - Start of term

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October - Half term

Wednesday 21st December - End of term

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4 January - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 5 January - Start of term

Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February - Half term

Friday 31 March - End of term

Summer term 2023

Monday 17 April - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 18 April - Start of term

Monday 1 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June - Half term

Monday 5 June - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 19 July - End of term

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Please get in touch if you have any queries - our office team will be happy to help

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