



# Newsletter

February 2022 no 9

*A Love of Learning for Life*

*Dear All,*

As we approach half term, it is lovely to see the lighter morning and evenings. Spring must be around the corner as Poppies and Sunflowers have started sowing seeds this week. It'll be a while before the Broad Beans begin to shoot through.

Our Message in a Bottle Learning Journey focused on History has finished off this week with a wonderful performance from year 4- Pirates of the Curry Bean. It is lovely to see the children smiling and performing confidently. There was much laughter and giggles from the audience.

On Tuesday this week, there was Safer Internet Day. We regularly work with the children on how to keep safe online through the year, but this year we completed a survey with the KS2 children. With 50% of children having their own mobile phones and some children having unfiltered access. It is really important that all adults talk to children about how to keep safe and what to do if they are worried. You can find a copy of the results, in the newsletter.

Have a lovely half term,  
Mrs Sarah Bennett

## *House Competition*



### **HOUSE COMPETITION**

**Due-** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### **Re-use and Recycle**

Hi everyone,

We think it's incredibly important to look after our planet so we'd like you to be creative with something you would normally throw away!

What could you create using your rubbish and recycling? A musical instrument? A collage? Puppets? Desk organiser? Toys? Sculpture? Crafts? Artwork? Spaceship? Robot?

Be imaginative! Bring in your entry or send in a photo. We will choose winners from every year group and celebrate our favourites in assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March!

5 house points per entry with awards to be won too.

We look forward to seeing your entries,

The House Captains.

Please ask adults at home to make sure you are using clean, safe materials.  
Photos of entries can be emailed to [competition@bassetts-farm.devon.sch.uk](mailto:competition@bassetts-farm.devon.sch.uk)  
Please include your name and which house you are in.

## *NEU National Teachers Strike*

The NEU has announced a series of Strike Days:

- Thursday 2 March,
- Wednesday 15 March
- Thursday 16 March.

It is my intention to keep as many classes open as possible during these days. The classes may be covered by Teaching Assistants and the full curriculum may not be able to be delivered on these days.

Taking industrial action is not a decision that has been taken lightly by any of the teachers, who remain committed to providing the best possible quality of education for all pupils both now and in the future.

I appreciate that parents need as much notice as possible, however teachers are not required to give advance notice of striking- This makes planning more complex. Parents are advised to consider alternative arrangements should there be the need to close classes.

# A Love of Learning...



## Year 4 production- Pirates of the Curry Bean



## Sports Impact Day

Children and teachers in years 2,3,4,5 & 6 have been working with our PE specialist, Mrs Mason, to try out new games and activities to keep healthy and active in short exercise sessions. The children enjoyed the sessions and are keen to play more of these new games



## Well Being

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and we have popped in daily activities for the children. Tips for parents are attached to the newsletter.



## School Menu

You will have received our new School Dinner Menu and many of you were able to sample some of the delicious things on offer.

We continue to run our own kitchen with everything made freshly in school but are now working with Goosemoor to provide local fresh products as much as possible.

We have also created a menu that packs in fruit and vegetables- even hidden within the desserts!



# A Love of Learning...

## Spring 2023 Dates for the Diary...

### February

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>			Half term	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Yr 2	"We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.

### March

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>		Yr 5/6	Hannah Foley Author visit	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>		All	House Competition	Create something from rubbish! Entries can be brought in or photographed and submitted via email to <a href="mailto:competition@bassetts-farm.devon.sch.uk">competition@bassetts-farm.devon.sch.uk</a>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>		All	World Book Day	Children are welcome to dress up in a simple costume. A range of book related activities throughout the day. Author visit- Claire Welsh
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>			NEU Strike Day	The NEU strike may cause disruption the the usual school day. It is possible that some classes may need to close.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00	Yr 1	"We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am- 9:50am	Sunflowers and Poppies	Craft Session	Parents are welcome to join us in the hall from 9:00 for some crafts with their children.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>		All	Red Nose day	The children will be making Red Noses in school.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>		Yr4&5	Celebration of dance festival	Groups of children participating
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:40	parents	Parent Information workshop	Developing Listening Skills
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>			Delightful Devon Week	A themed learning week.
28 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Eve	All	Parents' Evening	Appointments for 10 minutes can be made through Eduspot. A text will let you know when this is available.
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>			Last day of Term	

