



16th June 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a great two weeks we have had at The Bellbird. There has been so much going on.

Sports day was a great school community event. The children had a wonderful time, enjoying the activities and then running their hearts out in their races. Thank you all for your support, cheering on the children and helping with the chairs at the end. A big well done to Sapphire who won and to all our children for being fabulous competitors! Thank you also to Mrs Irons for another well organised and executed event.

The day continued to go well as FABS hosted Fun Friday in the evening, this was a wonderful opportunity for the adults to cool down after a hot day. The children just took the opportunity to warm up again with all their bouncing! It was lovely to informally chat to families on the field which is such a great focal point for summer events for our school.

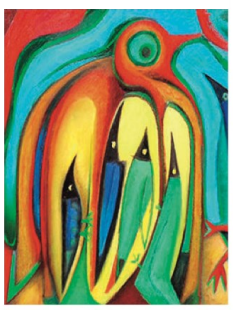
Our year 6 children had a quick break over the weekend and were then back on the outdoor activities on Monday. They spent a gloriously sunny 3 days at PGL and experienced a wide range of exciting and new activities. The children had an amazing time; as they came back through the school gates on Thursday, many were asking if they could go back! Towards the end of the week they were enjoying considering their 'top tips' for future residential trips. Using their words alongside the many photos taken to create some fabulous information posters and leaflets.

Keeping with the outdoor theme our year 4's have been using our school stoves to cook, they had to adapt their plans due to the hot weather but had a great time working together in small groups.

Gardening club has also begun again this term. The new gardeners have been having a great time with Dr Wreghitt and Mrs Foster out in the allotment.

Regarding the hot weather, as it continued into this week, we have been following local authority advice and staying inside for most of the lunch break, heading out for 10 minutes so we can get some outside time. The children have been encouraged to use the shade of the trees and our calm areas. Mr Foster has made us a fabulous shade so we had some additional cool space on the field this week and we are currently discussing other options with FABS, we are so fortunate to have them supporting us with these otherwise unaffordable items.

We have also modified PE to ensure the children stay healthy. It looks like the weather will cool a little next week along with some cloud cover so we should get some more time outdoors. Please continue to ensure your child brings a sun hat to school and has sun protection on before arriving at school, they can also bring a bottle to re apply as needed.



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Heading back indoors to finish our newsletter this week, we ended yesterday with our school music concert organised by Mrs Collins. It was a huge success, well attended and a wonderful platform to show off Bellbird talent, both vocal and instrumental. A big congratulations to all our pupils who work hard to develop and share their performance and skills. The choir, with over 50 pupils, performed songs from The Beatles to Katie Perry to "Matilda". Guests also enjoyed performances from pupils from years 2 - 6 on a variety of instruments: drums, recorder, piano, guitar and violin. What a talented school! A generous sum was raised for coaches to the O2 for our future ongoing participation in Young Voices which is wonderful news. Thank you parents for your support of this event.

**Best wishes**  
**Mrs Clayton and Mrs Pentney**

**A fabulous time was had by the  
year 6's on the residential. Check  
out twitter for more photos!**



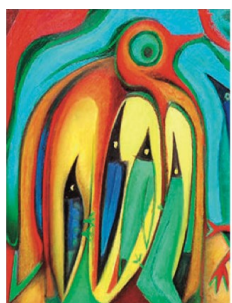
**Sports day was fabulous fun!**



**Gardening club has new members this year.**







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### Final Summer Term Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd June 2023	Arts Week
Wednesday 21st June 2023	Early Intervention Family Advisor workshop for parents
Wednesday 28th June 2023	Year 6 pupils Induction day at Sawston Village College: all day
Thursday 29th June 2023	Year 6 Induction evening at Sawston Village College: pupils and parents 4 – 7.30pm
Friday 7th July 2023	Year 5 Sawston Village College taster morning
Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th July 2023	Evening performances of Year 6 Production
Tuesday 11th July 2023	Year 2 sharing assembly and class visit (9.10-10am)
Wednesday 12th July 2023	Year 6 leavers assembly
Tuesday 18th July 2023	Year 6 leavers bbq
Wednesday 19th July 2023	Last day of term

<u>Term Dates 2023-24</u>	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Term Starts [first day of school for children]	Monday 4th September 2023	Thursday 4th January 2024	Monday 15th April 2024 [May Day - 6th May]
Half term	23rd-27th October 2023	19th-23rd February 2024	27th-31st May 2024
Term Ends [last day of school for children]	Wednesday 20th December 2023	Thursday 28th March 2024	Thursday 18th July 2024
Professional Days (School closed to children)	Friday 1st September 2023 Friday 17th & Monday 20th November 2023		Friday 19th & Monday 22nd July 2024