



Bladon Buzz

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A note from the headteacher

Welcome to week 5, at Bladon. I have had the pleasure of spending some time in each classroom. Let me tell you a little bit about what has happened this week.

When I visited Cherry Class the children were experiencing their first role play session, as a character from the book, 'Jim and the Giant Beanstalk' came alive. The Giant (aka Mr Stokes) appeared in Cherry Class asking the children to help him to write his shopping list as he had lost his glasses and couldn't see properly. It was wonderful to see the children trying their hardest to form the sounds they could hear and write them on to the enormous shopping list. Well done Cherry Class, the Giant will be really grateful for all of your hard work.

Whilst in Apple Class, the room was transformed into space, with twinkling stars and planets circling overhead. The children even had their very own spaceship as they spent the whole week learning about space. They created paper mache planets, baked biscuits and made their own aliens from salt dough. In addition to having to write a letter to 'Spork', an alien, whose spaceship had broken down when he landed on earth. The children helpfully gave him advice on how to mend it so he could get home. I'm sure that with all of their help, 'Spork' will have returned back to his planet.

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

Whereas, in Oak Class the children went back in time to a Victorian Classroom. Visitors were invited into Bladon to teach the children about life in school during Victorian times. They started their lesson learning about copper-plate handwriting, but woe betide anyone who got inky fingers, it was the cane for them! The children had a nail inspection, wrote poems, compared old books to new, did their maths work on a slate, were warned not to slouch or they would find themselves supported by a stick and if they dared to fiddle, finger locks would be fitted to their fingers. Needless to say everyone sat very still!

However, it was a different story in Willow Class. Construction was on the learning menu, as the children started to gather the materials they needed to create their Viking structures. Hammers pounded as woodwork happened outside, glue sticks and paint brushes were wielded as the children worked collaboratively to create their structure. We're really looking forward to seeing their finished work.

In addition to all of the exciting learning that has been happening at Bladon the children have elected their Class Councillors. Well done to Flora and Ben in Apple, Alex and Miranda in Oak and Zoe and Josh H in Willow. I am really looking forward to working with the children to make Bladon even better.

Finally, thank you to everyone for their understanding on Friday with the power outage. It was wonderful to see the true community spirit at Bladon shine through, as parents helped out with sharing or offering to shop for food. The children really enjoyed being part of the biggest picnic Bladon has seen.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival celebrations at church on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. I would also like to thank you for your kind donations of food.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ray Banks (Chair of Governors) who has given thirty years of service to the school as part of our Governing Body. We really appreciate the time and commitment he has given to making Bladon a fabulous place to both teach and learn.

Thanks to everyone who came along to Film Night. The children all seemed to enjoy watching Despicable Me 3, those parents who stayed were treated to coffee and cake and we made a fantastic £195 for the school - everyone's a winner! Big thanks to Nadine for organising it.

Behaviour and Manners Awards
Griffith & Tyrese

Important Dates

Mon 16th & Thurs 19th Oct – Parents Evening

Tues 17th Oct – Special Assembly – FOBS gifting of iPads to the school

Fri 20th Oct – Cake Sale