



Braunstone Frith
Primary Academy

Newsletter

Spring Term | Early February 2023

Message from Amelia Smith

Dear Parents/ Carers

It is always great to tell you about the exciting learning that is happening at BFPA and this newsletter is no exception.

Y4 had their Mexico Day on Friday 20th January, we planted a tiny forest on 25th January and Foundation Stage

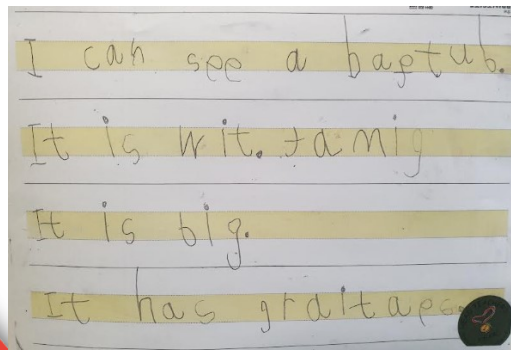
have been making their own toys. I really enjoyed visiting Foundation Stage and watching some of the children practising hard with the cone and



ball that they made.

Currently at Braunstone Frith we are doing lots of work to improve writing and I have been really impressed with some examples recently.

Children in reception have been doing some fantastic, independent writing, our new phonics scheme is really having an impact.

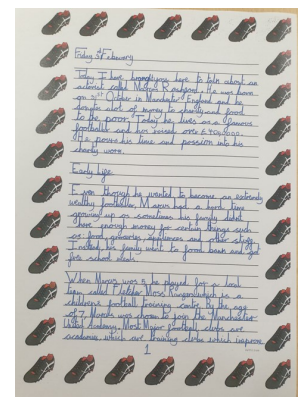
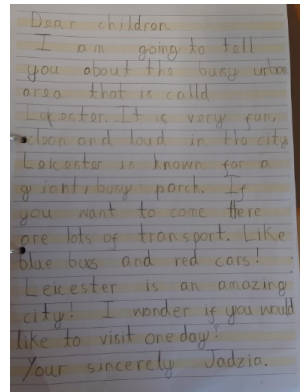


Children in Y2 recently visited Newtown Linford Primary

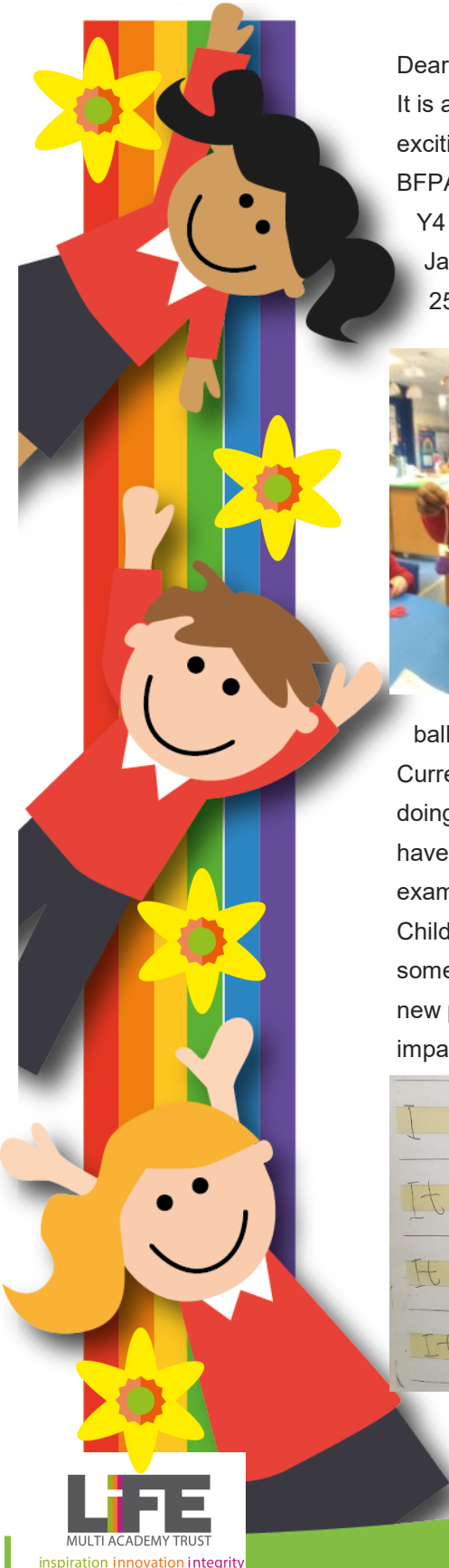
School and took some letters they had written all about Leicester.

I have also seen some amazing writing in Y4 all about Marcus Rashford. We are

also working hard to develop handwriting and presentation skills. This is something else that has been really affected from COVID lockdown. You will hear about ways you can help with this at home in the coming weeks. Thank you as ever for your support.



