



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Autumn 2022-Issue 93

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our end of the week has been slightly different to the normal routine; today we have welcomed visitors from West End in Schools who have been working with Reception and Year 1 and Education Group who have been working with Year 3 and Year 6 on a range of activities that celebrate the Chinese New Year (see below for more details). Also, at the time of this newsletter's publication, a group of very excited pupils and staff will be singing their way through the afternoon and early evening at the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham. I am with the group so I will be full of news to report back on in next week's newsletter!

Because today has been so busy, we held our Values Assemblies yesterday. We are incredibly proud of our values champions read on for the names of these amazing children!

As you will no doubt be aware, today is Holocaust Memorial Day - it takes place on the 27th January each year and is a time to remember and honour the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, and the millions of other victims of Nazism in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The events around the world today are a real demonstration of how the lessons of the past can inform our lives today and ensure that everyone works together to create a safer, better future.

By its very nature the subject of the Holocaust is extremely upsetting, however at BVP we want to mark this day not only to teach our children about this hugely significant part of history, but to show our deepest respect to the Jewish members of our school and wider community. This morning our oldest children have been given a sensitive insight into the reasons why we have this memorial day and next week, as part of the Year 6 History curriculum, children will be engaging in some carefully and thoughtfully selected activities that will raise their awareness of this further.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Tue 31 Jan	Governing Board Pupil & Staff Welfare
Fri 3 & Fri 10 Feb	5M/ 5E BCMG Workshop Governing Board Curriculum & Standards
Mon 6 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week Internet Safety Week
Wed 8 Feb	Y2 Online Safety Workshop
Thu 9 Feb	Y5 Online Safety Workshop
Fri 15 Feb	Governing Board Finance & Personnel
Thu 16 & Fri 17 Feb	5GW BCMG Workshop
<i>Fri 17 Feb</i>	<i>Pupils Breakup for half term</i>
<i>Mon 27 Feb</i>	<i>Pupils Return to School for Spring Term 2</i>
Thu 2 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 3 Mar	Y6 Bletchley Park Trip
Wed 8 Mar	Parents' Evening
Thu 9 March	Parents' Evening
Wed 22 Mar	Governing Board Finance & Personnel
Tue 28 Mar	KS1 Easter Service - TBC
Thu 30 Mar	Full Governing Board
Fr 31 Mar	<i>Pupils Breakup for half term</i>
Tue 18 April	<i>Pupils Return to School for Summer Term 1</i>

As promised, I am sharing a summary of the Parent Survey Responses - once again thank you to the many parents and carers who contributed to the survey. This has given us plenty to think about and I am aiming to share some 'You said....We did...' news with you regularly via these newsletters.

We also need to update you on plans for Wednesday (1st Feb) when the NEU are calling for strike action. As this is a complicated issue, we have sent out a separate letter giving you all the information - please do read this carefully.

Finally, we are aware that not all our families read the newsletter (we are working on ways to improve this!) but in the meantime, if you are a regular reader and know of others who are not, please prompt them to do so as it is through these weekly updates that we can keep you fully informed.

Take care everyone - we hope you have a peaceful weekend.

Mrs A Cooper

Head Teacher

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is the responsibility of everyone in our school and at all times we consider what is in our children's best interests. We work to ensure our children are safe and cared for and by doing this we are protecting their health and development and preventing them from harm. If we are worried, we will raise concerns, share information, and take prompt action with the aim of ensuring families receive the right help at the right time.

Parent Survey Spring 2023 Summary of Responses

The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	59
Agree	128
Disagree	18
Strongly disagree	1
Don't Know	1



The school has high expectations for my child. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	42
Agree	120
Disagree	19
Strongly disagree	6
Don't Know	20



My child has been bullied. (0 point)

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Yes	51
My child has not been bullied	156



My child feels safe at this school. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	105
Agree	90
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	3
Don't Know	2



When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly. (If you answered yes to question 8.) My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

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Strongly agree	43
Agree	103
Disagree	17
Strongly disagree	8
Don't Know	31



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Strongly agree	7
Agree	3
Disagree	10
Strongly disagree	4
Don't Know	24



There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	61
Agree	125
Disagree	9
Strongly disagree	1
Don't Know	10



My child does well at this school. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	58
Agree	124
Disagree	12
Strongly disagree	1
Don't Know	11



My child is happy at this school. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	94
Agree	98
Disagree	10
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	2



