Autumn 1 2023

'We work as one to be the best that we can be'

#### Welcome Back!

It has been a VERY busy first half-term back at Boundary Primary School and we are so proud of all of our 'Always' children. We have welcomed our lovely new reception and nursery starters who have settled in so well.

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### Election Day

The School Council Elections 2023 have taken place again this year. Any child who wanted to run had the opportunity to write their manifesto, explain why they would make a good school counsellor and then present it to their class.

After this process, which took determination, perseverance and a lot of bravery to stand up in front of their class, the school took to the polls. The votes were counted and verified and the results announced during a results assembly.

We are very proud of all our children who worked hard to write their manifesto, to listen patiently to their peers as they presented their ideas and then take part in a democratic and fair election process.



Congratulations to our new School Counsellors!

## Harvest

Thank you for all of your kind donations - we know it is a difficult time for some families. The children have participated in our annual Harvest assembly and the House Captains have helped Mrs. Bradley with delivering the food to Vincent house.

## Black History Month

We have once again been learning all about Black History Month. The children have explored a range of themes and significant people in history and produced new postboxes to display around school.

## Asthma Training

Does your child have asthma or has been recently diagnosed? This online course can help you understand asthma and how to support your child.

## European day of Languages

Monday 25th September was European Day of Languages. Miss Ashton started the day with an assembly, which focused on the characteristic of perseverance. This links to learning a new language, as you need to persevere when learning a new skill. We talked about the benefits of learning a new language including communicating and developing a better understanding of different cultures. In class the children have been learning some simple phrases in European languages such as Polish, Spanish,



## Spelling Bee Competition

Romanian and German.

The overall winners were Chepstow, whose members didn't drop a single point, spelling every single word correctly - well done!

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the event this year.



## Year 5 Forest School

The children in Year 5 were the first classes to have Forest School this year. After exploring the wild area and picking all of the fruit from the trees, pupils worked together to build dens, clear the pond area and find small animals that have moved in over the summer. Pupils had a great time and can't wait until next week!



#### No Pen Morning

The whole school participated in another 'No Pens Morning' this half-term with lots of practical, interactive and speaking and listening activities.

See our class blogs for examples of our learning!

## Year 4 Aspire Visit

WOW! What a great trip to Aspire this morning. We learned how to be safe when using

Bunsen burners to heat up water and produce steam. We changed a liquid to a gas.



## Mental Health Awareness Day

Year 3 took part in a National Literacy Trust virtual author visit to 'Take 10' minutes to support their wellbeing.

Throughout October Year 5 are also taking part in 'Take 10' daily by reading books kindly donated by the National Literacy Trust.

Please remember our school website contains information regarding how we can support our mental health.



#### Attendance

We have had a huge push on attendance this half term.

We have brought back our 100% awards assembly and badges. We are proud to say that 138 children received a 100% badge for a brilliant 100% attendance this half term! We hope to see this increase as the year continues!



Our overall attendance is currently 93.4% - we must aim to be above 96% so here's hoping this figure improves!

Please remember that if your child is ill or has an appointment, you must provide the school with evidence, otherwise absences will remain unauthorised. Please ensure that your children are in school every day and dropped off and collected on time.

#### Key Dates



30/10/23—School Opens

21/10/23—Together Time 06/12/23—Christmas Disco

11/12/23—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

13/12/32—Christmas Fair 20/12/23—EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Parties

21/12/23—Key Stage 2 Parties

22/12/23—School Closes

# School Office Reminders Drop Off/Collection

A reminder that all children must be dropped off and

collected from the gates. Children **should not** be dropped off/collected at the school office.

### Zero Tolerance

We would like to remind all of our parents and carers that school is a zero tolerance zone. Inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff will not be tolerated.

## Boundary Tower of Support

The next Tower of Support is on the 2nd November at 9.00am and the theme will focus on employment.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

# Tower of Support



#### Uniform Reminder

Please remember that all children must be in full school uniform — this includes a tie and school shoes which should be fully black. 'Always Badges' must be worn! Thank you!

We hope you have a lovely, relaxing break and enjoy some family time together. We will see you back in school on Monday 30th October ready for the countdown to Christmas!!!

Keep reading everyone! #BoundaryBelieves