



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first week of the half term has flown by and it has been as busy as ever!

Thankyou for your support with Wednesday's **industrial action** planning- we hope that the arrangements we made suited everyone and that you felt you were able to make decisions based on the individual needs of your children and your families. The next proposed days are the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March- we will let you know more details nearer the time when unions have confirmed their plans.

**World Book Day** on Thursday was a tremendous success- it was great to see the variety of costumes and the huge number of 'home-made' outfits and ideas which cleverly (and cheaply!) used school uniform to create a character. During our two assemblies, all year groups recited a poem that they had learnt off-by-heart. Try testing your children at home and see if they can remember all the lines!

## DATES FOR DIARIES

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| Wed 8 Mar    | Parents' Evening                                       |
| Thu 9 Mar    | Parents' Evening                                       |
| Fri 10 Mar   | KS2 Guitar and Ukulele Concert - 2.15pm in George Hall |
| Fri 17 Mar   | Red Nose Day – info to follow                          |
| Wed 22 Mar   | Governing Board Finance & Personnel                    |
| Fri 24 Mar   | Y2 Easter Assembly – 2pm at St Francis Church          |
| 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>       |





Today, **Year Six are out visiting Bletchley Park** in Milton Keynes, once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers - we look forward to hearing all about the trip when they return later this afternoon.

Last half term we thought carefully about how we communicate with and support you with your **children's attendance and punctuality**; we are now ready to introduce a few tweaks which will give every family regular updates and will reduce the number of individual letters we send out. We are also very keen to speak to and meet with parents and families regarding any support required, rather than communicating by letter in the first instances. We hope this more personal approach will feel more supportive and will mean we can give parents and children the right support at the right time. Later this afternoon you will receive an Attendance Update email giving you more details.

Now we are getting our sports clubs up and running again, **we are looking for a sponsor in the community to help us buy kits** and strips- if you (or anyone you know) has a business that would like to sponsor us, please do get in touch!

Before half term we told you that we will be **increasing the number and variety of 'non sport' after-school clubs** - we are still in the process of getting these arranged- thank you for your patience! Just for your information, we have increased the lunchtime sports activities for KS2 children particularly and next week we are introducing Chess and Library Club at lunchtime too.

We hope you appreciate the additional information and links that we attach to our weekly newsletters- we are trying to increase the variety of these and also make some features 'regular'. If you have any thoughts about information or signposting that you think would be useful to our parents and families, please let us know.

**Finally, thank you to those who are talking to me via Head@.** I really appreciate the two-way communication and I hope that you feel that matters are discussed, and issues are resolved swiftly, as a result.

We hope you all have a super weekend and that we can all see a bit of sunshine. Take care all.

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.*



Do you (or anyone you know) own a business?

We are looking for a sponsor in the community to help us buy sporting kits and strips – if you can help, please do get in touch!

Thank you!



Today, teachers have awarded the Values certificate for demonstrating *respect* to the following children:

### KS1

RR – Seth T  
RGR – William F & Grace G  
RS – Samuel C  
  
1T – Megan A  
1C – Autumn C & Isabella E  
1G – Jack C  
  
2B – Abigail R  
2S – Aurora H-S  
2THP – Grace L

### KS2

3C – Isabeau- Rae B  
3B – Jessica P  
3H – Nathila P  
  
4S – Luisa G  
4A – Harrison C  
4KS - Layla P & Caleb S  
  
5E – Noah G  
5GW - Teddy M  
5M – Troy L



## Music News



PROUD TO BE A  
MUSIC MARK  
SCHOOL

2022 - 2023

*We're thrilled to announce that once again BVPS has been awarded the Music Mark in recognition of the value that the school places on music. Our thanks go to all staff, music teachers from Services for Education, BCMG, parents and most of all the children for their enthusiasm and commitment to music in school. We couldn't do it without you!*

Our continued commitment will be on display at our various concerts this term; Reception's 'People who Love Us' assemblies, Year 2's Easter Service in St Francis Church and KS2 Guitar and our Ukulele Concert. We hope that you are able to join us for these.

**Guitar and Ukulele Concert Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm George Hall** - A reminder that parents and carers are welcome to attend this concert. Please could you ensure your child brings in their instrument, music and if they have one, a **music stand** (labelled) on this day.

