

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

If children are happy, they will achieve!



Friday 11th June 2021

Welcome back to Term 6. It is so lovely the sun has finally appeared after so many rainy days last term. We are looking forward to a very busy, but very fun 6 weeks together.

Curriculum news

This week, we launched a whole school topic on DIVERSITY as we are heading towards Diversity week this June. Teachers attended a twilight Inset last term to plan collaboratively, using thematic learning to fully engage the children in all aspects across the curriculum. For those of you who have seen children go through the school, you will recall how we provide a 'hook' to introduce a new topic, and a celebration of learning at the end. In the days before Covid, we invited families in for such events, but as we have seen at Christmas and Easter to name just a couple of occasions, we have had to be creative in how we share the children's fantastic learning with families over the last year.

This term the 'hook' was a launch day where the children moved around the school in their bubbles on a rota to visit different, diverse workshops with different teachers.

The infants focused on personal diversity with perspectives, and explored what it is like to live without different senses and abilities. The juniors explored cultural diversity by 'boarding a plane' to visit four different destinations where they learnt about music, languages, food, dances, and traditions in China, Greece, India and across the United Kingdom.

The school was BUZZING with excitement, and it was clear to see the children got so much out of their very diverse day at school. Each class will continue to learn about diversity throughout the term. Topic maps can be found on the class pages on our website as always so you can see what your children are learning and discuss with them at home.

The children will be planning an end of term celebration with the staff for a diverse sports week which will link with the Olympics. This will mean that 'sports day' will be very different for them this year, but will tie in their learning and will be planned in a unique way for them all to enjoy.



Move up Day:

On **Friday 25th June**, the children will all spend the day with their new teachers in their new classrooms for September. The teachers are all staying in place this September. A full list is provided here so you can see the name of your child's next teacher. Teaching partners will be allocated to different groups later this term. 'Meet the teacher' letters will be sent in the absence of meeting in person (covid dependent).

This will also be **RAINBOW** Friday, where we invite all children to wear as many colours as possible to show their support for School Diversity Week. For this, they can be as creative as they wish, with different hair colour, face paints, glitter etc. Be as diverse and as colourful as they want to be.

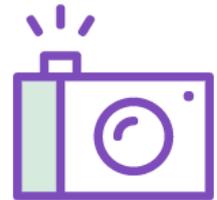
Reception – Mrs Ferris
Year 1 – Miss Heward
Year 2 – Mrs Baker
Year 3 – Mr Kavanagh
Year 4 – Mr Hart
Year 5 – Mrs Lawday
Year 6 – Miss Bruford



25 June is Rainbow Friday

Show your support for #SchoolDiversityWeek by dressing up on Rainbow Friday this 25 June.

Wear a colour – or several colours – of the Progress Flag and share a photo of your Rainbow Friday outfit on social media! Use [#SchoolDiversityWeek](#) and tag [@JustLikeUsUK](#) on [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) to show your support for LGBT+ young people.



Anyone can take part – encourage your workplace, school or friends to post their Rainbow Friday outfit on 25 June!

Swimming payments and stuff from BEST

Swimming has begun and is off to a flying start this week. The children love the outdoor pool, and we are so lucky to have a community pool on site. If you haven't already done so, please ensure you have paid for swimming on parentpay. Thank you. The pool is opening to the community on Saturday 12th June. Full details can be found on the BEST facebook page who are a team of volunteers who work so hard to ensure this community pool remains open and running.



BFG News:

The BFG 'Break the Rules Day'! Last term was a huge success and the children loved it! We raised a whopping £400.75 and definitely plan to repeat this event. Thank you to you all for helping your children to embrace this day so fully. The BFG are currently working hard on an event we are planning once covid restrictions ease further, and will release further details, once we know more. Save the date Saturday 11th September just in case we can!

The music man

Year 6 had the pleasure of welcoming Alan Swain into school. Alan works for the Welsh National Opera playing trombone and is working with schools on a project for Edge Music Festival this year. The piece that is being created this year is all a reflection on the community, given the last year. Year 6 are getting the chance to contribute towards this by composing a piece of music called a sound picture based around Edward Jenner. Year 6



got inspired by learning how music is composed, how music is all around us and even had a go at trialling some ideas for their part. They are excited to welcome Alan back in a few weeks time to put their ideas in practice and see it come alive!

Drop off and Pick up times & dogs:

Please can we kindly ask all parents to ensure you stick to your allocated times for school drop off and collections. Punctuality is paramount to ensure this runs smoothly and efficiently, so would kindly ask that you allow sufficient time to collect your children. We have also been asked again by some parents to please ask you not to bring dogs to the school gates at drop off and collection times. If you are walking your dogs to school (which is not a problem at all) please ensure you stand away from the schools entrance and exit points as not all families are comfortable with dogs. Thank you to those of you who currently do this. It is very much appreciated.

EYFS News

As you may have seen from our social media platforms, we are advertising for a new manager in Little Jesters for September. Frances has been successful in her application for her PGCE which begins this September. Teaching has been a dream for Frances for a long time now, and we wish her so much happiness and success as she embarks on this next step in her career. We shall be interviewing this term for her replacement. If you know anyone who would be interested in applying for this role, please direct them to the vacancy section on our website for full details.



