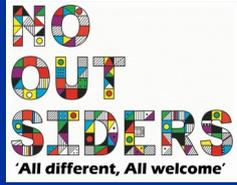




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Summer Highlights



Congratulations to our boys under 11 footballers who were crowned Primary Sports Team of the Year at the Cheshire School Sports Partnership awards



Well done to all of our gymnasts for receiving your Gym badges following participation in the after school club this term



Thank you to Miss Bladen, Mrs Rowlands and all the children within gardening club, for establishing our own school wild flower garden.



Well done to our wonderful Year 6 children for their successful 'Rock Bottom' production. It was a superb performance and you will all be very much missed



Thank you to all of our wonderful children who took part in the Amazing concert this year. You were the perfect ambassadors for Boughton Heath, well done!



There were fine performances on show by our athletes at the Chester & District Field and Track Athletics competition

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Our School Eco council have improved our environment and repurposed unwanted materials to make Boughton Heath greener.



Our play leaders have developed their leadership skills to support other children in having more active play and lunch times



Our KS2 girls football club began with unprecedented take up throughout all classes. We look forward to our first tournament in Autumn term



All children showcased equality through our No Outsiders project this term; enhancing our school entrance with their wonderful art work



The rounders team were sensational at the regional rounders tournament earlier in the term. For some, this was their first time representing school!



We are immensely proud of the role our of our sensory circuits in the morning, assisting children to get physically & mentally ready for learning

Summer Highlights



All infant children enjoyed a lovely day out at West Kirby beach, thank you to all the volunteers who helped this happen!



The infamous Wipeout day returned, placing a keen focus on physical activity for all junior children



Our young musicians from Y2—6 held a splendid evening of entertainment for parents, relatives and friends featuring singing, piano, drums, guitar and much more!



Well done to our netball team for superb progress made throughout the year in the club!



Following our dedication to sport and physical activity, we were awarded the Gold School Games award! Thank you to everyone who made this possible.



Our school council met with school leaders, including our Chair of Governors, to discuss improvements to school and how we can make it better.

Thanks to our PTA

Boughton Heath Academy is especially lucky to benefit from such an active and supportive Parent Teacher Association. The Friends of Boughton Heath PTA do an immense amount of fundraising to benefit school each and every year, and on behalf of the children, staff and parents; we wish to say a huge thank you for all you do for us.



This year, the PTA has organised a superb Halloween disco, a wonderful Christmas fair (complete with brass band!); and a family quiz night.

They give up their own time and resources to ensure such events run smoothly, and their support is very much appreciated.



PTA fundraisers are always heaps of fun and an integral way of bringing the whole community together to celebrate and be part of something wonderful.



Thank you must also go to parents and relatives who attend such events. If you are interested in joining the PTA, simply visit the PTA section of the school website [here](#).

This year the PTA have supported a number of projects across the whole school, as well as for the infants and juniors specifically. I have detailed these below:

Whole school support offered from the PTA:

- Fully funded drum workshop for every child in school as part of a music & wellbeing offer
- Secured funding from the council for all art resources for the coronation day activities
- Fully funded transport for the entire school to visit the Storyhouse at Christmas
- Purchased a Christmas gift for all pupils in school

Infant children have specifically benefitted from the following donations from the PTA:

- Water bottles and book bags purchased for each new starter in Reception as a welcome to school
- Fully funded bus transport for the infants beach trip

Junior children have specifically benefitted from the following donations from the PTA:

- Subsidy of the swimming pool costs to ensure all junior classes can access swimming, as opposed to just 1 junior class
- Supported the financing of residential trips

☀ Reception ☀

Teach Rex

The children had a brilliant morning when we had some visitors to Boughton Heath! We were so excited that the dinosaurs came to our school!



We were all very brave when we met the Tyrannosaurus Rex called Jaz. We also starred in our own dinosaur movie that we created using 'green screen'. We all had to run away from the dinosaurs! After that, we had another treat when we got to meet the baby dinosaurs in class.



Life Cycles

This term we have learnt all about life cycles. We chose the life cycle of a frog and a butterfly. To support our learning we had tadpoles and caterpillars in the classroom. This really helped bring our learning alive!



