

Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut

16th September 2022

News and Reminders

We want to begin by saying a huge well done to all of the children! They have had an amazing first couple of weeks back at school and have settled in really well. They have shown a positive attitude towards their learning and have been extremely supportive of one another.

Roles and Responsibilities

As the children move into Year 5 and 6, they are given opportunities to undertake more roles and responsibilities throughout the school. We are pleased to announce that this year's Head Boy and Head Girl are Isabella and Jayden. The Year 5 children acting as Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) this year are: Flo, Pops, Joseph, Marnie, Amelia and Ruby. They children are excited to support Mrs Moore with her first project! Each class has also appointed their Eco Council and School Council representatives. These are:

Spruce: Sienna and Harry (School Council) Millie (Eco Warrior) Charlie (Sports Ambassador)

Sycamore: Gabbie and Annabelle (School Council) Dakota (Eco Warrior)

Walnut: Jessica and Ethan S (School Council) Iris (Eco warrior)

Over the next few weeks, the children in Year 6 will also be able to apply for the role of House Captain or Ambassador. They will undertake different application processes. These will also be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

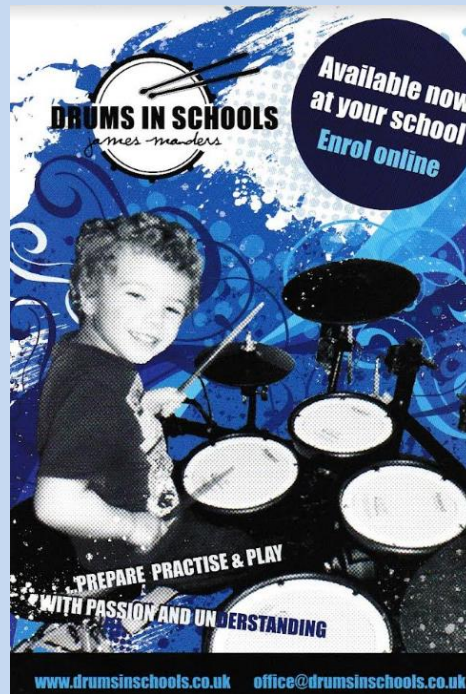
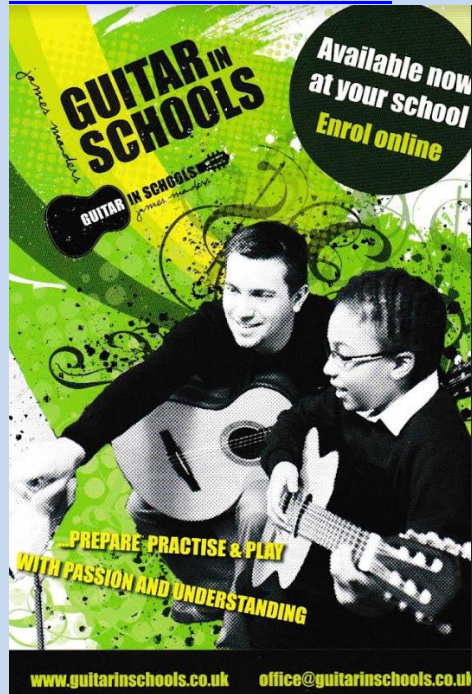
Drums and Guitar

Back in July, Mr Manders (Guitar) and his son Jack (Drums) performed to the school in assembly. Jack, only 13 years of age, wowed the children with his amazing drumming. Mr Manders got the children (and teachers) singing along to his guitar playing. It was a real celebration of music! If your child is interested in learning either Guitar or Drumming there are lesson slots available to students in year 3 and above.

For more information on lessons and how to enrol please visit...

www.guitarinschools.co.uk

www.drumsinschools.co.uk



Art/DT week

These subjects will be taught in a specific week each term and we will be inviting parents in during this week to help their child complete their project.

This half term our Art week is **W/C Monday 17th October**. We would like to invite you to join your child in their classroom on **Wednesday 19th of that week from 2-3:15pm**.

Please note: due to limited space in the classroom, we have to restrict this to **one parent per date and no siblings**.

