



NEWSLETTER

‘Love the Adventure of Learning’

Friday 12th February Issue 6

Values: Our Value for this term is Compassion.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Psalms 145:8

Our website is: www.thebattschool.org.uk

Our email is: office.3605@batt.oxon.sch.uk

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week and are all keeping as well as possible. On behalf of all the staff, a huge well done to all of you for your amazing efforts this term. Under extremely difficult circumstances, parents and children have risen to the challenge magnificently, working hard, being creative and even managing to share jokes and be cheerful on Seesaw. Thank you!

Have a safe and restful week and we look forward to seeing you, online or in person, on Monday 22nd February.

Rachel Crouch

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CALENDAR

- 12 Feb Newsletter out
- 12 Feb School closes for half term
- 22 Feb School partially reopens for Keyworker children and vulnerable children.

Thank you and Good luck Miss Elam



Sadly, we say farewell and good luck to Miss Elam this week. Miss Elam has taught at The Batt for 7 years and in that time has contributed so much to our school, sharing her knowledge and passion for computing, geography and art. Miss Elam is also a voracious reader and has generously donated a set of books, The Legend of Podkin One – Ear, to be enjoyed by children for years to come. Thank you, Miss Elam!

Good news from Sharon Cooper

Welcome to the ‘Snug’



Mrs Cooper has spent the last couple of weeks working so hard with other members of staff to turn an empty space into a nurturing room for all our children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her and her team, especially Mrs Smart and Mr Baker, for painting and decorating a safe haven for our children when they are in times of stress or just need a quiet place to be.

I would also like to thank Mrs Holme, Mrs Smart and Mrs Tew who have been working hard to create a new intervention room for children to work in. It will be stunning when finished and I will share pictures next term.

Science Week

Our Science week is coming up, the week [beginning 8th March](#), and I was wondering whether any of our parents would talk to our junior children on a zoom call about STEM or you could record something for us to upload to See Saw.

It would be a great way to introduce the children to STEM careers.

Questions which could be answered on the zoom could be:

-How would you describe your job?

-Were you always interested in these aspects of learning at school?

-How have things changed over time in your profession/career/job?

-Where have you seen innovation in your profession?

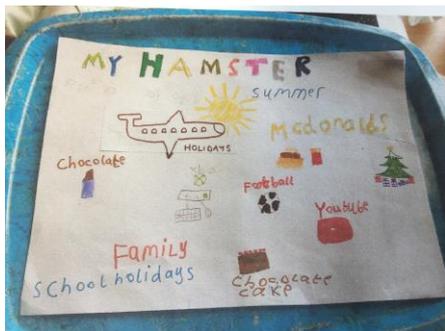
-Final words of encouragement and motivation for the children.

If you feel you would be willing to do this or have any other ideas for our Science week, then please let me know. My email address is: rachelhenderson.3605@batt.oxon.sch.uk

Thank you
Mrs Rachel Henderson
Science lead

The Mental Health Challenge 4

We had so many great posters sent into school for this challenge. We are so pleased to inform you that Theo M and Phillip in 5H are this week's winners, well done both!



Challenge 5 Lands End to John O'Groats

Next week we are going to ask the children both in school and at home if they can help by taking on the daily mile challenge. We would love to be able to say, over the course of three days next week and the week after, with approximately 380 pupils and staff covering a mile each day, that we have also run the 874 miles from Lands End to John O'Groats. We would also love the children to make some posters for the challenge or take some photos of themselves running, perhaps with their artwork, which the Chance to Shine team could display. Please send any photos into us either using seesaw or email them through to me at dominicbaker.3605@batt.oxon.sch.uk

This is the school link for the challenge.

[Lands End to John O'Groats Challenge](#)

The Chance to Shine

The Chance to Shine cricket staff at Oxfordshire Cricket, who have worked with us on many occasions, are currently on flexi furlough. To keep themselves active and busy they have decided to take on the Lands End to John O'Groats challenge for two very worthwhile charities. They are:

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/about-us/>

Opening up - Mental Health Community Interest Company

<https://openingupcricket.com/>

The link if you wish to donate to these very worthwhile causes is here:

[Crowdfunding to Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and the Opening Up Cricket Charity on JustGiving](#)

Free Grammar Course

Dandelion Learning are offer a free grammar course for parents.

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/helping-parents-with-home-learning-getting-to-grips-with-grammar/>