

22nd June 2018

Badger Room: What a lot of fun we've had learning about capacity in Badger Class this week! The children have been exploring, predicting and experimenting with a variety of different sized containers and in the process they have gained a deep understanding of how to compare and order vessels by their capacities. Our circle time this week revolved around a Philosophy for Children approach where they are encouraged to develop deeper thinking skills and to question and reason with each other. In music, they all tried very hard to work with a partner to learn a paired-clapping game, but it's clear we need more practice to keep in time with the beat! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our 'stick stash' for Wild June - we've been able to use the sticks for some outdoor maths, making groups of five to understand how to tally and count in 5s.



Hedgehog Room:

Hedgehogs have loved our 'Book of the Week': Captain Beastlie's Pirate Party. Captain Beastlie is the grubbiest pirate to sail the seas and we used this opportunity to think about the importance of healthy practices. We painted glitter onto our hands and then touched our heads, shoulders, knees and toes to see how easily germs can spread! Later in the week we baked some yummy pirate treasure cookies and we were very careful to wash our hands before baking them. We've enjoyed lots of crafts around our pirate theme including making hats, bunting and eye patches, and testing which objects would float or sink in our water trays. The highlight was using gorgeous colourful shredded paper to decorate some card parrots! This linked nicely to our 30 Days Wild activities which have included keeping a close watch on some nesting birds on a Wildlife Trust webcam, decorating and filling bird feeders for the garden, and spreading bird seed around our wildflower garden.



Next week we will look at the sea life we would find on our pirate adventures...any Show and Tell items linked to fish, sharks, dolphins etc are very welcome!

30 Days Wild - The Wildlife Trusts Challenge: This week in Badgers, we have been buzzy being Nature Detectives, exploring the plants and trees in our school grounds using scavenger sheets to identify them and a microscope to look a little more closely. We've also made a mini nature reserve, a butterfly feeding station and thoroughly enjoyed digging tumble traps to collect interesting minibeasts from our garden ready to observe next week.



Date for your diary: Friday 29th June is 'International Mud Day'. As part of 30 Days Wild, why not use your day off school to get marvellously mucky in some squelchy mud? What a wonderful way to carry out one of your final Random Acts of Wildness for the 2018 challenge! Don't forget to upload this to Tapestry so we can share your muddy madness.

INSET day next Friday: Please remember the school will be **CLOSED** next Friday 29th June for staff training.

School Dinners: **PLEASE LET US KNOW** if your child is having hot dinners – regardless of whether your child is getting the universal free school meal – we need you to book them in advance both through School Money **AND** the menu choices form. The kitchen is working to what has been booked, so it is difficult to cater when we have children turning up expecting a hot dinner, but have not booked [CLICK HERE FOR NEXT WEEK'S MENU CHOICES – WEEK 1](#)

Heatwave next week: We are forecast soaring temperatures up to 30°C next week. The three non-negotiable **must haves** for school are: a) water bottle b) sunscreen (applied before school) and some in your child's bag c) sun hat. If your child doesn't have **all three** of these items we will be calling you to bring them in. Thank you for your help with this.

Car Booting this weekend?: Would you consider donating some of your items to our 'new to you' sale for the FoLP Fest event on Friday 13th July? If so, please bring your donations to the school office where we will keep them safe until our big event next month. All proceeds go to the school and will be used to provide fantastic resources for your children.

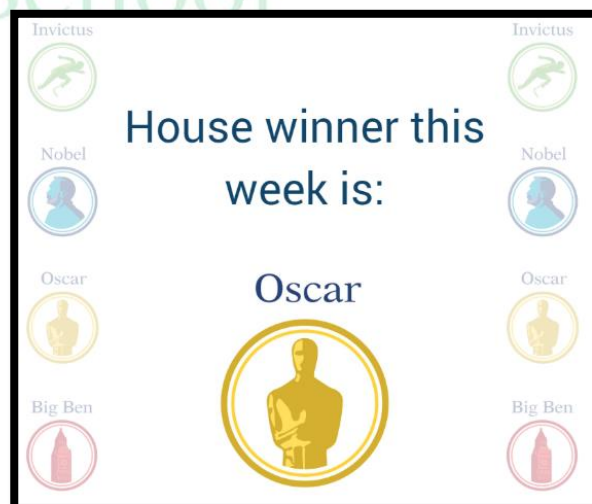
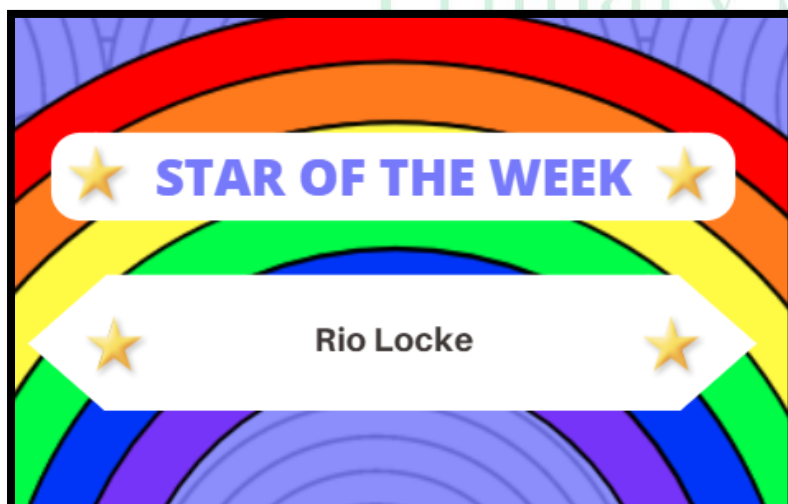
Key Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 27th June – 3:15-4:30pm: Movie Night
Friday 29th June: INSET day, no children in school
Tuesday 10th July: Move up day
Friday 13th July – 5:30-8:30pm: FoLP Fest School Summer Festival
Thursday 19th July – reports go out to parents
Friday 20th July – 1:00pm: Family BBQ
Tuesday 24th July – 1:30pm: End of academic year

Have a fantastic weekend!

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team





CLUBS

at Longford Park
Primary School

Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>Currently full</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Kickboxing – Ages 3+ (£4) 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>Not running currently due to staffing issues</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>Currently full</p>

Free Trial Piano Tuition – Badgers only

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder.

Not sure if your child will take to it? **Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?** All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email [MJmusicservices@aol.com](mailto: MJmusicservices@aol.com)



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SUMMER TERM EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday 29th June - INSET DAY - no children in school

Tuesday 10th July – Move up morning

This is the day where your child will move up to their new class for part of the day. Parents will have an opportunity to have a cup of tea/coffee and meet next year's teachers.

Friday 13th July – 17:30-20:30pm - Summer Fayre

Thursday 19th July - Reports go out to parents

Friday 20th July - 1:00pm – Longford Family BBQ

We are really looking forward to this one! The staff cook a barbeque and you and your family all eat together and play games on the field. This is also Ms Spielberg's last day of the year as she is jetting off to Zambia for one week to help support a school there.

Tuesday 24th July - School closes for the year @ 1:30pm

