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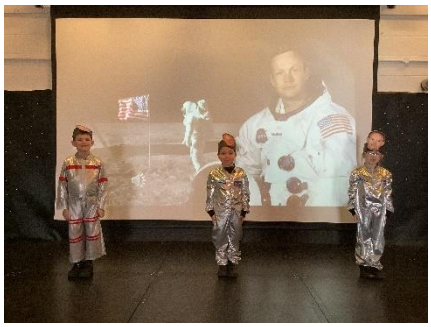
Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and inspiring week across the school, with pupils embracing a wide range of opportunities to learn, perform and grow

Explorers Take Central Stage in Year 1



Year One showed off their God given talents as they presented an extraordinary assembly. Parents and carers were the audience of 'Channel Bourne Abbey' and tuned into different TV shows where they learnt about four famous explorers from the past. They watched an episode of Dragon's Den where Christopher Columbus was attempting to get the funds he needed for the voyage. Once he secured the money, we saw some fabulous acting from the children on board Columbus' ship. Next, we were onto Gladiators where Matthew Henson faced ice, snow, darkness and a polar bear in a battle of 'Duel'!



After that, we tuned into The Masked Dancer where some fascinating facts were given to reveal Amelia Earhart was under the mask. Finally, we watched Strictly Come Dancing where Neil Armstrong performed a dance and nearly got 10 across the board! The children spoke with confidence, having learnt their words off by heart. The actors and narrators presented themselves brilliantly, the Strictly and Masked Dancer contestants danced enthusiastically and the whole year group sang beautifully. The children showed courage and bravery stepping on stage to such a full audience! It was an incredible assembly, well done Year 1.





Egg-citing News in Reception!





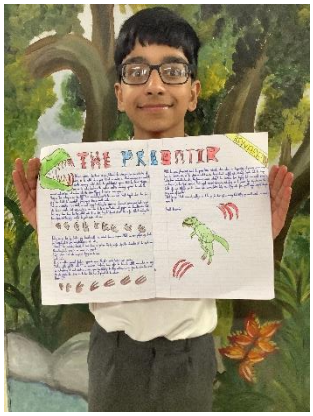


In Reception this week, the children have been very egg-cited to receive a special delivery of 10 fertilised chick eggs. They carefully placed them into the incubator and are now eagerly waiting for them to hatch. Each day, anticipation is building as they check for the first tiny cracks appearing. The children have been learning about how to care for the chicks once they arrive, developing their understanding of responsibility and what living things need to grow and stay healthy. They are already showing great curiosity and care.

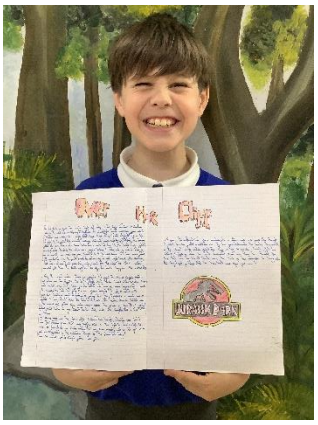
The excitement has continued through their learning, with children suggesting names for the chicks using their phonics and getting creative outdoors by making “chick sticks.”

This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to begin exploring life cycles and caring for living things. I look forward to sharing updates as the chicks begin to hatch.

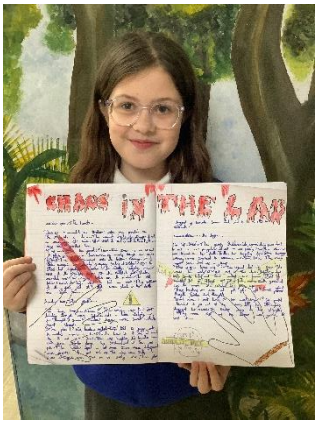
Year 6: A Prehistoric Nightmare Unfolds!

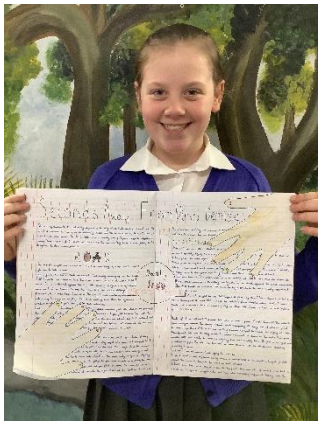


Year 6 have been developing their narrative writing skills through an exciting suspense-filled unit inspired by Jurassic Park. Writing for an audience of 10-12 year olds, the children carefully crafted thrilling stories designed to entertain their readers while building tension and suspense. Throughout the unit, pupils explored how authors create atmosphere and keep readers on the edge of their seats, using techniques such as short sentences for impact, powerful description and SEAT dialogue to move the action forward and heighten the drama.



The final published pieces are fantastic. The children have taken great pride not only in the quality of their writing but also in the creativity of their publishing. From imaginative layouts and thoughtful presentation to carefully illustrated details, pupils have used their creativity to bring their prehistoric adventures vividly to life. Their beautifully presented narratives truly capture the danger, mystery and suspense of their stories while showcasing the pride they take in their work.







Year 5 take part in Bee Netball tournament at Spalding High School.



Our Year 5 children recently attended a Bee Netball tournament organised by School Games and had a fantastic time taking part. Bee Netball is a fun; simplified version of the game designed for younger players. It helps children develop their passing, movement and shooting skills, while also giving everyone the chance to try different positions on the court.





Throughout the tournament, the children showed great teamwork, perseverance and determination in every match they played. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow and their skills improve as the games went on.



Most importantly, everyone had lots of fun and supported each other brilliantly. The children represented the school impeccably and made us all very proud.

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ARTICLE 9 (separation from parents)
Children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests (for example, if a parent is hurting or neglecting a child). Children whose parents have separated have the right to stay in contact with both parents, unless this could cause them harm.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 23rd March – Oundle Festival of Music.

Tuesday 24th March – Y6 First Aid Training

Thursday 26th March – 8.45am - 9.15am – Y6 Starbooks Reading Café.

Thursday 26th March – PTFA Disco – Y1, 2, 3 – 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Thursday 26th March – PTFA Disco – Y4, 5, 6 – 4.40pm-5.40pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, we look forward to sharing more of our children's achievements with you next week. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

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