



# Learning Naturally

at Beddington Infants' School

Letter 3

Wednesday, 7th February, '23



Hello everyone,

I hope you're well!

As you know, we communicate mostly via email, but I am writing this newsletter to make you aware of some of the amazing things that have been happening across the school.

Like most schools, we have regular review visits from outside agencies to ensure that we maintain our high standards.

I am attaching the report following our most recent review from Challenge Partners, a collaborative model that, otherwise, is similar to an Ofsted inspection. I am also attaching an overview of the views of 6 children from across Year 2.

Much to the surprise of the Ofsted and Challenge Partners teams, we still have unfilled spaces across the school, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining Beddington Infants' School, this report is available on our school website. Please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a visit.

School finishes at the usual time on Friday.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 19th February.

Wishing you a lovely half-term!



## Family Learning Together Sessions

It was great to see so many of you joining your children in the learning environment again this half-term. We hope that you find the sessions useful, and of course, fun! As always, we understand if you can't attend, so a family member, child minder, family friend is welcome to attend in your place. If no one can attend, staff complete the activities with the children, ensuring that everyone benefits.



Year 2 Reading Together



Early Maths in Reception



Year 1 Understanding Place Value

# *Improvements to the site*

The Garden Room (dome) has now been completed, including services such as a telephone, Wi-Fi and lights. I'm attaching some photographs taken last week. In the dome there are 18 seats which provide storage. Three are used for Earth Awareness resources (similar to Forest School), three for the Lunchtime Quiet Area, one for First Aid and one per class.



The Garden Room at Sun Set



This area by Zebra Class, used to be full of big cupboards storing whole school resources. The resources have now been moved to our new storage area in The Ark (below), creating another peaceful learning area.



The Ark used to be an I.T. room, but now all our I.T. is mobile (laptops, Chromebooks, I pads) so the room has been repurposed, adding easily accessible storage for staff and children, creating yet another new area for learning.



## Visitors to Assembly

Thank you to Mr Merriman, who delighted everyone by playing a range of instruments. His children even performed with him!

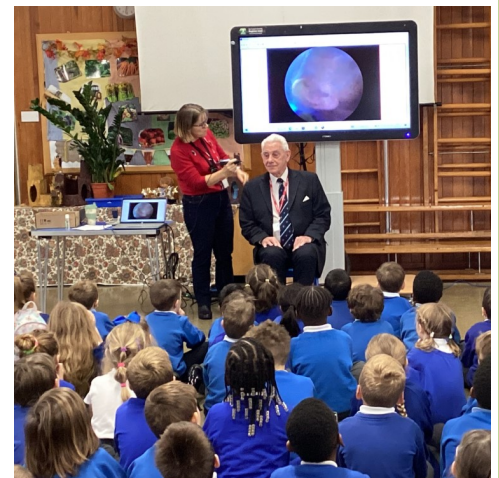


An impressive performance from the Merriman Family.

Thank you to Barry Williams, an Associate Governor, who not only volunteers in the school himself, but also spends incredible time and effort sourcing interesting visitors for us.

Most recently, Barry arranged a visit from Victoria Isfryn, from Carshalton Brass Studio. Victoria wowed us all with her trumpet playing, explaining how the trumpet makes sounds. She brought two extra mouth pieces so two children could try making a sound. It usually takes a while to learn how to make a sound, but both children followed her instructions perfectly and made a sound straight away.

Dr Alexandra Lindsay, an E.N.T. specialist, demonstrated how we hear. She brought the instruments she uses to check ears and was able to show us on the big screen. Since her visit, the children have used models of the ear to extend their learning further.



Dr. Alexandra Lindsay 'checked' Barry's ears in assembly.

**Dame Mary Archer:** In her role as a celebrated scientist, specialising in solar power conversion, Dame Mary talked to the children about our planet, including how and why we should look after it. The children (and adults) were fascinated, asking lots of questions.



Dame Mary Archer fascinated us with facts about our planet and the solar system.

We are extremely grateful to all of our visitors and to Barry for arranging the visits! He is already arranging the next ones...



Victoria Isfryn delighted us with an explanation of how a trumpet makes sound and then played many tunes for us.

## Christmas Shows Charity Collections

Thank you for your generous donations following the Christmas shows. A total of **£700.40** was raised across the school to be shared between these charities.  
Thank you for your generosity!

- Jigsaw4U
- Sutton Nightwatch



### Parent Testimonials

"The service is in my opinion vital to young people in this day and age."

"I have noticed a real difference in his ability to cope in school since Jigsaw4U's help. Knowing that he has support puts my mind at rest."

"Thank you so much for the time you took to talk to me and listen to my worries. You have made such a difference to how I now view the future."

"My children are now happy, which is down to Jigsaw4U."



If you are experiencing difficulties you are welcome to talk to us confidentially and we will either offer you support or put you in touch with someone who will be able to help.

### Who We Are

Sutton Night Watch is a registered charity (1171903) which was set up to support and raise awareness for the homeless people within the London Borough of Sutton and surrounding areas.

Over the past 7 years, with the support of local business, the community and fundraising efforts, we have been able to grow and expand into our own, permanent base (35 Manor Road, Wallington) in December 2019. From here we are able to not only provide the essentials such as food, showers and clothing supplies, but we are able to also offer our service users a range of health services, benefit advice, wellbeing and educational based courses, clothes, washing facilities and most importantly, a place where they are seen, heard and understood.



## Birthdays

Some of our families have asked if they can bring sweets/cake/fruit to school when their children have a birthday. While it is very generous, our policy is that we don't have food for these occasions, primarily because of potential allergies.

Children don't expect anything and are happy with everyone singing and wishing them a happy birthday in the class and in assembly. Thank you though!



### Contact Details

Just a reminder to update the office team if your address or contact details change at any time, as it is essential that we are able to contact you. Thank you.

## Second Hand Uniform

Please remember that we have a stock of good quality pre-used uniform which has been donated by families.

You will find items on a rack in the Office Reception area. If you can't find the size you're looking for please let the office team know as there may be more uniform not on the rack.

We ask for a small donation.

Thank you very much to those who donate clean uniform. We also accept wellingtons and plimsolls. Thank you!

