



## **Merrow Schools Federation Bulletin - Summer 1 2023**

28th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

And here we are in the summer term (still waiting for the weather to catch up!). Eid Mubarak to all of our families and friends who celebrated Eid last Sunday, and to those who participated in St George's Day parades etc.

There is a full calendar this term, so please keep the 'Dates for the Diary' close to hand so that no-one misses out! For the upcoming Coronation, we are inviting the children to come dressed in Red, White and Blue on Tuesday 9th May (Year 6 to wear uniform for their SATS paper and bring in a change of clothes). Junior children will walk down to the Infant site for a joint picnic and activity (weather permitting). The Infants will also be planting a tree as a mark of respect for King Charles.

One major event this term is the joint Summer Fair on 23rd June. Planning is well underway - please look out for ways in which you can help support the PTA committees.

### **Federation Updates**

#### **Logo**

I have received some designs and will be putting these out to a vote in the coming couple of weeks. Once these have been agreed, then we can get the ball rolling with changing all our current logos - including uniform.....

On that note, I am conscious that new to Reception and new to Year 3 parents/carers will be thinking about uniform for September. We have been advised by our suppliers that it will take around a year to produce the new uniform. We will also have a phased transition to the new uniform, with no pressure on the parents/carers to buy new items until their children have grown out of the 'old' uniform.

Therefore, please take advantage of the second-hand uniform sales, or continue to buy from our suppliers.

Shoes - a message for all children at both schools. A reminder that children should be wearing plain black SHOES to school on uniform days. Trainers only on PE days.

#### **Supervision**

A message for parents/carers of Merrow siblings - please ensure you are supervising your children whilst waiting to collect siblings at Bushy Hill. If they are playing on the grass area, they must be in sight of an adult. Thank you for your support.

#### **Year group reports:**

##### [Year three ground force day](#)



First, we went outside and started to clear the beach area. Next, we decorated stones with lots of different colours. Then, we planted herbs and flowers in the painted tyres. We also worked on the Year 3 allotment area, putting in our bird scarers from DT and planted more herbs for our future DT project - bread making. The areas look fantastic and we hope they stay that way!  
Claudia, Irving and Jolie

## Year 4

Last week, Year 4 travelled to High Ashurst for our residential trip. We had a fantastic time. All of us took part in some challenging activities such as High Ropes, a Challenge Course, and even making fires using flint and steel all by ourselves. The food was awesome and kept us fit and ready for the next activity, and all of us are now slightly better at making our own beds! We would like to thank all of the parents and carers that came along with us to help, along with all of the instructors and staff at High Ashurst. We are already starting to feel excited, brave and confident about our next big trip! - Year 4.



Last week, a group of Year 4s completed different activities with Mrs Warren-Simpson. We made a tasty M&M cheesecake to enjoy with our families at home. We watched a film, Home, and enjoyed some warm, crispy popcorn. We explored the school pond and did some pond-dipping. We found slimy newts, leeches and even a water snail. When our friends returned from High Ashurst we all shared our experiences together! - Year 4

## Willow fundraiser - Friday, the 21st of April 2023

The Willow fundraiser was planned by the Willow House Captains.

Almost everybody came in the colourful clothes as we requested! Everyone looked so different and amazing! As we walked into the assembly, we listened to 'True colours' by Cyndi Lauper, it was based on our theme of diversity! Overall we raised £175.55! Thank you all so much for your donations, it means a great deal to the school.



Today we went litter picking in the local area for our Groundforce Day activity. We brought litter pickers, gloves, and bin bags. We filled up about four full bags. We found glass bottles, balls, cans, plastic wrappers and bags. One of the more shocking items we found was trousers and a t-shirt! Even though it was a bit gross, it was fun and we are proud to keep the area clean. Tobias, Harvey and Byron 6F

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If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Dormer/Mrs Aldridge at Bushy or Mrs Hooper/Mrs Jewson at Mellow.

## Community



A national creative challenge to encourage children, young people and adults to join in the Coronation celebrations has been launched by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

To mark this historic occasion (the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort), the DCMS has teamed up with Angellica Bell to launch the Coronation Creative Challenge! A chance for people to showcase their creativity.

For details on how to enter and to see the launch video, visit the [Coronation Creative Challenge website](#).

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Don't forget the Bank Holiday on Monday - have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

*Donner*

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