Amelia McSmith



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Chinese New Year

Reception and Nursery classes recently celebrated Chinese New Year.



We made dragons and lanterns, played with noodles and wrote some words in Chinese. We also retold the story of 'The Great Race' and wrote about it in our provision.



At the end of the week, we made large dragons and danced around underneath them.



Mexico Day

On Friday 20 January, Year 4 participated in different Mexican themed activities to support our Geography topic, 'What might my life be like if I lived in Mexico?'



We tried to learn a traditional Mexican dance and created different Art based on the Mexican festival 'The Day of the Dead'.

We also made salsa and guacamole, which most of us enjoyed tasting! We had a great day experiencing a small part of Mexican culture.



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Tiny Forest Planting

On Wednesday 25 January the Year 3 and 4 children planted about 400 trees for our Tiny Forest!

We had Marc from Leicester City Council and Emily from Earth Watch to help show the children how to plant the trees and how to look after them in the future.



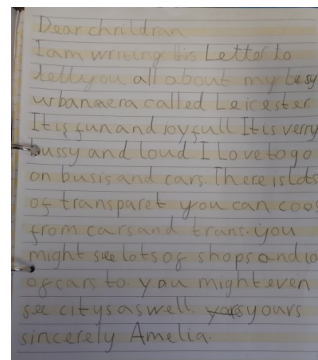
Newtown Linford

Year 2 pupils visited the village of Newtown Linford on Thursday 2 February to deliver letters to local

primary school children as part of studying rural and urban areas.

It was great to visit another school and share our letters.

Afterwards the pupils visited Bradgate Park and enjoyed exploring the local landscape.



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French Lessons

Over the last few months, some pupils at BFPA have been learning French with students at Bosworth Academy. Every fortnight, a group of Year 4 children from 4S have been taking part in live online lessons with Year 8 students.



The Bosworth Academy students have worked incredibly hard to plan and deliver mini French lessons to the Year 4 children. They have really enjoyed working together.

Jahziya: "We learnt how to name food, colours and emotions."

Phoenix: "I enjoyed it very much because learning from someone else helps me understand."

Eleanor: "It's really nice to learn from Year 8 children. I'm looking forward to learning French in Year 8."

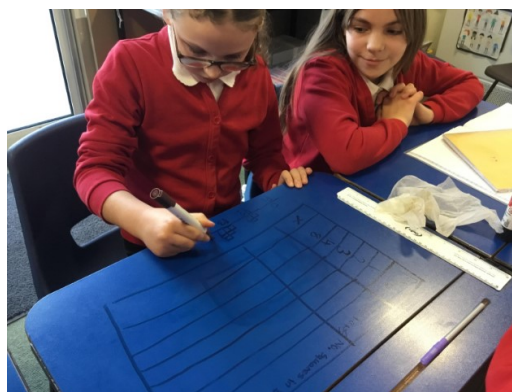
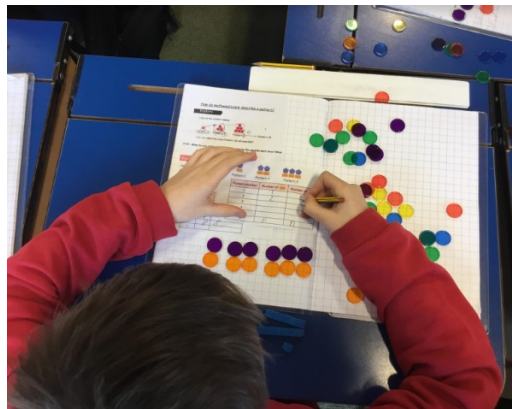
BFPA and Bosworth Academy students are going to continue to work together over this term as it has been a great success so far!

Mrs Howitt,
Languages
Lead



Year 6 Maths

In Year 6 we have been learning about number patterns and how these can be represented as unknown amounts using algebra.



It was tricky at first but we are fast becoming experts and can use equipment to solve missing number problems.

Miss Ground



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Toy Makers

Pupils in the Foundation Stage have been creative in making their own toys.



Exploring Biomes

Year 5 children have been using the virtual reality headsets to explore different biomes.

The impact of using the headsets allowed the pupils to identify and label different parts of the biomes they were viewing.



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Important Dates for Your Diary

Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7 February 2023.
Parents Evening	Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February 2023.
Spring Half Term	Monday 20 - Friday 24 February 2023.
Easter Holidays	Monday 3 April - Friday 14 April 2023.
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023.
Coronation Bank Holiday	Monday 8 May 2023.

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) at our school are Mrs Smith, Mrs Duggan, Miss McMullen, Mrs Grant, Mrs Harvey, Mr Booth and Ms Wittering.

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