



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 26th April 2024

Polling Day

As you will be aware, this Thursday, elections will be happening for the new Mayor of London. Our school will be used as a polling station on this day. **The school will be closed to all children from Nursery to Year 5.**

However, **our Year 6 children will be in school for the morning session until 12.00pm.** Those who take part in the booster sessions before school will still need to arrive at 8.00am for these sessions. All other children should arrive at the usual time. The Year 6 teachers will be putting more information on ClassDojo so do keep an eye out.

Scootability Training

Our Year 2 children and some of our Year 1s were given the opportunity to receive 'scootability' training this week. It was great to see them riding around the playground, clearly enjoying themselves, as they learnt how to keep themselves safe when riding on a scooter.

We were also able to train two of our staff members, Mr Davis and Mrs Lathwell, so that they can deliver future 'scootability' training sessions to our other children. We are not sure who enjoyed the riding most, the children or the staff. Mr Davis certainly seemed to be having a good time!



Upcoming events

- Tue 30th April – Y3 Legoland trip
- Thu 2nd May – School closed for polling day (except Y6)
- Tue 7th May – Y2 trip to Kew Gardens
- WB 13th May – Y6 Sats week
- WB 20th May – Assessment Week Y1-5
- Thu 23rd May – Y5 Legoland trip
- Fri 24th May – May procession
- Tue 4th June – Potential date for KS2 sports day (at Uxbridge track)
- WB 17th Jun – Y6 Residential
- WB 17th Jun – International Week
- Fri 28th June – Y4 trip to London Zoo

Maths Hub Session

As a school, we understand the importance of supporting our staff with their continuous professional development. As part of this, we work alongside the Maths Hub, where teachers from different schools work together to support their understanding of maths mastery.

This week, Mrs Lathwell hosted a Maths Hub training day, giving teachers from other schools the opportunity to watch her deliver a high quality maths lesson, as well as leading a discussion about the way that multiplication is taught in Year 4. We are fortunate to have such amazing teachers in our school and would like to thank Mrs Lathwell. We would also like to say a big thank you to 2L, who involved themselves fully in the lesson, showing great learning and exemplary behaviour.

Year 6 Vs Teachers Netball Match

There was a lot of excitement and competition in the air on Tuesday, as our annual Staff Vs Year 6 netball match took place. It was a close call, with the staff team leading as they reached the final quarter, but the Year 6s scored two goals in the last few minutes to claim their victory. Well done to all the staff and children who played and to Miss Bedford for organising the match.



Prayer and Reflection

The coming Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Easter.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

If we ponder and embrace this truth, two things will happen in our souls. First, we will grow in humility. Humility is the most important virtue in which we can grow. It’s been referred to as “the mother of all virtues.” This is because from this virtue all other virtues flow. Humility means we realize that God is everything and that we need Him. This humble truth will enable us to seek God in all things and invite Him deeply into every part of our lives.

A second thing that will happen in our souls when we realize that we can do nothing without God is that we will grow in gratitude. We will be grateful to God for everything because we will realize that everything that is good is a gift from Him.

As we reflect upon these truths of humility and gratitude we allow these virtues to grow to greater fruition in our lives.

*Lord Jesus, the true vine,
Thank you for sustaining us
And giving all that we need
To bear your fruit in the world.
Help us to grow in humility and gratitude
And bear the fruits of our faith
Through your grace.
Amen*