**School Choir (Years 4, 5 and 6)** - It's been wonderful to welcome new members to choir this term. Please email Mrs Vaughan if you'd like to join. Choir takes place on Mondays after school - 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

**Music Lessons in School** - Please remind your children to put their instruments in the music room on the day of their lesson and to collect them at the end of the day. We have a lot of instruments being left in the music room all week. Please also ensure your child's instrument is clearly labelled.

If your child is struggling to practice at home in between lessons, remember even 5 minutes 4 times a week will make a huge difference. We are happy to provide guidance, we know how hard it can be.

If your child wishes to **stop learning an instrument** in school, please email Mrs Vaughan no later than **Friday 17th March** as we have to give notice to amend our contract with the Music Service.

If your child is interested in **starting an instrument** (Year 3 upwards) or joining the school choir (Year 4 upwards), please email Mrs Vaughan [music@bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk](mailto:music@bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk).

If your child is not in school on the day of their lesson but you feel they are well enough to receive an online lesson, **please email their instrument teacher the night before**. The teacher will then send a link on Microsoft teams.

Our instrumental teachers are happy for parents to contact them about their child's progress and emails can be found on the school website under *learning/curriculum/music*.

For music lesson payment queries please email [finance@bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk](mailto:finance@bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk) and for general music queries email [music@bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk](mailto:music@bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk)



### Piano/Keyboard and Music Theory Lessons

#### Offered in Bournville with Jo Allchin BMus, ALCM, PGCE

With many years experience as Head of Music, I am now looking to establish a private teaching practice in Bournville. If you are interested in piano, keyboard, or music theory lessons (including ABRSM grade 5) please email Jo Allchin on [jk1.allchin@gmail.com](mailto:jk1.allchin@gmail.com) for more details.

Beginner students especially welcome.

# BVP Nature Garden

Have you got any unwanted flower seeds? Give them to Mr. Evans or a member of staff at BVP



Flower and plant seeds can be donated

We need parent and pupil volunteers to help with our nature gardens.



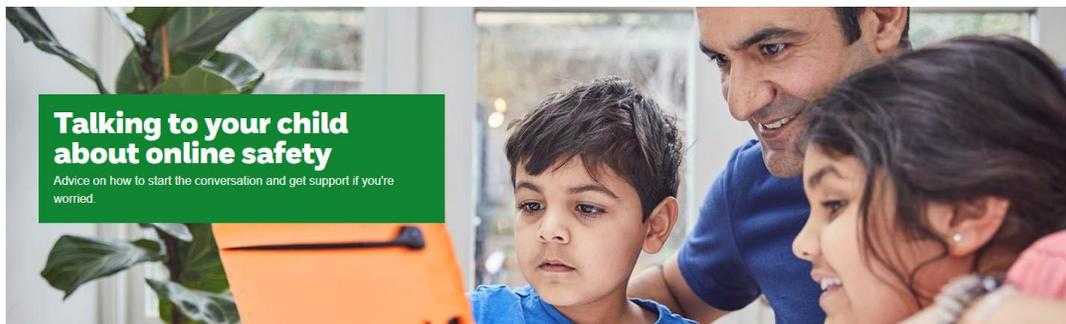
Contact the school via the office.





Welcome to Birmingham Bulletin! For the latest news and events from Birmingham City Council, including GREAT info on Bring it on, Brum, for EVERYONE, [click here](#)

## Online Safety



### Online life and offline life is just life...

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace, and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to you child about what they are doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues. For more information and guidance please click the following link:

[Talking to your children about online safety](#)

## Action for Happiness – Mindful March 2023

Mindful March 2023

MONDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today  
[dayofhappiness.net](http://dayofhappiness.net)

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

TUESDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

WEDNESDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

THURSDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

FRIDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

SATURDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

SUNDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



Signdance Collective present Oriente Plus/Power Cut



For more information please visit: <https://sellymanormuseum.org.uk/events/2023-03-25/signdance-collective-present-oriente-plus-power-cut>

Easter Eggtravaganza



For further details click on the following link: <https://sellymanormuseum.org.uk/events/2023-04-03/easter-extravaganza>