



Bryony School Newsletter

Spring Term

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Science - KS1



This term we have been learning about 'Everyday Materials and their Uses'. In recent weeks we have been testing various materials to see whether they are waterproof or not.

Last week we did an exciting experiment to test the absorbency of materials. We wanted to know whether it would be better to use a sponge or a kitchen paper towel to clear up spilled coffee. We wanted to know which material was most absorbent. We got two glasses and filled them with an equal measure of water (300 mls). We then put the sponge in one glass and the paper towel in the other. We then used our maths skills to calculate how much water each had absorbed.

We found that the sponge absorbed more water and would therefore be the best thing to use.

Mrs Paice and Mrs Apps



Year 3 Topic

This term Year 3 have been learning about Britain.

Have a look at their home learning projects, where they have recreated famous landmarks. The children have made some fantastic models .

Can you guess what they are?

Mrs Dyne



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Safer Internet Day

During the Safer Internet Day celebrations, children participated in a variety of engaging educational sessions. A comprehensive presentation was conducted, emphasizing the importance of online safety and the various forms that scams can take. Key Stage 1 students engaged in a hands-on computing lesson led by Miss Hills. The aims were to instil basic computing skills while ensuring children understand the essential practices for online safety. Reception classes took part in practical sessions utilizing laptops within the classroom environment, where they were introduced to fundamental concepts of internet awareness in a safe and controlled setting.



Miss Hills



KS1 - The World

This term KS1 have been learning about The World. The children have made papier mâché globes in Art. The children have developed essential fine motor skills such as cutting and tearing paper, carefully applying glue and skilfully sticking pieces together to build the globe's form.

Mrs Dyne



Love to Read

Congratulations to all of your for achieving your 'Love to Read' Certificates this week! Mrs Gee



Yellow 30 Reads - Bella & Nancy

Green 60 Reads - Sai

Blue 90 Reads - Mireya

Purple 120 Reads - Rachel,
Maggie, Avery & Amira

Red 150 Reads - Avery



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Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day, celebrated annually, serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of online safety, particularly for children navigating the vast digital landscape. In 2025, this significant observance focused on the theme of 'Scams: Too Good to Be True,' a potent topic aimed at educating young minds about the pervasive nature of online scams. The day's activities were designed to create awareness among students about the potential dangers lurking online and to equip them with the knowledge necessary to protect themselves and their devices.

Safer Internet Day 2025 | Tuesday
11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk



In addition to Year 4's contributed by creating their own posters and presentations,, a selection of the posters which will be created by years 3,4,5 and 6 will be used to display in both the infant and junior sites. This sense of community involvement highlights the integral role that teamwork and peer education play in reinforcing the messages of Safer Internet Day. As we look to the future, it is essential to continue fostering this culture of awareness, ensuring that

our young learners are prepared to engage with the internet confidently and safely.



Miss Hills



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KS1 - Topic

Our topic this term has been 'What a Wonderful World' and we have been learning about the Continents, the Oceans and the geography of the United Kingdom.

This week we looked at some of the 'Wonders of The World'. We were amazed by the size of the colossal statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. We looked at photographs of the statue and we also used Google Earth



to get an idea of what it would be like to stand beside it.



We wanted to see how big it would actually be if it was in our playground, so we went outside and used a metre wheel to measure 30 metres, which is the same as the height of

the statue. When we had measured 30 metres we all linked arms to see how many children would be needed to re-create the height of the statue. We needed the help of the pre-school and Reception classes (and their teachers) to help us as it was so long! It took 35 children and adults to stretch the length of 30 metres. We had a lot of fun and thank you to EYFS for helping us.



Year 3 - Art

We have been designing 'hats' in our Art lessons. The designs were inspired by Coco Chanel! Year 3 created these wonderful hats from the designs.

They look amazing well done Year 3!

Mrs Kilbourne



Sports News

Mini Youth Games : Table Tennis

On Wednesday 5th February, our Table Tennis team entered the final indoor MYG Cup event of the school year. The children had been practising hard within their morning and lunchtime breaks and were full of eagerness and enthusiasm.



We were placed within a group which included the schools of St Andrew's and Gads Hill. Within each match three girls and three boys played single matches against the corresponding three girls and three boys from the opposing school. We played six matches, winning four of them, drawing one and losing one. Our one loss was against St Andrew's, with it being a narrow 4-2 defeat. As with the Badminton, we eagerly awaited the final placings as we knew that we had played well and were unsure whether we had done enough to achieve a top three placing and hence receive a trophy and medals. When it came to announcing 4th place, the organisers declared that the next three teams had all achieved the same results with regards to the matches won, drawn and lost and therefore

