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Values of the term: Unity, Courage, Peace

**"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." — John 14:27 (NIV)**

Dear Parents,

A busy and joyful term comes to an end. No two days are ever the same - from welcoming our youngest children as they tentatively take their first steps into their new classrooms, to seeing the playground come alive with excitement as new toys arrive, greeting eager Vikings at the gate, and hearing Oaks' enthusiastically recount their trip to Parliament – these moments offer just a glimpse into the vibrant daily life of our wonderful school. A huge thank you to our incredible staff for their hard work and dedication – everyone always goes above and beyond for the children.

Curriculum

Acorns have been exploring the zones of regulation and talking about how different events make us feel. Big Acorns have been learning about differences in size, weight and capacity this week. Little Acorns have enjoyed sharing story sacks and finding pairs that match.

Beech have been learning the features of a letter. They put this into practice and wrote a letter to 'Plop' in 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. In Maths, we have been adding three 1-digit numbers and finding part of a whole. The children have also enjoyed collecting leaves, making leaf pictures and learning about the weather in Singapore.

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Sycamore children have been finishing up their amazing narrative writing. Additionally, we had the exciting Viking experience on Wednesday where all the children got the opportunity to play Viking board games, hold weapons and shields and we even raided Oak Class. It was a super day, and the children learnt lots about the Vikings. Lots of photos to enjoy on the

Sycamore class page on the website - <https://www.bucklandprimaryschool.org.uk/viking-workshop-1/>

Oak have had a busy final week in school with Y6 completing 'special quizzes'. As a class, we have identified how we can overcome barriers to success in Circle Time, analysed the lyrics in songs by The Black-Eyed Peas and Kelly Clarkson in Guided Reading, investigated electricity in science and played intra school matches in Tag Rugby. We also had Mrs Lines' aunt, who was 9 when WW2 started, visiting in class today sharing her unique experiences from World War II - thanks to Mrs Lines for organising this, it was fascinating to hear about her life as a child during this difficult period in history.

Physics Photo Competition sponsored by the Ogden Trust – Please see the attached details about a Science Photography Competition focused on the theme of 'Movement.' This competition was originally held last summer, but it is being run again. We've also attached a PowerPoint presentation, shared with children today, showcasing the winning photos from the previous competition – the images are fantastic. This is a great opportunity for your child to get outdoors and explore how to capture 'Movement' in a photograph, with some fantastic prizes up for grabs. Entry details are provided in the letter. There's also an adult category open to all parents!

Bibles

Our Year 6 children have received their new Bibles, generously provided by the Church PCC. These Bibles will be used throughout the year in school, and on the last day of Primary school, the children will take them home as a lifelong gift. Each Monday, the Year 6 students bring their Bibles to Worship, where we explore a different section together.

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Vacancies

We still have an advert out for our School Administrator role – please share widely – thank you.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2024-BCEPS-86241>

Mental health and wellbeing

Thank you to all for sharing the children's happy photos. We will be creating a display in the hall for all to see!

This week's wellbeing quote is from Mr Stevens:

'Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE, the word itself says "I'M POSSIBLE!"

Safeguarding

Online Tutors Safe Practice Guidance

Please find attached a guidance poster for parents and carers regarding safe practice around online tutoring. With the rise of the internet, tutoring has increasingly moved online, making it easier to access tutors from around the world, including language specialists and PhD candidates. The COVID-19 pandemic further accelerated this shift, normalising e-learning and creating a more sophisticated tutoring industry. Today, online tutoring is widely accepted, but it also introduces new security concerns. To address these, organisations like the London Grid for Learning (LGfL) have issued guidance to mitigate potential vulnerabilities.

FOBS

A big thank you to FOBS for funding our new Bluetooth speaker, costing £174, which was put to great use during the Harvest Festival. It will be used frequently throughout the school year – we truly appreciate it, FOBS!

FOBS has also generously contributed £548 towards our new achievement badges, which are currently being produced for next term. We are extremely grateful for all of FOBS' hard work in fundraising and supporting our school in so many ways – it makes a massive difference and supports all the children here at Buckland school.

Cars

A much better week on Summerside and in the village – thank you to all for helping keep our community safe.

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Vacancies in the Trust

The trust is currently looking for a Lead Practitioner (Teaching & Learning - Curriculum-Secondary Specialism)

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/3083/EDV-2024-CLT-42102>

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	71	49	72
Running total	513	490	538

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Denver and Wilder

Beech – Josh and Billie

Sycamore – Marni and Chloe

Oak – Jacob and Poppy

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely half term break, we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 5th November.

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.