



The children and adults at Bourne Elsea Park look forward to our Mindful Monday sessions with Mrs Friel. Mrs Friel has introduced us to the 5 Ways to Well being and she focusses on a different area each week. The techniques she has taught us have helped build our resilience, cope with worries, build our self esteem and help us understand the importance of looking after our Mental Health and Well being. Many children have commented on how the sessions have helped them and the value the sessions bring to the week. At Bourne Elsea Park we value our children's mental health and it continues to be a priority.

Mrs W Campbell & Mrs M Friel

Year 6

WOW! What an exciting, busy, and wonderful term it has been, the children have really shown such courage, compassion, and perseverance both in school and on our residential to Whitby. In Year Six, we are thoroughly enjoying our 'An Amazon Adventure' topic. Throughout this topic we have explored the map of the world; identified the key biomes across the globe; ventured through the Amazon Rainforest looking at its structure and diversity; and even created a non-chronological report on a chosen animal from the Amazon rainforest. Furthermore, we have absolutely loved our Daily Read – The Explorer written by Katherine Rundell – a story all about an unfortunate group of children that become stranded within the wonders of the Amazon Rainforest itself.

The highlight of our term, however, was our residential to Whitby where the children had an excellent time exploring the town, hunting for fossils and polishing jet. We are all so proud of the children and their achievements this term.

Now, we look forward to a well-deserved Easter break; all rested and ready for the excitement of the summer term and the new adventures it will bring. Once again, we want to personally thank you for your continued support, have a lovely Easter. Mr L Revell & Miss A Worrall



A huge thanks must again go to our wonderful Student Council for their commitment to improving our school and the learning of their fellow students over the course of the last two terms. During our meetings we have discussed many important ways to enhance the school and support children's rights locally, nationally and around the world. Actions taken by the Councillors have ranged from raising another incredible £590 for Comic Relief, including money to help relief in Ukraine, to further plans for the development of our new Eco garden area, with amazing support from our fabulous PTFA who have raised funds for the purchase of new planters, bee friendly flowers and plants, watering equipment and so much more! Plans have also been forged by the Councillors to support our 2 other charities for this year, Cancer Research and our local Don't Lose Hope Café, a meaningful cause with our UNICEF focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing. Requests from Student Council have also enable more play equipment for Kids and Breakfast Club children. The council's enthusiasm for raising standards in our school is inspiring so thank you as always and have a very Happy Easter!

Miss S Davey



It's been a fun month for the PTFA with holding the Mothers day sale, the children really put a lot of thought into choosing the right gifts. We have also had fun arranging an Easter trail for the children at the Eggstravaganza event and we bought the children sweets for finishing it. Due to all the amazing support you give the PTFA this term we have been able to donate £756.77 to the school so the children's dream for an outside garden can start to become a reality. Before I sign off I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our events and wish you all a safe and happy Easter break.

Mrs A Mortlock
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Spring Term 2022

Striving for Excellence, Caring for All within a Loving and Caring Christian Environment

Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! What an amazing Spring Term we have had! Our Christian Values for this term have been Courage & Compassion with Perseverance & Forgiveness and these values have permeated through each one of our classrooms and have been lived out by every one of our children and members of staff. Although we have returned to more 'normal' times, it has not been without the ongoing challenges of COVID-19 but the living out of these values has ensured that our school has stayed happy, safe and vibrant.

This term, our children have been full of their usual enthusiasm and endeavour, and we have celebrated the importance of Easter. The children were delighted to share Mothering Sunday in school and choose a gift for parents and carers. A huge thank you must go to our wonderful PTFA for helping us to share the important messages of Mothering Sunday and its origins. Unfortunately, our Easter Service at Bourne Abbey Church was unable to go ahead due to works being carried out in the Church, but we were still able to remind ourselves about the importance of the journey and celebration of new life with the rest of the school during a service in Collective Worship. Children and staff also loved the return of the 'Easter Eggstravaganza' – an event we have been unable to hold for the last two of years. You really are very creative, with an 'eggscellent' Easter bonnet parade, some 'eggstraordinary' egg rolling and an 'eggstremely eggciting' Easter egg decorating competition!

Our wonderful creative curriculum continues to shine through and in Term 4, our Year 1 pupils took us out of this world with their 'Into the Unknown' assembly and our Year 5 pupils also took us back in time with their 'Troy Story' class assembly. It really was remarkable to see and hear how even some of our youngest children had immersed themselves in their curriculum and could share their knowledge and SMARTS in such an articulate and diverse way. Our Year 5 children gave the performance of their lives with an assembly full of fun and facts. Both classes certainly had the WOW factor!

We have been very fortunate to welcome two special visitors to our school this term. Firstly, Gareth Davies MP who our children had written to expressing their concern over local issues in Bourne Elsea Park such as safe cycle ways and sustainability. Bishop Nicholas joined us in March for a learning walk around school, where we shared what makes us special as a Church of England School. Mr Davies and Bishop Nicholas both said what a wonderful school we have.

