

COVID Update

This has been another busy and difficult week in school. We have had more positive cases in school and have had to close two bubbles. The parents of children in those bubbles have already been notified.

As we sent out in a letter earlier this week school is currently open to children of critical worker families but in line with government advice we would urge you to keep your children at home whenever possible.

The infection rate in this area is still high so the more people stay home, the better the chance of bringing down the infection rates in Reading.

We recognize that this is a really difficult time for all our families and we will continue to do all we can to help and support you at this time.

Mental health

Support for children, young people and their families

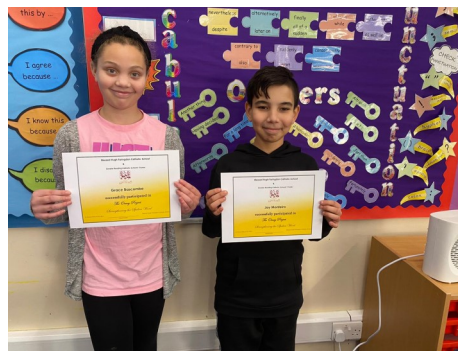
Berkshire West CCG is encouraging the use of a number of resources it produced and organized in the last nine months to support the wellbeing and welfare of children, young people and their families. These include a set of three guides under the title of #Coping, its recently relaunched mental health booklet for teenagers called the Little Blue Book of Sunshine and the free online youth counselling service for 11-year-olds and over, Kooth. You can find links to these resources and much more on BFFC's webpages [COVID-19 Support for parents and carers](#), [Managing your wellbeing for parents and carers](#) and the [Young People's Zone](#).

Year 6 Oracy project

Last term some of our Year 6 pupils worked with some students at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School to work on their presenting skills.

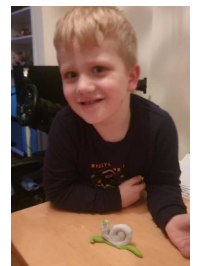
They had to write a speech about something they felt strongly about and were helped along the way by the BHF students to present the speeches.

Well done to Ajuna, Patrycja, Sam, Eleazar, Grace and Jay. A huge well done to Aiden and Jessica who won a special prize for progress since the start of the project.



Congratulations to our stars of the week

Miss Boutska's and Mrs Parry Jones's home learning: Anaya, Lena, Francis JR and Kai.



Whilst their school star of the week is Elliot.



Mrs Gooch's class:

Last week: Charlotte and Chloe

This week: Kacper and Anton

Math's Ninjas

Well done to Elithia and Zain who received their Shodan bands.

The Gospel



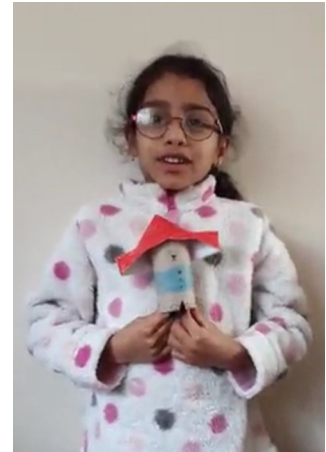
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Nursery news

The nursery children have produced some lovely artwork around their hedgehog story: *One Winter's Day* by M. Christine Butler.



KS1 News

In KS1 the children have been studying the UK and we have seen lots of marvelous work about London and Buckingham Palace.

Melody has drawn a fantastic picture of London.

Finley designed an invitation inviting himself to Buckingham Palace for tea with the queen.

Annette used her Paddington Bear model to practice retelling the class story of Paddington at the Palace.

Emmanuel drew an amazing picture and wrote about his favourite scene from the Paddington at the Palace story.



Paddington at the Buckingham Palace waiting to pick flower from the Queen's garden.

KS2 News

Anton in Mrs Gooch's class has written a wonderful poem about pizzas.

Pizza pizza it's a treat.
Pizza pizza fun to eat.
Stripy gooey cheesy yummy
Pepporami in my tummy.

Pizza pizza it's a treat.
Pizza pizza fun to eat.
Your melted cheese, so smooth
and thick crust make it gold
threads that glisten and stick.

Pizza pizza it's a treat.
Pizza pizza fun to eat.
Your pepperoni, chunk after chunk,
and circles of spice with extra pump.

Pizza pizza it's a treat
Pizza pizza fun to eat.
Your crust that cruches crisp and loud,
It's puffy inside like cumulus clouds.

Pizza pizza it's a treat
Pizza pizza fun to eat.
Oh..luscious pizza I don't think twice
Always go slice after slice.