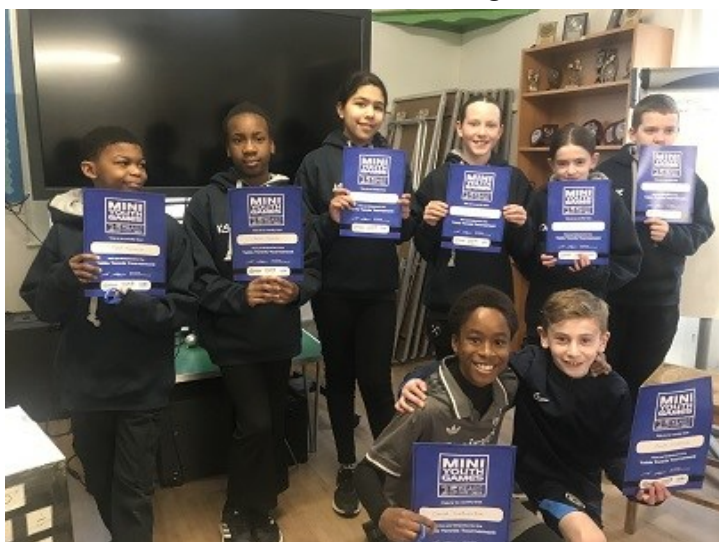
placings would be dictated by points difference in games within those matches.

Unfortunately we achieved the lowest aggregate difference and therefore missed out on a trophy and medals. It was the badminton results all over again, except this time we had come one place higher! The team accepted the results with good grace but were obviously disappointed.

As with all school teams that enter sports competitions, the children handled themselves with exemplary behaviour.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and support the children on the day.

Mr Johnson



Extra Curricular Rugby Festival

The year 2 boys took part in the rugby festival at Blackheath on Sunday.

George, Isaac and Ted were all in the yellow team coached by former pupil **Oscar Weekes** and his dad Steve..

They showed amazing rugby skills, passing, tagging and lots of tries. They worked as a team throughout the day and had lots of fun!

Well done boys what a great weekend of rugby!





Congratulations to **Neve & Lyla**

who celebrate their birthdays this week
and during the half term break !

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Practising your spellings will always help you when you have your spelling tests...

- Year 1 :** 1st - **Sybil**
2nd - **Katarina**
3rd - **Emily**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **Ted**
3rd - **Isaac**
- Year 3 :** 1st - **Hollie**
2nd - **Obarinsola**
3rd - **Leah**
- Year 4 :** 1st - **Evelyn**
2nd - **Siobhan**
3rd - **Rachel**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Matilda**
2nd - **Amira**
3rd - **Charlotte**
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Safet**
2nd - **Olivia**
3rd - **Kesi**

Another **full house** this week of the top 3 on the **SpellingShed** program. Well done !



The more you practise the better you will become!

- Year 1 :** 1st - **Sybil**
2nd - **Emily**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **Ted**
3rd - **Penny**
- Year 4 :** 1st - **Siobhan**
2nd - **Evelyn**
3rd - **Rachel**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Lyla**
2nd - **Matilda**
3rd - **Alicia**
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Safet**
2nd - **Olivia**

MathShed is a great way to help you learn and practise your Maths skills. Well done to all those who are using the program.

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Reminders

Uniform

Please make sure your child returns to school wearing the correct uniform. Uniform is available at **Schooltime, Chatham**
<https://schooltime.co.uk>

Academic Diary

Our academic diary is on our website. Please scan the QR code to view it.

Morning and After School Care

If you require morning or after school care please complete the ParentMail form, in advance.



Diary Dates

February

Monday 17th - Friday 21st - Spring Half Term Holiday

Monday 24th - Founders Day (belated celebrations)

Tuesday 25th - Year 6 Swimming, Medway Park

Thursday 27th - Year 3 & 4 HSSP Multi Skills Festival, Howard School

Thursday 27th - Parents' evening - Year 5 at Meresborough Road

March

Tuesday 4th - Year 6 Swimming, Medway Park

Thursday 6th - Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills Festival, Hundred of Hoo

Thursday 6th - Official World Book Day

Junior Clubs

Day of the Week	Lunchtime/ After School	Type of Club	How to Sign Up	Teacher
Monday	Lunchtime	Crochet Club	Via ParentMail- Fully Booked	Ms Jug and Mrs King
Monday	Lunchtime	Netball	Via ParentMail	Mrs Atkins
Tuesday	After School	Tag Rugby	Via ParentMail	Mr Johnson
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Art and Mindfulness	Mrs Kilbourne	Mrs Kilbourne
Friday	Lunchtime	Construction Club	Mrs Dyne	Mrs Dyne



House Points Term 2



Weekly House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Emerald	209
2nd	Sapphire	187
3rd	Zircon	121
4th	Ruby	78

Emerald are top this week hot on the tail of **Sapphire**
who are still top for them so far!

Well done to everyone that has been awarded **House Points** this week!

Running House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Sapphire	1151
2nd	Emerald	1086
3rd	Zircon	854
4th	Ruby	656