



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Families

Last weekend, myself and Miss Amor got to watch our fantastic school choir perform with WASMA at the Hexagon theatre in Reading. The show was absolutely brilliant - focused on key moments in the life of Queen Elizabeth II with the songs that marked the decades. Well done to our choir, and to Mrs Haden and Mrs Shaw for helping the children to rehearse.

We have had a really exciting Science Week this week. Thank you to all the parents who came in and talked about your jobs in the science field. The children (and staff) found it so fascinating. I am sure you have really inspired many of our children to consider becoming future scientists. Thank you to Miss Parry for organising the week.

Our netball team did us proud, winning their home game against another school - well done to them and Mr Bell.

The PTA 'nearest and dearest' event went very well - thank you to Mrs Barker and all the PTA volunteers who helped.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Comic Relief Red Nose Day today.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

Respect

Show respect to  
people even when they don't  
deserve it. Respect is a  
reflection of your character,  
not theirs.

— Dave Mills

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Beaver – Charlotte + Ella-Mae  
Rabbit – Vincent  
Otters – Babri  
Grey Wolf – Thomas + Zac N

Due to KS2 attending a Live Science Lesson, Awards have not been given for KS2 this week.

## Sports Star Awards

Beaver – Eesha  
Rabbit – Oviya  
Otters – Mollie  
Grey Wolf – Freya

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## IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 1 Local Walk
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Jewish Passover assembly
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March – 9am – Prospective Parent Tour
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Trip to the zoo
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March – LKS2 production to Parents
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Heritage Workshop
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of Spring term – Attendance medals – School closing at 2pm.
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March – Nursery Closure
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April – Nursery Closure
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April – Vaisakhi Assembly
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> April – 9am – Prospective Parent Tour
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday

## Weekly Updates!

For pictures and information on what each class has been doing this week or enrichment activities that have taken place please click on the year group below or visit the school gallery.

[Nursery](#)

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Years 3 and 4](#)

[Years 5 and 6](#)

[School Gallery](#)



## Road Safety

Can we please remind parents and carers to be considerate when dropping off and picking up from school. There have been some near misses on the road outside so we all need to be vigilant at all times. The safety of our children must be everyone's priority.

**Thank you**



Thank you to all our families who have supported in our Book Fair.

We sold a total of **£1172.20** of books, and have earned **£703.32** rewards to spend at scholastic on books for our classrooms and curriculum.

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for reading and books.



### Year 3/4 Jungle Book Production

Don't forget to reserve your tickets (2 per family) by logging on to your Tucasi account.



### Summer Term Clubs

A letter has been sent home regarding Summer Term Clubs. Please use the link in the letter to request your child's extra-curricular clubs for next term by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March



### Nursery Closure

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March\* + Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April\*

*\*To prepare for our summer intake*



### Outstanding Balance Due - 10<sup>th</sup> April

Please ensure your final balance for Osmington Bay is paid in **FULL** by the deadline.



Thank you for everyone who dressed in red for Comic Relief!


We made a whopping

**£278.72!**

Thank you



Weekly Attendance

- Bear Cubs- 87.57%
- Brown Bear –92.59%
- Beaver – 100% Winners 
- Rabbit –92.4%
- Otter –97.1%
- Grey Wolf –96.97%
- Red Squirrel –96.43%
- Dormouse –95.4%
- Fox – 92.31%
- Wolverine –95.56%
- Hedgehog –93.49%
- Pine Marten – 97.7%



Please ensure you call or email each day your child is absent.

We spend a lot of time calling parents that have not called in to report an absence. Please ensure you report an absence before 9am.

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



Lates

Please ensure your children arrive to school on time. It can be very disruptive to the child and to the rest of the class.

**Thank you**



**Citizens Advice will be at:  
Bearwood Primary School**

**Tuesday 21st March  
between 2pm and 3:30pm**

**with our Mobile Advice Unit.  
Providing free, confidential  
advice, information and support.**



# UNIVERSAL VOICES

Director: Dr Rebecca Berkley

## BRING A BUDDY OPEN REHEARSAL

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, 16.00 – 17.30

University Great Hall, London Road Campus, RG1 5AQ

**Come and sing with Universal Voices, the free children's community choir at the University of Reading - singing, games, laughter, fun and performance**

Universal Voices is a community choir open to all boys and girls aged 7-12 in the Reading area. No auditions are necessary. We rehearse on Wednesdays in term time, 16.00 – 17.30, in Building L29 on the London Road Campus.

