



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to our newsletter last week, thank you once again for your understanding and patience as we deal with occurrences of Covid-19 within the school. As you are aware, we have made a number of operational changes in the past week to mitigate any risk of transmission, and your children have been wonderful in adapting to changes which affect them. We are continuing to monitor the situation very closely and will update you regarding any changes to arrangements that we make.

This week has had a different feel in school. The Year 6 classes are having a fantastic time on their residential trip at PGL Liddington, and both Y3 classes have visited the Hill End Centre this week. The school has felt less busy as a result, but no less productive. Your children have settled quickly into new school routines, and they impress us every day.

As this is the first Batt School Newsletter that I have written, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank so many of you for making me feel so welcome. Please feel free to chat at the beginning or end of the day, and I hope to meet many more of you soon.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Paul Atkins
Interim Head of School

Other Information

Vacancy

We are looking for a part-time Cleaner to join our dedicated and supportive team on a permanent basis. Please see the school website for further details if you are interested in this position.

Safeguarding

We have become aware that some children in Upper Key Stage 2 are talking about the new Netflix series Squid Game. We wish to make you aware that this is a 15 certificate and is therefore not appropriate for primary school children.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please speak to Ms Barwell, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, or one of our Deputy DSLs: Mr Atkins; Mrs Dunstan; Mrs Holme; Mrs O'Driscoll; or Mr Baker. Appointments can be made via the office at office@thebattschool.org.uk or on 01993 702392.

Class News

RAW

We have had a lovely week exploring the garden and making fantastic obstacle courses. We have been learning what it means to be kind and we have discovered that we are amazing at it! We have also been practising mindfulness to help our bodies and minds feel calm and relaxed.



3CW

We have had a fantastic trip to Hill End, learning all about the Stone Age. We have made shelters, cooked bread over a fire, made an axe, hunted wild boar, visited a round house and foraged for food. We loved watching some liquid metal being poured into a mould, which helped us understand how the Iron Age came about.

3D

We had a brilliant trip to Hill end on Wednesday. We got the opportunity to build shelters and test them to see how waterproof they were, cook bread on an open fire, grind wheat, forage for berries, look inside a stone age round house, make axes and spear a wild boar! We reminded ourselves about what we had learned already and learned lots more exciting things. The children were all brilliant and represented the school wonderfully. They made Miss Doughton very proud.

4M

On Monday, Hands on History came to visit 4M. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. They handled some real and replica Anglo-Saxon artefacts and learnt about how the battle for territory between the Saxons and the Vikings led to the country finally becoming England.

The children enjoyed role playing the struggle for power and demonstrated a great knowledge of the period by answering the questions they were asked. It is the first time we have asked for this unit to be taught and it was definitely beneficial in reinforcing knowledge they already had and extending it.

I'm sure the children showed you the currency they had made - sawn silver. Good fun was had by all.

Year 6

The year sixes have had an amazing time on their PGL Residential adventure this week.

Many have faced their fears, all have reached new heights and new friendships have been made.

The Year 6 team are very proud of all the children- their positive attitude, politeness and resilience make them a credit to the school and a pleasure to look after.

As they return today (a bit weary), we are sure that they will share their experiences and memories with you over the coming days and hopefully these memories will stay with them forever.

Key Dates

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| Thursday 14 th October | - Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church |
| Friday 29 th October | - SEN Family Get Together 10am to 12noon at Fat Squirrel, North Leigh |
| Sunday 31 st October | - Deadline for applying for a Secondary School place for September 2022 |
| Wednesday 3 rd November | - Individual School Photos |
| Tuesday 30 th November | - Flu Vaccinations for all Year Groups |