We watched the tadpoles getting bigger each day until they developed their legs and then Mrs Hurst had to return them so they didn't jump out! We were mesmerised watching the caterpillars shed their skin before forming a chrysalis. We waited patiently before they emerged as beautiful butterflies. We researched what to feed them so we could look after them before releasing them into the wild!

The Seaside

This half term we have been focusing on a lovely book called 'The Sea Saw'. This book has linked nicely to our transport and seaside theme.



We have been busy creating our own maps, counting shells and sorting transport by whether they travel on land or in the water. We used Google Earth to then pretend we were going on holiday to different places and we had to plan which mode of transport we would use!



Year 1

Wow. How is it already the end of the Summer Term?! In Year 1 we have been finishing the year off with some amazing learning. The children have grown into wonderful, respectful little people who have been a pleasure to teach! Here are just some of the wonderful things that we have been doing.

Science and Geography

Over the summer term, in both Geography and Science, the children have learnt lots about the environment, weather and climate. They have looked at these things in relation to their own local environment, and also environments around the world.



They have enjoyed getting outside and exploring using their senses to help them make new discoveries. The children identified and named a variety of wild plants in the school grounds and learnt what makes a plant "wild". They explored the different types of weather using a variety of measuring equipment and discussed how weather varied around the world.

Art

In Art this term the children used clay to create pieces of jewellery. They studied the artist Garrad who makes the royal jewellery before exploring how they could make their own. They then experimented with a range of malleable materials before deciding on air dry clay and clay.



The children considered shape and pattern. They used objects from nature to create imprints in pendants and worked on a variety of pinching and coiling techniques. The end results were fabulous!

History - The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second

Our history topic for the first half of the summer term was learning about the significant event of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. Some of our Grandparents were alive when Queen Elizabeth the Second's coronation took place.



It was a very important day for our country when the Queen's coronation happened. Monarchy is a golden thread running through our History curriculum and this topic allowed us to explore this concept. We learnt about the order of the coronation service and acted it out. We all had a role to play; from being Queen to being the ring bearer. We learnt the words to God Save Our Queen so that we could sing it at the end of the ceremony. This learning helped us understand the coronation of King Charles III which we celebrated as a school.

Religious Education – Chester Mosque and Islamic Centre

Year 1 and Year 3 have been learning about Islam this term in their Religious Education lessons and visited Chester Mosque and Islamic Centre to experience the Muslim faith. We observed the afternoon prayer beginning with the Adhan; the call to prayer. It was an excellent, tangible experience which allowed us to apply our learning from school and the Imam answered all of our questions.



We were able to tour the Mosque and see where they perform Wudu; the cleansing ritual before prayer. The visit ended with a drink and snacks which was a kind gesture. We were made to feel very welcome at the Mosque and consolidated our learning about Islam.

Design Technology – Making Salads

We started this project by looking at what salads are available to buy. There were lots of common ingredients in salads such as lettuce, cucumber and tomato. We worked in groups to decide all the ingredients we could use and the tools we would need to prepare the salads.



Next, we had to learn how to use a grater, peeler and melon baller! We discussed safety and talked about how we can present our salads so they were tempting to eat! We all worked well as a team to prepare our salads; helping each other and sharing ingredients. Mr Lenton received one of our salads for his lunch and he said how tasty it was!



We have had a fabulous year of learning and memories in Year One and we are all ready to move into Year Two and continue to achieve our goals.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful summer term to finish off the year. Hasn't it flown by? I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved both individually and as a class this year. As a class they really have worked hard to build on our school values of kindness, respect and determination!

Grandad's Secret Giant

This term the children have been busy writing a variety of genres! Every child has made super progress in their writing skills and as a class enjoyed our text, Grandad's Secret Giant. They have written character description, letters, diaries and much more. Independence in writing was a focus for the children this term and they are now beginning to add their own flair and style. Ask the children to read some of their wonderful work from their green literacy books and look out for the cinquain poems.

History - Famous Explorers

The children have had a keen interest in our history topics this year. They have worked



hard to understand how long ago some individuals lived like Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus.

Music



Musically, this term the children have learnt many different songs and a class favourite was defiantly 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars.

We all liked the meaning behind this song. Everyone has shown off their talents on the glockenspiel this term.

