

BUILDWAS ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

Message from the Head of School:

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone, I hope that you all had a great Easter Break and haven't eaten too many chocolate eggs. It is lovely to see the weather changing and the land becoming green again. Every morning when I park on the school carpark, I take a moment to enjoy the view before me – I just love it here

You may have noticed that the roadworks are still on going. Over the holidays I was called out to school by the alarm company to find that not only a great big, deep hole at the entrance to the car park but the National Grid trying to fix the power cable that had been dug into. I am hoping that the roadworks are not disrupting your journey into school. Can I please ask that you do **not** park in our car park during peak times for the school e.g., Breakfast and After School Clubs. There are spaces available by the layby and the village hall (when not in use). Thank you for your understanding.

In other news:

We are having children attending clubs who are not booked in. Our numbers are rising rapidly, and it might get to a point where we must turn you away because of non-booking. As we have children from Pre-school upwards, we must consider adults ratios very carefully to ensure children are safe. Please, please, please book your child in to club and **do not assume** it is ok to just send them in. I am going to monitor it over the next few weeks and if this is still a problem, I am going to ask staff not to admit the children into club. This sounds a little harsh, but I must consider to safety of adults and children who are attending.

Buildwas Rocks:

In **Willow** class this week we have started our new topic on space! We read the story 'How to catch a star' and then watched a clip which showed us how stars are all different and that even the sun is a star. We then cut our own star out using black paper and decorated it with different materials to make it sparkle and shine like the real stars in the night sky. We then did a Science investigation using magnets to see what materials would attract and repel. This was very interesting. In our Literacy sessions we have started looking at the story 'The Three Little Pigs' having a go at retelling the story and describing what pigs look like. In Maths, Reception have started to look at numbers 11-20 and how they are made whilst preschool have been looking at sequencing using the story 'The very hungry caterpillar' to support them. This week our sign of the week was 'cake', we also did an amazing job recalling all our previously learnt signs.















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We've had a very busy first week back in **Beech** Class! On Tuesday we started our new writing unit about 'The Three Little Pigs' and have learnt what an expanded noun phrase is. Everyone has written some amazing character descriptions of their own pig character by using expanded noun phrases to really impress Miss Lockley. We also started our Art topic 'Sculptures'. We really enjoyed looking at different sculptures made by artist Marc Quinn and then we had lots of fun creating our own sculptures made out of bread! On Wednesday we started our History topic 'The Victorians'. Everyone enjoyed learning interesting facts about Queen Victoria and then we created some fantastic fact files. This week, we also became spectacular scientists and started our new topic 'Plants'. We LOVED planting our own sunflower seed in the classroom and we can't wait to watch them grow! We then went outside and started clearing one of the planter beds in forest school so we can start our own little garden.

Oak class have come back to school with incredible focus! In our English lessons we have enjoyed listening to the traditional tale of "The Three Little Pigs" and using drama to re-enact the five parts of the story plot - please ask us if you don't know what they are! There was some great huffing and puffing from the wolf characters in each group and some real anguish when he burnt his tail in the hot soup!

What a lovely start to the Summer Term! We have been busy in **Holly** class beginning to explore our new topic on the local history of the area. We have begun by looking at the Victorian era and will then investigate the impact over the last hundred years. On Friday 26th May, we have been invited to attend a STEM event at the Ironbridge Power Station site, where we have an exciting opportunity to look at the positive impact of the site development and regeneration of the area. In Science, we have begun our Space topic! We are all excited to be exploring the solar system and the physics behind it!















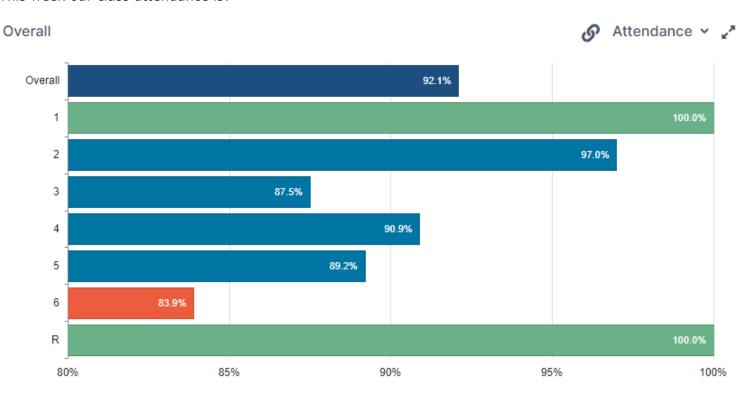
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This week our class attendance is:



Please check this week's class diary sheets as there are some changes to PE days.

Enjoy the sunshine 😊

Take care,

Mr Millington