It has also been a term filled with extra-curricular adventure with the return of a wide range of clubs, visitors, visits and residential. A special mention must go to our Year 6 and Year 4 children who navigated the trials and tribulations of the Whitby and Caythorpe residential. For many of our children this was their first residential and it was our first time in Whitby as a school. Upon the children's return from Whitby there were tales of seagull's chasing children for their ice cream, supreme pace setting on the long walks by Miss Worrall as well as fish and chips by the beach – an amazing experience in this historic town. In Caythorpe, the children amazed us with their courage and perseverance on the many physical and mental challenges that they tackled – it is hard to believe that they are only in Year 4. What stood out most of all for me on these visits was the feedback we received from host staff at sites. They described our children as kind, helpful, polite and a credit to our school.

We truly have such a special school community where **all** continue to show perseverance, courage, love and resilience through a time in their lives they will never forget. Thank you to everyone who works to ensure our children are happy and safe and continue to flourish. The children's enthusiasm has shown no bounds, and it is a privilege to be a part of their journey and work with you, their parents and carers, to enhance their lives and build their foundations.

'The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.' Psalm 145:8

Mr Peter Bellamy
Acting Head of School



During this term, our focus across school in our E-safety lessons has been 'Online Relationships' and 'Online Reputation'. Each class has had lessons around these themes and have been able to build on their knowledge of them. We also participated in Safer Internet Day in February. The theme this year was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Additionally, we were lucky enough to have 'One Day Creative' come into school to run workshops for each class across Key Stage 1 and 2. Children in Year 1 and 2 took part in the 'Cyber Heroes' workshop. Focussing on online gaming, they discussed the potential dangers they may find while playing in the online world including online bullying, age-appropriate content, and in-game chat. The children created their very own 'cyber-hero' identities and became online safety champions. In KS2, the workshop focussed on talking to strangers online. The children discussed the importance of keeping their private information private but also what to do if a stranger contacts them online. They know not to reply to messages and always tell a trusted adult if they aren't sure. We look forward to continuing our work and being 'E-Safety Champions' during the summer term! Miss A Worrall



A Prayer for Lent and Easter from Father Chris



Merciful Lord Jesus,
our journey through Lent
is a time to renew our friendship with you.
You love us and lead us by the light
that you shine around us.
Help us to see in your life and teaching
all those good things that brighten our lives
and all those who share the light of your love.
We pray for your constant encouragement,
your forgiveness when we make mistakes,
and for the promise of hope and joy
that life in you brings us at Easter.
Amen



Article 31:
Every child has the right to relax
and play.



Reception

What an amazing term in Reception! We are wowed daily by the children and their incredible attitude to learning. We counted up the number of sounds we have learnt and we were amazed to find out we know 43 different sounds. We are still learning lots more and love the challenge of finding a sound we know that can be read and written in a different way. We have had a the most EGG-citing 2 weeks learning about the chick lifecycle and loved having real eggs delivered to us that we helped to rear. We watched daily as our nine new fluffy friends grew and grew. It was fascinating to see the changes each day and we were sad when they left us but happy in the knowledge they were off to a small farm nearby.

We were also incredibly lucky to have a visit from Farmer George and his tractor. This was a real treat as we all got to find out about Farmer George's job and the different parts of a tractor. The best part of course was being able to climb up into the tractor cab (even Mrs Campbell and Mrs Perry climbed up!)

We celebrated the marriage of our 2 scarecrows Betty O' Barley and Harry O' Hay with a wedding ceremony in the classroom. We designed the scarecrows ourselves, made party flowers, took on the roles of Best Man, Bridesmaids, Guests, Ushers and photographers. It was a fabulous event, made even more exciting with a real wedding cake to share at the end!

The children in Reception have worked incredibly hard this term and we have proved that although we are the youngest children at Bourne Elsea Park we are just as capable as our older school friends at working hard everyday!

Mrs W Campbell & Mrs A Simpson



Year 1

Wow, wow, wow! What amazing adventures Year 1 have been on as they have explored the unknown over the past two months! It has been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged in their learning as we discovered each of our four explorers from the past. We created our own timelines adding these famous people to them as we went.

In DT we compared different ways of storing and preserving food. We tasted some of the biscuits Columbus might have eaten on his journey and made our very own spaceman salad, deciding what to add to it and evaluating our food once we had tried it. We enjoyed finding out about explorers who weren't always successful too but who showed great perseverance, bravery and determination like Earhart and Scott.

We thoroughly enjoyed our special visit from StarLincs who brought in their enormous inflatable dome. The children loved finding out all about the different stars and shared their prior knowledge about the planets with us.

We of course must mention our year group assembly where the children showed off their singing, dancing and fantastic knowledge from this term. We couldn't have been prouder of all the children.