Universal Voices is free for all children, thanks to the generous support of our donors and the University Alumni and Supporter Engagement Office.

To book your child's free place at a rehearsal, please complete this [online registration form](#), or scan this QR code

You can also email [universalvoices@reading.ac.uk](mailto:universalvoices@reading.ac.uk)



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## Winnersh Parish Council

Clean Up Day 2023

Meeting at St Marys Church, Church Close, Winnersh,  
RG41 5NA on Sunday 26 March 2023 at 11am

Please come along and lend a hand but remember to  
wear gloves, strong footwear and suitable clothing

Please bring along your own litter picker and Hi Vis if  
you have them otherwise they can be provided while  
stocks last

Refreshments will be provided

For further details please contact Winnersh Parish  
Council on 01189 780244 or email  
[clerk@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@winnersh.gov.uk)

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# Online safety: top tips



Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety. Here's our tips to get you started.

## Chat to them about what they like to do online

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk to them and have regular conversations so that online safety is part of everyday discussion. Ask them open-ended questions like 'What's your favourite game or app to play on?'.

- Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. They could give you a demo of their favourite app or show you their favourite YouTube or TikTok account.
- They will probably be able to teach you things you don't know! This will also give you an opportunity to chat about any safety settings they might already have in place.
- Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.

## Talk about who they are in contact with online

There are lots of different ways that children can talk to people online – messaging apps, on social media, and less obvious ways such as chat on online games. Talk to your child about who they are talking to and what they are sharing with them.

- Use settings to help limit who can contact your child.
- Remind your child that they shouldn't share personal information with people they don't know online.
- Let your child know they can come to you or another trusted adult if any conversation makes them feel uncomfortable.

## Help manage what they see and do online

Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.

- Device settings – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.
- App or game settings – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platforms website.
- Mobile or network provider settings – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.

Make sure to talk to your child first before implementing any new settings and explain to them how they help to keep them safe.

## Remember it's ok to ask for help!

Remember you don't have to be an online safety expert – that's our job! We're here to help, with resources and advice to help support you and your child.

If your child asks you a question you don't know the answer to, or speaks to you about a negative experience they had online, here are some of things you could do:

- Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)
- Call the NSPCC helpline **0808 800 5000** to speak to an advisor
- Ask another parent
- Speak to your child's teacher
- If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline: [childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)





# Bracknell

## 'HAVE A GO' evening



Sign up within  
24 hours of the event  
taking place to get 10%  
off your first term  
of lessons!

Just turn up!  
Come and try all  
our instruments  
for FREE!

Thursday 30th March 4:30pm-6:30pm

Bracknell Music Centre,  
Ranelagh School, Ranelagh Drive,  
Bracknell, RG12 9DA

[admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk](mailto:admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk)





WE ARE PROUD TO BE  
GAINING SUPPORT FROM  
**ABC TO READ**

COULD YOU GIVE A FEW  
HOURS A WEEK TO  
SUPPORT STRUGGLING  
READERS?

VISIT

[WWW.ABCTOREAD.ORG](http://WWW.ABCTOREAD.ORG)

Easter holiday fun - sharpen your bike skills



Sign up for a Bikeability course

Woodford Park, Woodley

Levels 1&2 - two-day courses - 3 & 4 and 12 & 13 April

Level 3 - one-day courses - 3, 4, 5, 11 and 14 April



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# CRICKET CAMP

WOKINGHAM CRICKET CLUB - RG41 5AW

**3rd - 7th April**  
**11th - 14th April**  
**10am - 3pm**

£20 HALF DAY • £35 FULL DAY

*For boys and girls aged 7 - 13. Suitable for all abilities.  
Fully ECB qualified coaches.*

10% Discount - Expires 10 days before start date



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