



# Bladon Buzz

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## A note from the headteacher

I would like to begin by welcoming our two student teachers; Mrs Everett, who will be working in Cherry Class and Miss Hodgkins, who will be joining Willow Class. We hope that they really enjoy their eight-week placement with us at Bladon.

Last term, due to such a busy end, we did not have the opportunity to award our Value's Trophy to the children. I am pleased to announce that the worthy recipients of the awards for Perseverance went to Mila in KS1 and Lewis in KS2.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the FOBS quiz on Saturday night. Great fun was had by all in our attempts to answer some tricky questions set by Richard Quinnell. At long last, after three tries, I am pleased to say that the teachers and their families finally won the quiz! Thank you to the FOBS team for all of their hard work in setting up the event and to Richard for some great questions.

If you have any questions or queries concerning the school or your child/children, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact me at school. Alternatively, you can email me at [head.3146@bladon.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3146@bladon.oxon.sch.uk)

In Cherry Class the children and their teachers have been listening to a story called 'Bernard the Frog Who Couldn't Jump.' The children have drawn story maps and are busy learning all about the life of frogs.

In Apple Class the topic for this term is 'Sewing and Growing'. The children have been trying different salad ingredients and voting on their favourite food. Next week, they will be making salads using their chosen ingredients. I really hope that they don't forget their hungry Headteacher!

In Oak Class, the children are putting the new iPads to good use and are learning to create their own stop frame animations. Stop motion animation was key to many of the first special effects in movies, Jason and the Argonauts and The Nightmare Before Christmas to name but two. Sadly, we do not have the budget of Hollywood but we do have the imagination of the children. We are very excited about this project and are looking forward to the movies.

In Willow Class the children have been looking at the narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. As part of their learning experiences they were asked to think about what it would feel like to ride a horse. To help them to picture this they were given the opportunity to ride a horse called 'gym' in the hall. The children entered whole-heartedly into the experience. Ollie B even gave Matt a run for his money whilst racing their 'horses'. As we work through the unit the children will go on to write their own narrative poem using 'The Highwayman' as a stimulus.



### Volunteers needed!

We would love some reading volunteers to come in to school to listen to the children read. If you have a spare hour through the week and would like to join us, please can you let Julie or Becky know.

Can I please remind parents that drive their children to school and park in Church Street to be mindful that many residents leave for work around 8.30 and are at times finding it tricky to get their cars along the road. Thank you.

A quick reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place in the Church Rooms next Thursday 10th May, 7.30pm at The Church Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Behaviour and Manners Awards

Ben P & Nicholas

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATS Week

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 Bikes into School

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Year 6 Marlborough School Induction

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – New Cherry Class Coffee Morning

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Reception Class Eye Test

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Break up for Half Term