

# BPS Times

**Billingshurst Primary School**

## Spring Term @ BPS



We are nearly at the end of our second term of the year. The learning has continued throughout the term across the whole school. Year 1 have been enjoying forest school activities on Fridays. Year 2 has been invaded by dragons.

The excitement has not stopped as we head into Key Stage 2. Year 3 had a visit from the Rainbow Theatre as well as a fun packed Greek Day and Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Zoolab where they classified animals. Year 5 started the year off with a murder mystery of 'Who killed Tom?' Year 6 have been working on their topic Into the Deep.

This term, KS2 also started their times table assemblies. Mrs Gregory started off as the winning member of staff followed by Mr. Buckler and Mrs Gairns has won it twice. However Mr. Collinson took the hat from her last week.

## Interview with Mrs Gairns

Before the times table assembly, Lily and Olivia from Japan class Yr. 6 interviewed Mrs Gairns to find out all of her times table success. Olivia and Lily found out that when Mrs Gairns was younger she practised her times tables every night which is why she knows all of them. Mrs Gairns also believed that she was unbeatable as she was the teacher's times table master for 2 weeks running. She soon found out otherwise, when in the most recent times table assembly Mr Collinson, the host of the times table assembly, managed to beat her. Mrs Gairns and all the Yr6 classes were feeling annoyed that Mr Collinson defeated Mrs Gairns. However Mrs Wilson has now been crowned champion of champions.

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Tell the editing team what you would like to be included in our newspaper. We are always looking for new ideas to add to our next edition. If you have an article that you would like included let us know.

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### Special points of interest:

- Read about the fun learning taking place in Year 1
- Hear from Mrs Gairns in an interview with the two times table winner!

## Year 4 Cake Sale

During the Spring Term, Year 4 organised a cake sale to make money for the development of a nature garden in the area outside Chile Class. This links in with their learning on animals and habitats.

The response from the children and parents was amazing, in fact we had enough cakes to sell them over two days after school. The Governors even bought some for their meeting.

At the end of the two days of selling the total raised from the cakes stood at £333. Year 4 are also very grateful to the BPSCA for adding an extra £150 to this total.

Year 4 are now busy creating a committee with representatives from each class who will share the ideas of the whole year group. We are hoping to develop the area beyond the raised bed too as we had such an amazing response. A huge thank you from Year 4 to all those who contributed.



**If anyone in the school community has any contacts or skills that may be of use to Year 4 please let one of the teachers know.**

## Year 1 Afternoon Tea Party

As part of their learning Year 1 had an afternoon tea party last week. They all dressed up and enjoyed a variety of goodies. Here is what some of the children wrote about the afternoon.

“On Friday we had an afternoon tea party. I wore an Anna dress. We had flapjack and we drank orange juice.” - Evie, Year 1.

“We ate fairy cakes and they were yummy. I wore a Snow White dress. We had squash to drink.

We had cucumber sandwiches. My favourite was eating the food. We made the fairy cakes for the tea party.” - Neve, Year 1.

“I dressed up as Jack (from Jack and the Beanstalk) and we ate flapjacks and we made flowers.” - Harrison, Year 1.

“I was the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk. I made cucumber sandwiches and flapjacks.” - James, Year 1.

“I wore a dress from the chapter book Violet the Queen Fairy Butterfly. I had some wings. We had flapjacks. I made cucumber sandwiches and I liked them. I had fun.” - Bella,

## Year 3 Greek Day

I loved Greek Day because we tried different foods such as tzatziki and hummus. To make tzatziki we cut up cucumber, garlic, mint and added it to Greek yogurt.

We drew ancient columns (columns are used to hold up houses).

We also did a mini Olympics. This included three events, sprinting, relay race and discus. I won but nearly hit a teacher on the head!

Another highlight was a fashion show where we got to show off all of our costumes.

By Robbie Pogicic Year 3



## Para-Olympic visitor to BPS

During the Spring Term, Lizzie, an inspirational wheelchair racer visited our school in assembly.

Although she is in a wheelchair, she is a real inspiration to everyone. She told us that in 2020 in Tokyo she hopes to be going to the Olympics, to compete in wheelchair racing and she is aiming to get gold.

She has proved to everyone that you can achieve anything, and she has been so determined throughout her life, seeing as she went rock climbing with a broken leg. She has even broken over 70 bones in her body throughout her whole life so far!

She has made the whole school more confident, and we feel as if we can do anything which is why she is a real inspiration. She has inspired us, so we feel like we can do much more than we thought we could before she came and gave us an amazing speech. By Poppy Wainwright

## Spring Fair 2018/Enterprise Week

For two years now, the spring fair has become an event that is organised mainly by the pupils themselves. This year, the variety of stalls was outstanding. There were uniform sales, all the usual sweet stalls, several bowling stalls and many more.

The children also helped run the stalls, and this fair was a treasure trove of polite and friendly children.

Whilst the Billingshurst spring fair is mainly about having fun, it is also about showing how enterprising the children are. There was a competitive atmosphere between the classes on the days preceding the fair, as the class that makes the most

money receives a £50 prize.

Good luck to all classes, and well done to all the enterprising students who took part!

By Maggie Collinson

## News from our School Council

This term the School Council have focussing on pupils safety in school. They started by discussing how they can stay safe in and around school as well as outside school. Some key points that came out were staying with an adult especially when outside the school. This was in an effort to make

sure they were not at risk of getting lost. Another important area was taking care when crossing the road and use the school crossing patrol.

The team discussed the need for children and adults to take care inside school by not running and avoiding unnecessary accidents.

## World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March 2018, we celebrated World Book Day. Pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite characters from books.

During the day, the children could choose which book they went to listen to being read by a member of staff.

At BPS we also extended these celebrations of books throughout the whole week. Classes in each year group were asked to create a book in a box to display in school. See if you can find some of them and guess the book.

The children were also asked to take on a Reach for the Stars reading challenge, where they had to show that they were reading in different situations, for example in the dark with a torch or read to your teddy!



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### Eco team update



The eco team is tasked with creating an eco friendly school, this involves emptying recycling bins on a daily basis, preserving water and encouraging the school to use less electricity. We also have the task of inspecting what our recycling bins contain. Daily we find food remains, wrappers and plastic that should not be in your recycling bin. Therefore we ask you to ensure that these items are not put in. However, recycling isn't our only focus. We also focus on water usage and electricity use. Water signs have been placed by all taps to remind you that we must cut down, the same goes with electricity usage. This saves the school money, allowing it to focus on other areas. We regularly check bins, lights and water and note down what classes the issue is in. By doing this we are able to monitor our school usage. Our school possesses an Eco Schools green flag. We wish to keep at the standard that this flag requires but currently it is dropping. Our aim is to create a school that preserves water, electricity and recycling. By Toby Chambers

## Sports at BPS

Sport at Billingshurst Primary School has a deep (but good) impact on the curriculum. Having appointed a new sport leader (Mr Griffiths) we enter the summer term having won the mixed football competition and we have high hopes for sports in the future.

The team achieved excellent victories over all the other schools from the Weald locality. The defence was strong, keeping a clean sheet in every game.

Max led the goal scoring with 3 however Jenny ensured the boys did not score all of the goals.



Mrs Griffiths is very hopeful of success in sport in the coming final term of the academic year. The improved weather should bring to the fore sports such as athletics and the annual swimming competition.

Don't forget the KS1 and KS2 Sports Days which are highly anticipated by pupils and staff. Which house will be victorious this year?



### Summer term preview

- Road to Eastbourne Tennis
- Tri Golf
- Rounders Tournament
- Country Dancing
- Talented Athletes Athletics