DT - Ginger Biscuits

Fiery, spicy and hot were just a few of the words used by the children to describe the biscuits.



Everyone showed great baking skills with Mrs T and Ms Nelson, from measuring and combining to baking and taste testing. Have we inspired the next junior bake off star?

Outside activities

This term has definitely been a more active one with PE, sports day and forest school days. Luckily, the weather has been on our



sides too.

Year 2 showed great support to one another and the younger classes at Sports Day, being the oldest, they set a great



example. They displayed great sportsmanship. Forest School is always a favourite day of the term and the children have enjoyed lots of team building, tree climbing and scavenger hunting like wild animals.

During this term Year 2 completed their SATs tests and I have to mention how proud I am of their attitude, determination and resilience in completing these assessments.



I would like to say a huge thank you for all of your parent support this year and for being a lovely group of parents. I wish the children all the best as they move on into the juniors.

Year 3

As part of forest school, we created our own wigwams using natural materials. Firstly, we went into the forest area and collected 5 or 6 sticks that were thin but strong and the length of our fore arm.



Once we had the stick we put holes in the card, which acted as a base, and tied the sticks together at the top. After we had created the structure, we had a quick biscuit and drink break under the tree and just enjoyed chatting and each other's company.



Then we learnt how to weave the wool in and out of each of the sticks from top to bottom. We used different coloured wool so they were bright and vibrant. Even though, we had lots of fun we found it very tricky to weave tightly in and out of the stick but we kept going and persevered.



For our D.T. topic we researched, designed, created and evaluated a healthy snack that could have been eaten at the King's Coronation.



Firstly, we we carried out some market research and taste tested bread, wraps, pitta, cheese, ham, tuna and different salad items. After that, we looked at the design brief and success criteria and decided the ingredients we needed for our snack. We learnt different chopping skills called the claw and the bridge grip and we learnt how to use a cheese grater properly.



Once we had made our healthy snacks, we took them outside and had a little picnic so we could evaluate how successful they were against the design brief and success criteria. It is fair to say that we loved our snacks and had a great time making them!



This half term we went on a trip to the Liverpool World Museum to learn all about the Egyptians. In the morning, we had two workshops.



Our first workshop was all about mummification. Firstly, our guide opened up the door and said that we were going into a room with a dead body – but it was okay as we weren't scared! Once we got in there we had to decide who would be the priest and who would be the slicers. The 3 chosen Year 3's had to dress up and go on the stage to reveal the 'dead body' and start taking the brain and the organs out of the body. Did you know they took the brain out through the person's nose?



Then as a class we had to wrap the body in bandages and mummify the body. Our next workshop, was all about handling ancient Egyptian artefacts.



We had to wear special white gloves, solve problems and answers questions. After lunch, we looked at the different exhibitions around the museum before we travelled home.

What an amazing Year the children have had and I wish them a wonderful summer!

Year 4

I am sad to see the end of year with this class! We have delved deeper into the Romans. We were surprised by how much was preserved in Chester considering they came across to Britain in 70AD!



We have worked our socks off in maths! We have worked through difficult challenges in time, money and shapes but accomplished them by working together! Throughout science, we have studied habitats in detail and how different species require specific habitats.



We were all very excited for the return of the swimming pool and we made great progress with our skills during the week. We loved total wipe out day and sports day despite the rain!



We really enjoyed visiting Chester a few weeks ago to see for ourselves. Our favourite part was walking around as a Roman Soldier shouting in Latin! To add to our knowledge of Romans, we also really enjoyed making Roman Face pots out of clay!

We trekked down to Caldley Valley to complete nature surveys and compare different habitats.

We have made some wonderful memories in year 4. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer break, ready to return as Year 5!



We decided to inform others of how well our school is doing to make our school playground a more positive environment to us and nature. However, we also decided some key changes to make it even better.



Year 5

We have had a brilliant last term in Year 5. The children have been a pleasure to teach and have really enjoyed our topics!