Next term, we're looking forward to a long "hard stare" into our Paddington topic, learning about our wonderful world. The Year 1 Team would like to thank you for your encouragement and help with your children's learning over the year so far. We hope you have a good break and wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Mrs R Bradley, Mrs C Evans, & Mrs J Trafford



Year 2

The past few months really have been action packed in Year 2! 'London's Burning... Fetch the Engines' has been a favourite topic for many children (and adults) in our class and it was fantastic seeing the children's engagement and enjoyment in the learning as we stepped back in time. Partake Theatre rehearsals kick started our new topic with an amazing hands-on experience where the children scuttled like the rats, danced like flames and ran like people trying to put out the blazing fire. The children are very excited to share what they have learnt with their parents and careers during their assembly on Thursday 21st April 2022. In Maths we pretended to be in Thomas Farriner's Bakery and worked out how we could cut up our loaves of bread equally into halves, quarters and thirds. We have also been playing shops whilst looking at money and shop keepers giving change from different amounts, using both coins and notes.

We have recently started a new topic where we are exploring 2D and 3D shapes, looking at their properties and where we use these shapes in everyday life. In English, we have had a new topic which is 'What's for lunch Bert?' and have been reading the 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' which has provided so many opportunities for fantastic role play, hot seating and diary writing as we took on the role of Mr Grinling, the industrious lighthouse keeper. We have recently started looking at writing a set of instructions to make the most 'Disgusting Sandwich' to scare away the scavenging seagulls, which has provided us with some fantastic writing. I am so proud of the enthusiasm that the children are showing towards all their learning. Thank you so much for all your support, especially with the incredible take-care homework and reading you are doing at home. I hope you have a very restful break and Happy Easter!

Mr S Floyd



Year 3

WOW! What a whirlwind term we have had! Each and every day has been filled with exciting adventures and once-in-a-life-time events. From Zooming with the world-famous author and illustrator, Bethan Woollvin, to investigating Stone Age artefacts discovered at the nearby building site, we just could not have had any more fun. Obviously, we have been working hard while all this fun has been going on too! We've become extraordinary diary writers, and we know exactly how to make our diary entries thrilling for our readers. We've also developed our knowledge and understanding of measures and we've realised just how important it is to ALWAYS work accurately! Mis-measuring fences can have dire consequences when trying to cage wild Stone Age beasts! We've also started rehearsing our assembly and boy oh boy, it's set to be a good one!

Have a lovely Easter break one and all, and we'll see you in the Summer Term for yet more fun and frolics! Miss L Ockwell



Year 4

What another busy term Year 4 have had since January. They have travelled to the South Pole with Sir Ernest Shackleton in their geography and English topics, using persuasive language in their

emotional, motivational speeches, stopping off to study Ice and Tundra biomes along the way. They have also researched a range of Polar animals in enough detail to write their non-chronological reports and have finally journeyed down through the human digestive system in their Science topic of Living Things. Oh yes and of course, for some of them there has been the excitement of staying away from home for two nights whilst on their PGL residential trip to Caythorpe Court! A big challenge but my goodness they rose to it! The courage and resilience shown by everyone on the visit was amazing, making their teachers incredibly proud as they tackled climbing walls, giant swings, rolling up sleeping bags and even making fire! The support and friendship shown amongst them was also wonderful, many cherished memories will have been made for a lifetime to come. As for our troopers who stayed behind to hold the fort, well they thoroughly enjoyed making pizzas, creating Forest School art and fabulous digital music, well done superstars, we hope you had a fabulous few days too! In other areas of school life, Year 4 have continued to show their commitment to their learning, even when Covid tried to diminish our numbers and our spirits! We could not be prouder of how hard the children have worked this term as illness has not dampened their enthusiasm for learning nor their Christian Value of Perseverance when faced with challenging times. So much of their learning must be celebrated, their writing continues to mature in style and content, their number skills are deepening through their understanding of multiplication, division and fractions and what can I say about their multiplication knowledge, ipads are hot from the speed their fingers are working through their times tables!

We are all excited for the summer term as there are so many things to look forward to! We thank you as always for your support, especially through the challenges of home learning, and hope you have an enjoyable Easter break. Miss S Davey



Year 5

What another incredible journey Year 5 have been on since January. We could not be prouder of how hard they have worked this term which has been full of hard work, determination and compassion. Throughout this term we have been exploring the exciting world of Ancient Greece, accompanied by our humorous, daily class story readings from 'Who Let the Gods Out' much to the year group's delight! In our Greek topic the children have enjoyed learning about the changing geography of the Empire and its surrounding lands and the battle for power between Sparta and Athens during the Peloponnesian war. One of the highlights of the term was our class production 'Troy Story' which was full of lots of laughs, superb singing, some ferocious fighting and even our own Trojan horse! What a brilliant way to show off our learning this term!

We have also been engrossed in our English lessons. We turned into expert letter writers and had to use our persuasive skills to convince our local MP (Gareth Davies) to help stop climate change before writing a letter to parents and carers to convince them to make changes at home which would help the environment. The children then turned their attention to the Ancient Greek myth Pandora's Box where they created a description of the infamously tempting box before retelling the exhilarating story themselves. We are all excited for the summer term as there are so many things to look forward to! We thank you as always for your support and hope you have an enjoyable Easter break. Mr J Waterhouse