My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	31
Agree	109
Disagree	34
Strongly disagree	15
Don't Know	17



My child receives the right amount of homework. (0 point)

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Yes	155
No	51



The school is well led. (0 point)

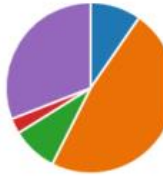
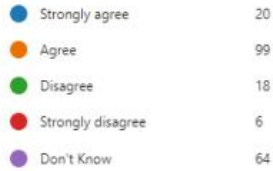
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Strongly agree	32
Agree	130
Disagree	11
Strongly disagree	7
Don't Know	26



16. My child receives the right amount of pastoral support. (0 point)

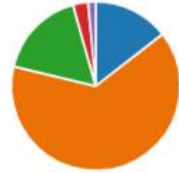
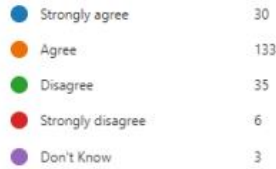
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The school lets me know how my child is doing. (0 point)

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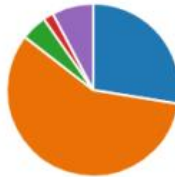
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The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. (0 point)

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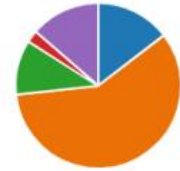
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The school supports my child's wider personal development. (0 point)

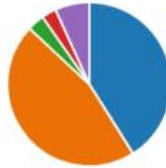
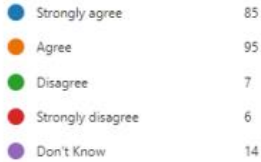
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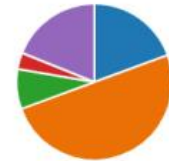
I would recommend this school to another parent. (0 point)

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I can easily talk to senior staff if I have a concern. (0 point)

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I am happy with the format of my child's homework. (0 point)

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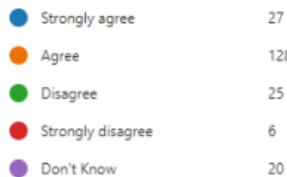
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There are opportunities for me to be involved in school life. (0 point)

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The final question asked parents and carers if they wanted to add any further comments.

We have categorised the content of the comments –

13	...comments related to...	lack of number/ lack of variety of after school clubs
13		format / organisation/ quality of homework /teachers' marking of homework
6		a positive comment or thanks
6		behaviour of other children and the behaviour policy
5		lack of/ format of communication
4		lack of pastoral provision
4		senior staff not being approachable
4		lack of academic progress
Other comments related to: forest schools; playtimes; parking outside school; classes who have job-sharing teachers.		



Today, teachers have awarded the **Values Champion Trophy** for demonstrating *challenge* to the following children:

KS1

RR – Mohammed I
RGR – Finnley J
RS – Ayaan S

1T – Arlo B
1C – Ehsan C
1G – Mille S

2B – Toby B
2S – Oscar H
2THP – Lily L

KS2

3C – Renesme L
3B – Luca P
3H – Olivia M

4S – Annabelle D
4A – James P
4KS – Antonio T

5E – Holly N
5GW – Lewis R
5M – Polly M

6O – Kelsea O
6C – Charlotte M
6T – Felix F



Occupational Therapy Parent Workshop

We will be holding another Occupational Therapy Parent Workshop on Thursday 9th February - 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Old Library, George Building. (Please note that there is a flight of stairs to access the venue).

If you would like to attend, please [click here](#)

West Midlands Speech and Language Therapy Presents....

Occupational Therapy Parent Workshop

Developing your child's independence skills

This workshop has been developed for parents of children and young people who require continued adult support to participate in self-care tasks. The workshop aims are:

- To provide an overview of the skills required that enable children to develop their independence in activities such as washing, dressing, toileting and feeding.
- To provide an overview of practical strategies which can be used at home to support your child's development of independence skills

9th February at 1:30

**This workshop will be held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS
within your child's school.**

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MAY-SEPTEMBER
ROWHEATH PAVILION,BOURNVILLE
(OUTDOORS)

GROUP TIMES
RECEPTION 9AM-10AM
YEAR 1 9AM-10AM
YEAR 2 10AM-11AM
YEAR 3 10AM-11AM
YEAR 4 11AM-12PM
YEAR 5 11AM-12PM
YEAR 6 11AM-12PM



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