



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 2

Summer 2024



Dear families,

We appreciate the next few weeks are very busy. The Leicestershire calendar does not always lend itself to maintaining the same set of experiences year on year.



'Capturing the moment' - Year 6, art in the garden

Site news

A welcome return!... as I'm sure you will have noticed, the repairs to the bandstand are complete. Mr Kracher and team have done a fantastic job, thank you... just some finishing touches to do. Our 'big top' shade sail is now in position... all we need now is some sun :-/ Last but not least, you may have noticed us trying to keep pace with the badgers!... renewed tunnelling, digging (and litter shuffling) is keeping our Premises team busy.

TOYS in school

Please could we ask for your help in discouraging children bringing toys into school. Particularly in EYFS and Year 1/ 2 (where there is little space to store items), we are increasingly concerned about things being lost and/ or broken but also the impact of this upon children in lesson/ learning time, in terms of distraction. Many thanks in advance.

On to new adventures!

We have some teachers leaving us at the end of this year and rather than squeezing this news amidst end-of-term messages, with their blessing, I thought I would share it in this letter. After a number of years with the school, Mrs Moxon is retiring and Mrs McGowan and Mrs McLugash will also be taking some time out from teaching and considering new projects. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best.

Many thanks for your continued support, Mr Clark & the St Bart's Team

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Red Kites	Green Owls	Blue Falcons	Golden Eagles
1524	1112	1568	1511

Give your best
13.06.24

THINKING SPACE

Treasures from the sea

"God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind."



Mrs Cooper (our Foundation Governor) brought her amazing fossil collection into school this week. The oldest of these was 470 million years old!

Diary Dates

- 18th June
KS2 Music Event
- 21st June—9.15am
FS & KS1 Sports Day @
St Bart's
- 26th—28th June
Y2 Beaumanor Hall
Residential
- 26th June @ QFC
Y5 & Y6 Sports Day—9.30
Y3 & Y4 Sports Day—1.00
- 1st July
School reports
- 2nd July
FOSBA school disco
- 2nd July (2pm) &
3rd July (6pm)
Y5 & Y6 School Production
- 9th July—1.30pm
Y6 Leavers service
@ St Bart's Church



Library News

Library book clubs have now finished for the school year to allow the children to make the most of outdoor play in the nice weather. However, the last few meetings were well attended and after a discussion on 'what makes a good book' the pupils had a go at writing their own mini books. They then had a visit from a librarian who talked to them about the role of a librarian, before tasking them with various jobs around the library.

We would like to thank FOSBA for their kind donation of £200 of books. Throughout the year, pupils have been requesting various titles, and it was really nice to be able to buy them and have some new books for them to choose from.

Mrs Cherry
School Librarian



Goodbye Bridget

On Friday 24th May, we said goodbye to Bridget, our kitchen cook, who had worked here for over 20 years. The children had made cards, flowers, and written her some lovely messages. We were able to present Bridget with over £500 for her retirement holiday fund, thanks to the generous donations from families and staff.



Town Sports Athletics Competition

We had a successful competition at the Quorn Playing Fields competing against the best athletes from 10 other local schools. A total of 55 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in a range of track and field events. These included sprints - 75m, 100m, 200m and 4 x 100m relay and field events – long jump, shot putt and ball throw.

There were lots of fantastic performances and the children all tried their hardest. Altogether, 16 of the children managed to qualify to reach the finals for their event.

In the sprint finals, were some particularly notable achievements:

75m sprint Gwynn E-W won the Year 5 final.

100m sprint, Darcy V won the year 6 final, Lucie Poynton (Y4) 3rd and Freddie Ekins (Y5) 3rd 200m sprint, Harriet Pole (Y4) 3rd, Henry Swaine (Y5) 1st and Caelan Brennan (Y4) 2nd.

In the field events, most of the children were experiencing the running long jump into a sand pit for the very first time. They performed really well and improved as they gained confidence.

We were very successful in the throwing activities.

Shot putt – Gwynn (Y5) 2nd, Stan (Y4) 1st, Ellis (Y4) 2nd, Jacob (Y6) 2nd, Belle (Y5) 3rd.

Ball throw – Oliver (Y6) 2nd, Freddie (Y4) 2nd, Lucie (Y4) 1st and Sophie (Y4) 3rd.

The final events of the afternoon were the 4 x 100m relays. There were some excellent team performances and the children have improved in passing the baton effectively.

We were delighted that 5 of our 6 teams managed to win team medals.

The year 4 girls and boys were 2nd – Raya, Belle, Harriet and Sophie. Caelan, Josh, Freddie and Cohen.

The Year 5 boys were 1st – Gwynn, Alfred, Henry and Freddie.

The Year 6 girls were 1st – Darcy, Gabriella, Summer and Isla.

The Year 6 boys were 3rd – Oliver, Quindlen, Thomas and Ethan.

Overall it was a memorable afternoon and it was great that our children had the opportunity to test their skills against the best athletes in the local area. Thanks to those parents who supported us with the managing of this event.

St Bart's Team





**Quorn Library is participating in the “Marvellous Makers”
Summer Reading Challenge for children
6th July until 7th September.
You can join in throughout the Summer.**

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to join and collect rewards for their reading.

It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

How can children take part?

In the library. Visit your local Quorn library from 6th July and sign up, children are encouraged to take out and read at least three books per visit.

- On the first visit, they will receive a Challenge poster and a set of stickers
- On the second visit, a set of stickers and small gift
- On the final visit a set of stickers, a certificate and medal

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Challenge will launch on 6th July, but children can join in throughout the summer.

There will be several related activities during the summer taking place in the library, including the fun treasure hunt. Just call into Quorn Library and ask for more information.

School meal price increase by Leicestershire County

Council

School Food Support Service



With effect from



The Autumn Term 2024



the price of a KS2 school



meal will be

£13.25 per week



(£2.65 per day)



Parking

Your co-operation is needed if you deliver and collect your children from school in the car.

The safety of all children is paramount! Parents are asked NOT to park in the shaded areas on this plan.

Do not park on the corners of junctions, on the pavements and on double yellow lines or zig zags. They are there for the children's safety.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO WILLOWCROFT.

	Sand hills		The Deep-way		
		Warwick Avenue		Warwick Avenue	
			Willowcroft		Beacon Avenue
			Front gate		
			SCHOOL	Back Gate to the School	

Parking in the school car park is for staff and disabled drivers only.

NO PARKING please on the school car park when dropping off and picking up for school clubs



Wednesday 3rd July
7pm - 9:30pm

Rawlins Academy Theatre, Quom, LE12 8DY

£5 entry per person

Teams of 6

Refreshment sale and raffle

Bring your own drinks!

Supporting local girls to make positive choices in their health,
education and relationships

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