



Heads' Newsletter Viaduct Federation



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we trust that it has been a very restful break and that the children are raring to go for the term ahead. We would just like to recap some of the highlights from last term:

Autumn Data

All the children from Year 1 to Year 6 have been assessed to look at their progress from the end of the summer term. We are really pleased to be able to share that the children have been making great progress across all the year groups. We hold termly assessments to enable us to track each child's progress and measure the impact of what we have been teaching them. We look forward to sharing this data with you at parents' evenings in March (following a second assessment period in Spring).

School Reviews

As you know, Bushfield had a very successful Ofsted visit and we will continue to work hard to ensure the best outcomes for your children. At Wyvern, we continue to work closely with the local authority and other schools in the local area to build further on our improvements so we can evidence to Ofsted how far the school has come.

Curriculum Engagement

We have enjoyed a wide range of curriculum enrichment activities across all of the year groups, which allows the children to develop their understanding and skills in different topics. Year 1 were excited to travel into space during the visit from the Planetarium. Year 6 had a visit from a wolf keeper at Woburn to help them gain understanding for their topic of Wolves. Our Nursery children loved meeting some owls in the animal roadshow and Year 2 were lucky to have a Roald Dahl storyteller and local author come in to share their themed day. Also, in the last week of term the whole of Bushfield School celebrated with a French breakfast. This event builds on the children's ability to use French in context. This was coupled with House Art Day. The children mixed with their house groups to create art themed on 'Blue Planet' that encouraged the children to recycle and reuse to create some amazing art work.

Christmas Performances

We were really proud of all the children across the schools who performed for you: from traditional nativities to the carol concert, the children spoke and sang clearly and with confidence. The events were clear examples of how team work and belonging can really make a difference to the way we can communicate our hard work for the enjoyment of the parents and carers. Thank you for supporting us with these events. A further thank you to the volunteers at Wyvern who were selling drinks and mince pies: helping to raise funds for the school. This is something we would like to become part of Christmas at Bushfield next year.

Looking forward, we have a fun packed term ahead with plenty of learning to be done. As always, we are available to meet and discuss with you if you have any feedback to share. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

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