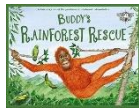




Opportunities for Learning

This week in Nursery the children have been intrigued by some eggs that have appeared. They have used some new wonderful vocabulary to predict what might hatch out of them. Reception have continued to work hard with their writing and using the 5 finger rule. They are using a capital letter, finger spaces, and a full stop. They use their phonics and will say the sentence to help them. Year 1 have also produced some wonderful writing and demonstrated that they really are great authors. Year 2 have worked with their learning partners to find information about plastic pollution. They are really enjoying this work and very articulate with their explanations to others. Year 3 were given a mission of persuading the Pharaoh to hire them to build a new pyramid. They used all the different persuasive writing techniques they had rehearsed in previous weeks to make a good argument for being successful. Year 4 are working really hard to learn their times tables. They are becoming very fast at answering them correctly. They need to rehearse them daily so that they will be confident for the testing later in the school year. They are also enjoying the text called Buddy's Rainforest Rescue. This is a true story about deforestation.



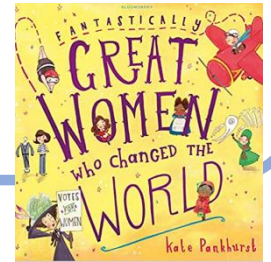
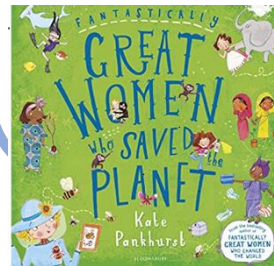
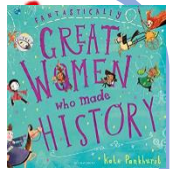
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KEEP READING!

This week we have enjoyed looking at books about inspirational woman. We celebrated **International Women's Day**. This day celebrates the achievements of women whilst also calling for equality -where men and women are treated the same.



Snowy Days

Thank you for your support over the last few days. It is always difficult to make decisions to close school when the weather can change so very quickly. We assessed the conditions for arriving safely for children, parents and staff and made decisions based on these factors. We hope that you may have enjoyed some snow activities alongside work on class dojo.



Morning and Sports Clubs

These has been very successful and the children are really enjoying the morning and sports activities. There are spaces available in Fit4Sport- Morning Club. Please contact Mr Morris if you require a place on 07557946721 or email info@fit4sport.org.in Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

15th & 16th March Strike Action Dates
Friday 31st March School closes for Easter break
Monday 17th April School opens for Summer term
Key Stage 1 SATs for Year 2 children May 2023
Year 1 Phonics Screening week beginning 12th June 2023

Starting School September 2023

If your child is due to start school in September 2023 then you might find these events helpful.

Be School Smart!

Is your child due to start School in September?

Come along to one of our events and meet with a range of professionals who can provide advice and support in getting your little one ready for school.

Starting Well Partnership
1111 0142 5193 1111

Say Hello to our friendly team!

Saturday 13th May 2023

10.30-12.00

Redditch Library

Saturday 20th May 2023

10.30-12.00

Bromsgrove Library



BBC Tiny Happy people

[Children's language development and parenting advice - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

The BBC Tiny Happy People initiative aims to reduce the 'word gap' by supporting parents to help develop their little ones' vocabulary in the home learning environment. Tiny Happy People has a simple message at its heart –

'talk to your baby as much as possible from birth'

On the website parents will find:

- Activity Content showing parents how to support their children's language development with hundreds of fun simple activities, all organised by age.
- Child Development Content showing parents why supporting language learning is important. It is all about children's amazing brains and how they understand the world.
- Tips and Advice from speech and language experts, health care professionals and early years practitioners covering a wide range of parenting topics



Red Nose day

On Friday 17th March, we will be supporting Comic Relief's Red Nose Day Campaign.

To help support the Comic Relief appeal, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 per pupil. In return, pupils can come to school in non-school uniform, wearing something sporty as we will be engaging in a virtual dancing event in the afternoon led by Dame Darcey Bussell.

£1 Donations will be by ParentPay system through the school.

Strike Action

15th & 16th March 2023

A letter has gone out about the action being taken on these days. **School is closed on both days.** It is important to understand that the continued action is nothing to do with Batchley First School, but is part of a national dispute between the union and the government. Throughout the strike staff have made it clear that they are reluctantly taking industrial action and that it is targeted against government policy. While the NEU declared four days of strike action, staff at Batchley have sought to minimise disruption to the children.

Parking

We have had lots of complaints this week about parking. I wish to remind you that there is a large carpark at HDA (Tennis Club) and everyone is welcome to park on there. Please use it!

We ask you to show care and consideration to others and be respectful in your choice of words to others.

We have referred all of the complaints to the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and they will be supporting us by visiting school more often.

Golden Table

These children are recognised for their good manners, politeness and ability to demonstrate the school rules.



Ladybirds- James
Fireflies – Esmee
Crocodiles- Eliza
Turtles- Cienna
Frogs- Jack
Geckos – Alice
Elephants – Jordan
Giraffes- Summer
Lions- Ivy
Zebras- Terrence



Another wonderful opportunity to share lunch with the children. This week we talked about how much they enjoyed World Book Day and trying to persuade the chairs to come back.

Hopefully, the weather will improve and get warmer after these cold and snowy few days. We look forward to Monday 13th March. Take care and keep safe. Mrs Downes

At Batchley we are all VIPS – valued, Inspired, Progressing, Secure