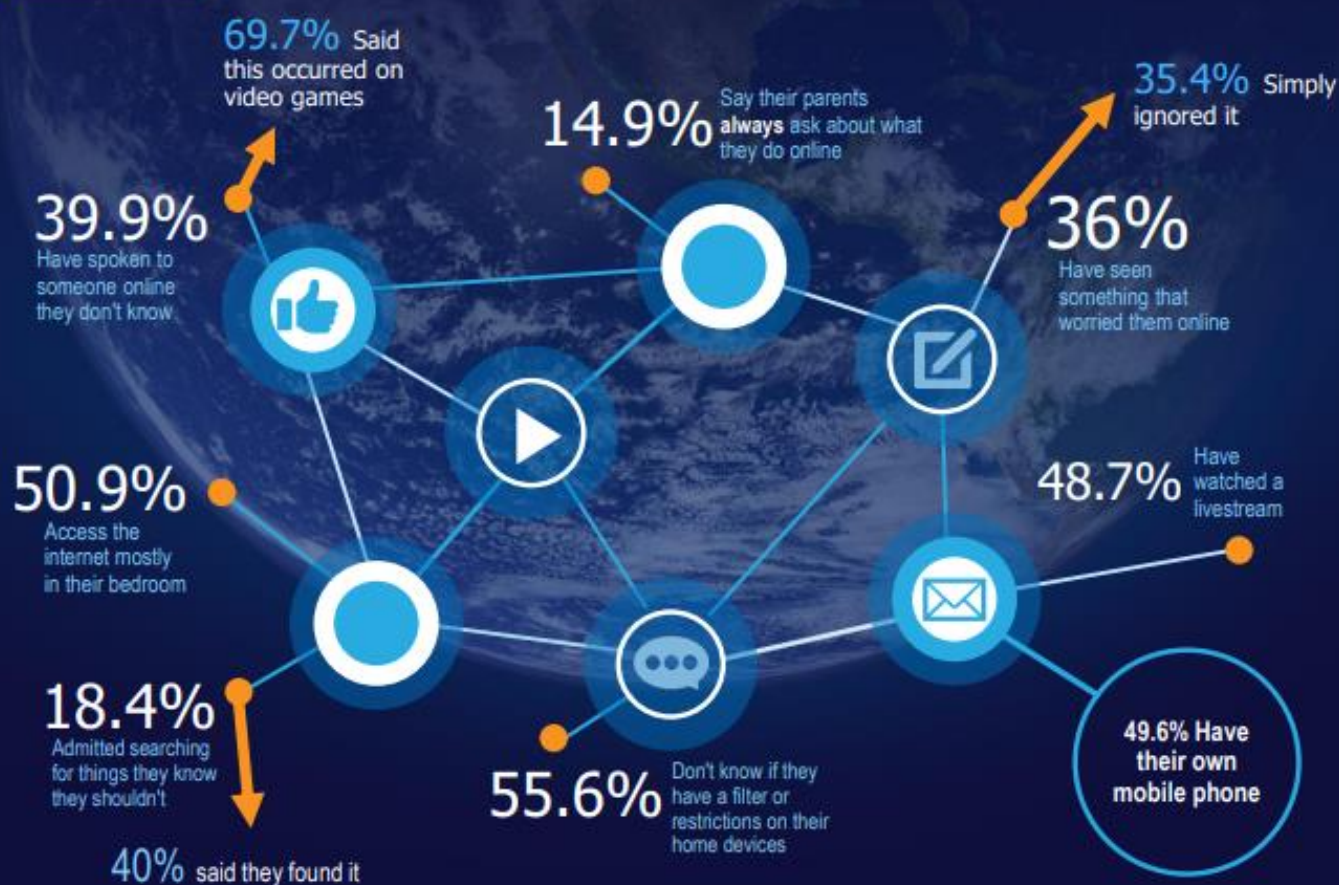
### April

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>		All	Start of Summer Term	



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# Internet Usage



## Our life online...

The information contained in this infographic was collected from 228 pupil responses. All children answered the questions anonymously to ensure the results were as honest and accurate as possible. The information will enable the school to target internet safety sessions to our pupils' needs.

## Social Media

All social media apps/websites require users to be at least 13 years or older (In some cases 16). We found high numbers of pupils stating they have accounts on many of these sites. See *Some* of our findings:



**228**

Pupils in KS2 (Years 3-6) were surveyed anonymously.

## Screen time

**46.5%**

Percentage of pupils spending more than 3 hours a day on devices.



Online Safety Newsletter February 2023

Please find attached the January Online Safety newsletter for parents: PUBG; Age restrictions; Instagram

# *A Love of Learning...*

## Poppies and Sunflowers

Reception have been busy planting broad bean seeds this week!



## Year One

This week, in maths, year 1 have been learning about weight. We have worked in teams to use balancing scales to compare the weights of two objects, to weigh individual objects in cubes and finally individual objects in grams.



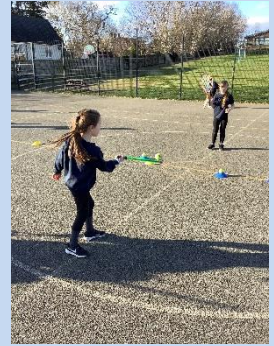
## Year Two

Taking inspiration from their learning about Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius, the children have been using watercolour techniques to create their own volcano images. They have been learning to mix different shades and learned how to create different tones.



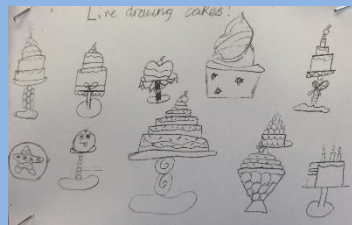
# Year Three

In Year 3 this half term, we have been improving our tennis skills - learning to play tennis using both their forehand and back hand and the children are beginning to successfully rally!



# Year Four

Year 4 have looked at different collage techniques – experimented with ideas, created line drawings; created textured paper and then combined this to make a cakes collage.



# Year Five

In year 5, as part of our learning about the ancient Maya civilisation, we have been exploring artefacts, using reasoning to make informed judgements of what their purpose may have been, justifying our conclusions in our groups.



# Year Six

Year 6 have been learning about the Battle of Britain. They have used this knowledge to create Diaries in English.

