



Bladon Buzz

Bladon C of E Primary School

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A note from the headteacher

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Cook, Mrs Bott, Mrs Kemp, Matt and our wonderfully supportive parents for looking after the children so well at the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena. I would also like to thank the children for singing beautifully and representing the school so well. A fantastic time was had by all, one that will be remembered for a long time.

PE Questionnaire:

Please could we ask each family to complete a PE Questionnaire, sent home today, as this will enable us to ensure that our PE Provision continues to develop for the school and the community. Once completed please return to

the school office. Your child's name will be written on this form in pencil in the top right corner and if you wish to remove before returning it then please do. We look forward to hearing your thoughts, Thank you.

Behaviours and Manners Award:
Cosmo Sayers and Milly Robertson

Tracey Fletcher
Head teacher.

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

Yet another busy week at Bladon where I had the pleasure of going into the children's Maths lessons to see what they are learning about. In Cherry class the children were taking part in 'Little Big Maths' where Mrs Bott follows a clear routine which provides opportunities for the children to respond, sharing their Maths knowledge and what knowledge they had to share! I am sure that some of the children are older than we have been told! It was great to hear the children 'thinking out loud' practising their reasoning skills at only four and five years old. The children were even able to count to 100 in tens; I would say that was pretty impressive! The best part was being able to join in with a song and move around to reinforce counting in ones. We had a great time doubling numbers using our body parts. It was wonderful to see the children having so much fun in their learning.

My next stop took me into Apple class where the children were working on Time. They played a whole class game of Time dominoes, linking the written word to the clock face and for some even the 24 hour clock! For the first time in my entire teaching career I saw a human clock! The children made a clock out of cones showing the sixty minutes that make each hour and how they were broken into five minute then fifteen minute intervals. Once the clock was made, the children became the hands of the clock working with a partner to show a given time. I'm sure this must be a first in a school! The children were absolutely amazing. I was very impressed with all that they knew.

Walking into Oak class took me straight into a problem that needed solving (I have to admit it took me a few minutes to find the answer!). The children were amazing at being able to explain their thinking and find a range of ways to solve the problem. Mrs Perry gave the children some tricky questions where they were able to share just how much they know. Willow class took me into the world of fractions. The children

were being asked to simplify fractions. Simple, you may think! Not when the children were being asked to work with such large numbers. It was wonderful to see them being so methodical with their working. The children have since moved on to adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. To find out more, please ask your child what they have been doing in class.

FOBS News:

*'FOBS Update: Summary of 12th Jan Meeting
The Christmas Fayre was a huge success and thanks to everyone who participated. As a result of FOBS fundraising over the past year we are very happy to be able to donate £8000 towards the purchase of IPADs, and pay for new goalposts and the Sports Ambassadors' hoodies.*

FOBS activities for this term will be a cake sale on Thursday 2nd Feb from 3pm and a School Disco on Wednesday 8th Feb between 5 and 6 pm. We are also organising a Valentine's Quiz Evening on Saturday 25th Feb from 8pm. Tickets will be £5 per person and include cheese and nibbles. Maximum team size of 6 people. More details of the disco and quiz to follow.

Should you wish to contact FOBS for any reason you can speak to your class representative or email bladonfobs@gmail.com

Important dates:

Thursday 2nd February – FOBS Cake Sale
Tuesday 7th February - Oak trip to Hill End
Friday 10th February – Break up for Half Term
Monday 20th February- Return to School
Saturday 25th February- FOBS Quiz Night
Friday 7th April- Break up for Easter Holidays