English

This term, our focus has been on our punctuation. We've introduced lots of a new punctuation, such as semi-colons, but also had a lot of opportunities to recap from other year groups.. In Year 5, these skills are key in order to write coherently and effectively. The children have managed to show great improvements with their writing this term and always showed determination to better their pieces. Throughout the summer term, we have focussed on non-fiction writing and ensuring we can write using a formal tone. In Summer 1, we read 'The Paper Bag Prince' and studied the impact that waste disposal is having on our environment, both locally and globally. This enabled us to write an informative piece about the damage we are doing to our planet and what we can do to stop this.



In Summer 2, we learnt about famous graffiti artist, Jean-Michel Basquiat, through reading the book 'The Radiant Child.' We followed his life story and understood how he had the dream to be a famous artist and with hard work and determination, achieved it. The children wrote an informative piece about his life and the skills he used when creating art. They included the use of fronted adverbials, relative clauses, adverbials and sentences with semi-colons and produced brilliant work!



Maths

We have covered many Mathematics strands this term. The children have continued to add and subtract using decimals and have ensured the correct use of the decimal point. They have also completed many lessons on geometry, including teachings on reflection, translation and properties of shapes. Additionally, Year 5 have learnt about volume and capacity in our measure topic. They have grown in confidence in their maths and worked hard to understand all concepts.

History

This year, we introduced a new history topic called Crime and Punishment. The children loved learning about the justice system in the United Kingdom and how it has developed and changed over time. We learnt about the advancement of the police, the Magna Carta as well as diversity. We had a fantastic trip to Shrewsbury Prison, which all children thoroughly enjoyed.



Geography- North America

During Summer 2, we completed a topic all about Lakewood, Colorado. The children looked at lots of geographical skills within this topic, including labelling human and physical features, using a variety of maps, understanding sustainability in this area and comparing the city to Chester.

Science

During our first half term, we completed a unit on Forces. To do this, we learnt about a variety of forces, including gravity, friction and up thrust. We completed an investigation on friction and used force meters to measure the resistance given from a variety of surfaces.



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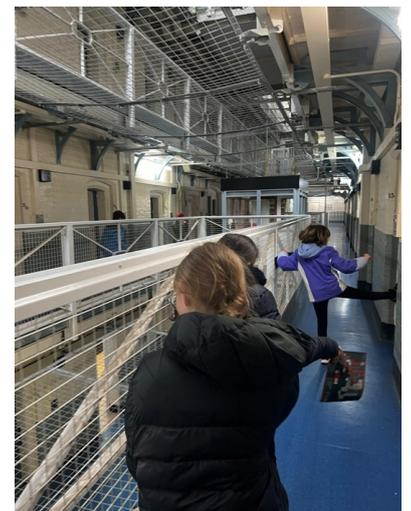
During summer 2, we completed a unit based on working scientifically skills. We focussed on Nature and Decay and looked at how decay was necessary for our ecosystems. We also investigated how long an item takes to decay in a variety of conditions.

Pizza Express

To complement our DT cookery unit; making pizzas, Year 5 visited Pizza Express to understand pizza making and created their own pizzas, with the help of the wonderful staff.

Shrewsbury Prison

The children loved attending Shrewsbury Prison Museum and learning about how crime and punishment have developed over the past two hundred years. It really supported our historical understanding and about the justice system in our country.



Year 6

This term, year 6 have spent a lot of time outside. As well as a visit to Jubilee Park to celebrate the end of the KS2 tests and lots of rehearsals in the sun, year 6 learnt all about how to complete fieldwork in Geography.



The 6s split into groups and had a go at random sampling, transect sampling, quadrat sampling, stratified sampling and opportunistic sampling before deciding which method was best for the investigation they were completing: how many plantains were growing in a specific area.



The transect sampling proved the most popular and efficient as the children didn't need to move far, but it was also frustrating as the plantains just outside the quadrats could not be counted. After studying the work of 'the father of nematology,' Nathan Cobb, the children then tried their hands at worm charming using mustard water. Unfortunately, our children were deemed less than charming by the resident worms as only 3 made an appearance.



It's been a very busy term in year 6 with all sorts of things going on but the children have loved their time together rehearsing for our end of year play: Rock Bottom! This play is set in Stony Street, Rock Bottom during the Stone Age. When cave boy inventor, Bobby Cobblestone, hatches his very first good idea, he's whisked off to work for none other than the beautiful celebrity Lady Lava! Unfortunately, BC is soon up to his Neanderthal neck in trouble when he discovers his new boss hides a dark secret that will rock Rock Bottom to its foundations.