Homework

Children will receive weekly homework, this will be set on a Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday. They will be set a maths activity on Purple Mash, Spellings will continue to be set on Spelling Shed for the half-term to enable the children to practice. (Spelling shed activities will start from Monday 26th September once assessments have been completed) Your child will be set a list based on a combination of the step they were on last year and assessments which we have completed at the start of this term. An assessment will then take place at the end of the half-term. Login details have been sent home this week for all the relevant sites.

In addition to this, we would encourage daily reading and the use of Timestables Rockstars.

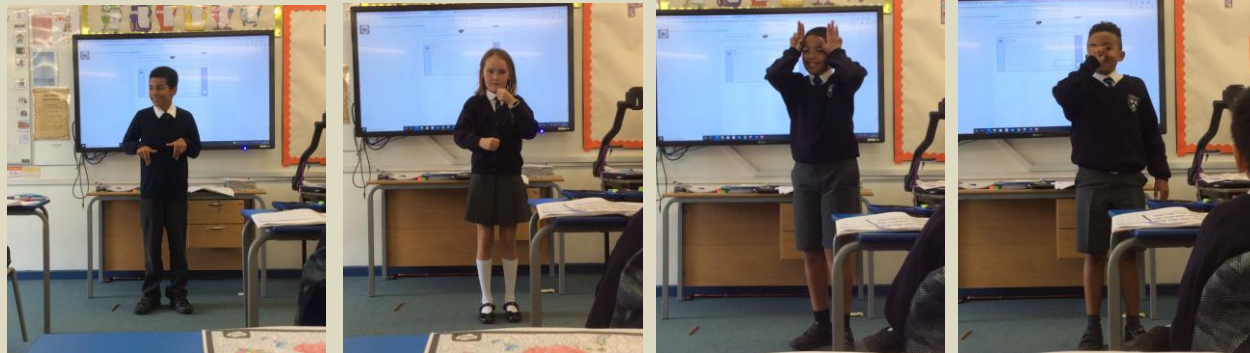
If children finish a book at home the website to quiz on is: www.ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196

Homework club is available for any child who would like to complete some of their homework in school or feel that they need some support with it. Children will need to attend homework club the Friday before their homework is due in.

Please can you ensure that your child is completing their homework, if you are having any problems with completing the homework please let us know on year56team@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk

Our Learning

Inclusion Week: At the beginning of this term, we celebrated Inclusion Week and looked at different visible and hidden disabilities and difficulties. The children asked insightful questions and used their research skills to find out more about celebrities with disabilities. We talked a lot about what makes us unique. The children learnt how to do sign language and we had fun signing to each other! We also had the privilege of having visitors come into school - sharing their experiences and answering lots of questions.



Literacy: In Literacy, we have started our first unit on the book from 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. We have had the book read to us and experienced some time at the beach (Bierton Beach) similar to the character in the book. We discussed words to describe what we saw, did, smelt and heard during our time at the beach. We came up with some amazing vocabulary!





Maths: We began our Maths learning this half term by looking at place value: understanding the value of digits; ordering and comparing numbers and rounding. Year 5 will be going onto look at addition and subtraction, while Year 6 are going on to look at the four operations. The children learn a range of methods in school and use different representations. Their weekly arithmetic homework may include similar questions so they have opportunities to apply the methods they have learnt at home.

The Queen

We have had lots of conversations this week all about the Queen and looked at the different roles she had. We have all created some pieces of work to remember her. You will have seen some of them hanging by the gates as you come in. Also, have a look at our amazing painted rocks!



PE/Library days

On PE days children should come to school dressed in their PE kit.

These are as follows:

Spruce class - Tuesday and Thursday

Sycamore Class - Wednesday and Thursday

Walnut Class - Monday and Tuesday

Library

The children will have the opportunity to visit the library once a week. They will have the chance to explore the books and borrow one if they would like.

Spruce Class - Monday

Sycamore Class - Tuesday

Walnut Class - Thursday

Diary dates

W/C 17th October - Art/DT week

Wednesday 19th October - Parent (one per family) invited in for Art/DT 2:00 - 3:15pm

Thursday 20th October - children break up for half-term (3:15pm)

Friday 21st October - Inset day