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Newsletter 8 – 16th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are Gold....again!

On 4th May, we were visited by EMTAS (Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service) to re-validate our Gold EAL Excellence Award. I am absolutely thrilled to share that we have achieved GOLD for the second time. This award demonstrates our strong commitment to support pupils for whom English is an Additional Language. We are the only school in Basingstoke to have achieved this prestigious accolade for the second time. A HUGE Well Done to Mrs Durbajlo, Inclusion Manager, who led and managed this award. The certificate is valid for two years.

Right Honourable Dame Maria Miller Member of Parliament (MP) for Basingstoke & Deane

We had the pleasure of Dame Miller visiting our school on Friday 12th May. She spoke with our School Council who were very confident. She also praised the work that we do in school to promote inclusion and diversity. She was impressed that we teach our children about important people from a variety of cultures, both past and present linked to different subjects e.g the artist, Romero Britto from Brazil, the British-Jamaican nurse and businesswoman Mary Seacole, the athlete and activist Jesse Owens, the Scottish inventor and vet John Dunlop. She also presented Mrs Durbajlo with our Gold EAL Excellence Award Certificate in our Celebration Assembly. She particularly enjoyed hearing Wise Owls sing our Italian song.

Special Relative Visit

We have had to change the timing of our next Special Relative Visit from the afternoon to 9.30 – 10.30am on Friday 26th May. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Refurbishment

All Y1 and Y2 classrooms are having new flooring fitted during the half term and new chairs will arrive in June. YR classrooms were completed during the Easter holidays.

Summer Fayre

We are planning a fayre with the Junior School on Saturday 15th July at 11.00 – 1.00pm. Further details will follow.

Volunteers

We are looking for any volunteers who would be able to support the school for reading and on school trips. A DBS check would need to be completed. Please see the school office for further information.

Change of Menu

We have a change of menu for Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May. Wednesday 17th May RED Option: Sliced Pork with Yorkshire pudding GREEN Option: Quorn and Leek pastry crown JACKET POTATO with tuna mayo. Thursday 18th May RED Option: Bubble Salmon GREEN Option: Pizza JACKET POTATO with cheese.

Headteacher: Mrs Larissa James BA (QTS) NPQH



Key Dates:

- 19th May - Dress down day for £1.00 to help raise funds for our School Fayre activities
22nd May - Y2 Space Buggy workshop for parents
26th May – Italian Theme Day – children can wear Red, White & Green (School polo shirt is ok for white!)
9.30-10.30am – Special Relative Visit
Break Up at 3.15pm
5th June – INSET: School Closed
6th June – School starts at 8.45am

Thank you for your continuing support.



Larissa James
Headteacher