



18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

During the last few weeks the pupils of Bruton Primary School have been extremely busy developing their knowledge and skills in their Quests. Auklet & Barn Owl have been sharing information about their family and friends; Cuckoo, Dove and Eagle have been exploring the theme 'Marvellous Mapping'; Falcon, Goldfinch and Hawk have been developing their knowledge of the digestive system and Ibis and Kingfisher have been further investigating World War II.

Thank you for all your contributions for our Harvest Festival last week. The children were incredible in their singing, poetry and sharing their art work. Year 6 pupils did a great job in ensuring the service ran smoothly. Thank you to Revered Jonathan for welcoming us to St Mary's church and to the adults who volunteered to walk to and from the church with us. The food donations received will be greatly appreciated by Brue Larder and those in the local community whom it will help.

As part of National Mental Health Day (Thursday 10th October), the whole school enjoyed the glorious sunshine and the muddy outdoors on our whole school Autumn afternoon walk. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers, who were able to be part of this whole school event. There is much research to show the positive effect and benefits that being outside, enjoying physical exercise and chatting to friends can have on everyone's mental health and wellbeing. We all had a lovely time.

Last Thursday afternoon, some of our KS2 children represented the school at a Tag Rugby event hosted by King Arthur's school. This was the first sporting tournament for local primary schools of the school calendar year. Mr Baggs was very proud of the sportsmanship, respect and fair play the children demonstrated throughout the afternoon. We won 3 out of the 4 games played. Congratulations to all our players for their excellent sporting conduct during the tournament.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Autumn term Parent Evenings this week. This is always an important event, spending time in your child/ren's classrooms, looking at the incredible learning that they have completed so far and speaking to their class teachers about how you can support your children with their learning at home. Working together will ensure that children thrive, enjoy school and are well prepared for the future.

During the last few weeks we have had many different school events, raising money for good causes. We have had the incredible Danceathon which the PSA organised, the cake and book sale, our Harvest Festival and wearing yellow for St Margaret's Hospice. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our school community for your continued support.

We wish you all a lovely weekend and a wonderful half term when it arrives. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 5th November.

Mrs Bisset and Mrs House
Executive Head & Head of Schools



Thank you to our amazing PSA for organising the Bruton Primary School Danceathon. Over the two days, the children danced their socks off and raised an incredible **£3,393.45**. A huge well done to the children and a massive thank you to our parents for supporting this fundraising event.



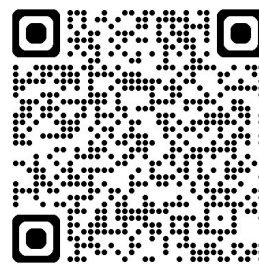
Sample Christmas cards were sent home with children this week. If you would like to place an order, please return your order form to the school office, with payment, by **Thursday 24th October**. Late orders cannot be accepted, so please ensure you order by the deadline.

If you are a separated parent and did not receive the sample card and would like to view and place an order, please email the school office at brutonoffice@eastsomersetfederation.co.uk.

Flu Immunisations in School – Wednesday 13th November

Somerset Nursing Team will be in school on this day to administer flu immunisations to all aged pupils. Information has been emailed out today regarding signing your child up. Please ensure you visit the link whether you would like your child to be immunised or whether you would like to opt out.

Please find attached the QR code that will link to the Somerset School Aged Immunisation Team Facebook page, this is updated regularly with information regarding vaccinations and clinics.



Hundertwasser Art Installation

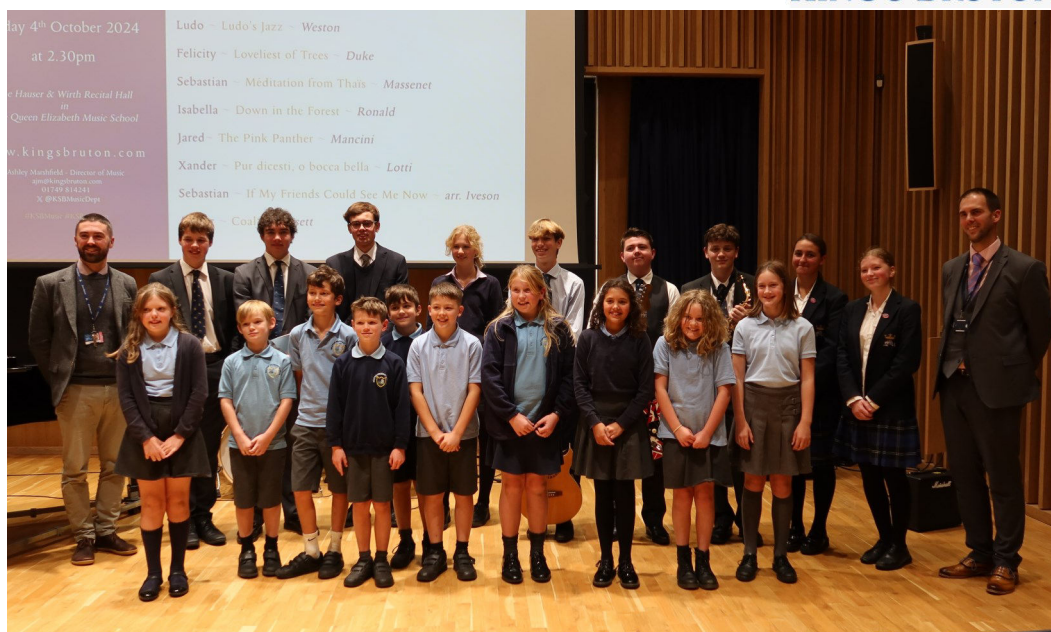
In Art and English KS1 have been finding out all about the Austrian artist Hundertwasser. They researched him and created fact files and then explored spirals and the motif of eyes. We all had the exciting experience of viewing a 'real life' Hundertwasser installation made up of series of interlocking boxes that was kindly loaned to us by 'Drawing Matters.' The children then made their own Hundertwasser inspired town using cardboard boxes. The results were impressive!



King's School Musical Performance

Our Year 5 and 6 children were invited to King's Bruton last week to watch the very talented young musicians from King's. The children were entertained with a range of different musical styles and instruments and came back to school truly inspired by the performances.

We would like to say a big thank you to King's Bruton for inviting us to the performance and a big well done to all the performers.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OTTER NURSERIES

To celebrate their 60th anniversary, Otter Nurseries are carrying out 60 good deeds to benefit the local communities, and we were lucky enough to be chosen as one of them. On Wednesday they delivered 100 daffodil bulbs with compost and pots for the children to plant and enjoy.



HARVEST FESTIVAL & WELLY WALK



Thank you for wearing yellow and donating generously for St Margaret's Hospice last Friday. We managed to raise £159.85 for this amazing charity who have helped many local families.

Piano Lessons

Jon Picard, our peripatetic piano teacher has some availability to take on new piano students. If you are interested in signing your child up for piano lessons, please visit our website for further information <https://www.brutonprimary.org.uk/music-tuition/>

or pop into the school office for Jon's information sheet.



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Bruton Primary School is Mrs Rachael Bisset.

To report a child at risk please contact Children's Social Care – 0300 123 2224

Or contact them via children@somerset.gov.uk