There has been much hilarity as the children have learnt the choreography and honed their acting skills. The final production helped Bobby to become a little 'boulder' and included enough singing and acting to keep everyone entertained!

This term year 6 have been fortunate enough to take part in Bikeability cycle training and in swimming lessons. The Bikeability staff taught the children how to maintain their own bikes and check them over for road suitability before setting off on the Level 1 award on the playground. This enabled the staff to see the children's basic skills and their ability to weave in and out of cones and look behind them. After great success by all and a full house of Level 1 achievements, the children took the road for Level 2. All the children went out and about around the local area riding in small groups. They learnt how to complete such necessities as emergency stops and riding around parked cars. The children were an asset to the school and were complimented on their attitude to learning and their manners. It is pleasing to know that all children have now passed their Level 2 awards as well which should stand them in good stead for high school and for their future safety.



Year 6, you have been amazing company this year and I have loved all the experiences that we have made together. Our time on the residential (especially the hilarious night time challenge), the trips, the forest schools, the worm charming and the shadow theatres have all created memories that I hope you will treasure as you move onto your new schools. All the very best for the future; the world is your oyster so keep smiling and make the most of every opportunity you are given. Good luck my 6s!

Other news

Staffing news

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Milton and Mrs Tabb at the end of this academic year. We wish both the very best as they move on to new and exciting chapters in their careers. The work both have done with the children and families of Boughton Heath has been superb, and you will both be very much missed by the school community.

Building works

We are delighted that Year 3 are getting their very own, brand new classroom! Building works will be taking place over the summer on this and we anticipate this to be completed in the early weeks of the autumn term. Further details have been sent out in a separate letter regarding this.

Lost property

This year we have seen a huge amount of lost property fill up the school jumper dumpers. Please can you ensure all children's clothing is labelled with their name and class from September, in order that we can reunite things with their owners.

Attendance, term time holidays and punctuality

Following on from reminders sent out throughout the school year, we very much appreciate parent support

with attendance and punctuality. This year, the best attended class throughout was Year 3! Congratulations to Miss Bladen and the children for an overall attendance rate of 97%

Extension to the school day

Following on from the letter which has already been sent to parents, a reminder that from September, the school day will be extended by 5 minutes. This will mean children will be released / collected from school at 3.20pm.

Summer Term Progress Postcards

Summer progress postcards have now been released to all classes throughout school and we hope that parents enjoy reading about their child's progress throughout the past academic year. My congratulations to all the children on their achievements. If you would like to give feedback on your child's report, you can do so [using this form](#).

Thank you to the staff

A huge thank you from me, to all the staff who work at Boughton Heath Academy. We are blessed to have great teaching and support staff in school, but there are so many people who are pivotal to ensuring school can open and run efficiently

each and every day, going above and beyond to provide an efficient education to our children, whilst also supporting our families wherever they can. Special mentions go to Mrs Stuart and Mr Williams for their vital roles in keeping the school site clean, safe and secure; alongside Mrs Rowntree and the kitchen team for keeping the school community well fed and watered each week! Thank you also to the office team, Mrs Levi, Miss Pearson and Mrs Lyons. They manage a huge number of administration and finance tasks to ensure school operates effectively, being the first port of call for most with any queries. I hope all staff enjoy a lovely summer break.

Enjoy a lovely summer

On behalf of the whole team at Boughton Heath Academy, I wish you a happy and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 6th September.

Kindest regards,

Mr Jon Lenton
Principal

School holiday dates 2023 - 24

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 6th September - Friday 20th October

Half term : Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Tuesday 31st October- Friday 15th December

Christmas Break: Monday 18th December – Tuesday 2nd January

Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 3rd January - Friday 16th February

Half term: Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February

Monday 26th February – Thursday 28th March

Spring break: Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April (includes Easter bank holidays)

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Bank holiday: Monday 6th May

Half term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Monday 03rd June - Friday 19th July

Inset Days 2023 / 24 (School closed to pupils)

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Monday 18th December 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

To comply with statutory guidance, school has a policy of not authorising term holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances applicable. We thank parents' support with this.