



Learning Naturally

at Beddington Infants' School

Letter 4

Wednesday, 3rd July, '24



Thank you!

Thank you everyone, for making this another very successful year at Beddington Infants' School!

The *Learning Naturally* philosophy and methodology grows from strength to strength. This term we introduced visits for professionals from other Sutton schools and settings. These have been well attended and feedback has been very positive. We are developing modules to support settings who are interested in adapting their practise. In time, we will develop an online option too. Everyone at Beddington Infants' School is very proud of the fact that our children learn in an age-appropriate way and, with everybody's help, the methodology continues to evolve in small ways every day to meet the needs of the current cohorts of children. At the moment, it looks like we will have a small number of spaces in each year group next year, so if you know families who might be interested, please suggest they look at our website and register for one of our school tours.

Thank you to you, our families, for your incredible support and ideas. So many of you have helped in such a variety of ways. We are grateful for the close relationships you form with staff at the school, working in genuine partnership to support your child's development and learning experience.

We offer families a lot of opportunities to learn with your children and are grateful that so many of you, or someone your child knows well, are able to join us, although we completely understand when you are unable to and ensure that your child enjoys the same experience with a member of staff. Thank you also to those of you who spend so much time joining us on trips—particularly the many trips in the local community. We couldn't do them without you! As always, we welcome your feedback so please click on this link to complete our End of Year Questionnaire. [Family Questionnaire July 24](#)

Thank you to the staff for the energy, enthusiasm and creativity which they pour into every day, making the learning process fun yet challenging for the children. The broad and balanced curriculum that our children experience is second to none with a focus on supporting children in developing concepts of themselves as someone who can... The children learn outside every day, building an understanding that learning happens all the time and everywhere. There are many programmes for schools to give children opportunities to move during the school day. Our children move throughout every day. A child wore a step counter one day and did 12,000 steps between the beginning and end of the school day. This was not a goal, but our children are very busy, highly motivated, professional learners so we weren't surprised.

Thank you to our Governors, who stand with us on every step of our journey. Their role has grown considerably over the years but their passion to achieve the best for the children of Beddington Infants' School is endless.

Four governors' terms of office came to an end this term. We are delighted to say that they have all agreed to a new four year term. This gives the Governing Body a stability that is a significant support for the school. In addition, we are very lucky to have three Associate Governors: Barry Williams (who most of you will know) Debra Parry and Anita Wisdom. A strong and supportive Governing Body makes a real contribution to a school and we are incredibly grateful for ours. There will be an election for two new Parent Governors in October. We will send the information to you when the time comes.

Thank you to Beddington Buddies for supporting the journey of the school in so many ways. Beddington Buddies have big plans for the Autumn Term and if you would like to join them (on the committee or as a helper who can help from time to time) they would love to meet you. There will be a meeting in the Autumn Term for all who are interested to find out more about the team, how money has been spent and about plans for the future.

Thank you to the volunteers who join us week after week across the year, or some join us for special events. Your contribution allows us to offer even more learning opportunities and makes a big difference to the children (and adults) you work with.

Thank you to the children whose kindness, enthusiasm and love of learning makes Beddington Infants' School what it is! Congratulations to the children in Year 2 on their graduation from Beddington Infants' School. We are very proud of you all and hope that you will keep in touch! We are looking forward to your Leavers' Assembly.

We look forward to seeing the new [Year 1 and Year 2](#) children and their families on Wednesday, 4th September.

The Reception and Nursery staff will start the term visiting families at home. Please try to find the time to enjoy some writing, reading, maths etc. during the holidays from time to time. If your child would like to keep a diary during the holidays we would love to see it in September. Year 3 teachers at Holy Trinity School will be delighted to see your diaries too!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday!

Staffing updates



Many congratulations to Mrs Martin who will be retiring after 30 years at Beddington Infants' School. To say that we will miss you Mrs Martin, would be an under-statement. In your roles as Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant and Lead Midday Supervisor, you have supported many, many children and their families throughout your time here, not to mention the staff. We wish you a very long and happy retirement and look forward to catching up with you and hearing about your adventures. Thank you!

Congratulations to Mrs Reid, Assistant Headteacher, on her promotion to Deputy Headteacher. Thank you for fulfilling your complex role to a very high standard, supporting children, families, staff and governors in addition to representing the school with external professionals and other settings. We will miss you but we're excited for you too, as we know that you are more than ready for this next step!

Thank you to Mrs Meadows who leaves us to explore opportunities nearer to home. This is an exciting time for you and we wish you all the very best. Thank you for your many contributions to the children in Elephant Class, your year group and the school. We look forward to hearing updates.

Thank you to Miss Mitchell who leaves us to move nearer to family. We are very grateful for your commitment to Kangaroo Class, your year group and the rest of the school and wish you all the very best with your move. We look forward to hearing how you are getting on.

Congratulations to Miss Manser, who starts her maternity leave at the end of term. We are all looking forward to hearing your news and meeting the new arrival when the time is right.

We are delighted to welcome:

- Vicki Usher as Tiger Class teacher
- Hannah Walker as Jaguar Class teacher
- Marilyn Hendricks as Giraffe Class teacher (Mrs Magnussen and Mrs Wenham are moving to Zebra Class).
- Emma Cooke as Assistant Headteacher.

All new members of staff will be spending time in the school before the end of term, becoming familiar with the children, staff and learning environment.



Charity Collection for The Royal Marsden Hospital



Thank you for your generosity, once again.

A total of £356.20 was raised.

Congratulations to Mr Green on completing the London to Paris Cycle!

Beddington Buddies

Thank you to Beddington Buddies for the amazing things they have helped us with this year! The sponsored events bought the magnificent new sand pit and sand, puppets, CD players, a construction box, tape measures, new resources for writing, new musical instruments and a special printer so that children in Nursery can watch as their photos appear one colour at a time.

They have also just delivered a speaker for playground discos at lunch time!

Thank you!



Sports Days

Congratulations to all the children, and adults, who took part in the Sports Days recently! Thank you to Mrs Reid, PE Lead, who organised the events and to all the staff who arrived early to set the field up!

Thank you to Year 6, from Holy Trinity Junior School, who led the activities at each station for children in Key Stage One and to the children in Year 2 who led the activities for the children in Nursery and Reception. The children really enjoyed learning from the older children.



Local Libraries

If you or your child are not already a member of a library, you might like to join your local library during the holiday.

Please click on the link for more details.

[Libraries](#)

In assembly, Mrs Magnussen told the children about the Sutton Library Summer Reading Challenge. When they visit any of the Sutton libraries, children will receive a card to collect a stamp for each book they read. Completed cards can then be entered into a raffle.

Libraries



50th Anniversary Celebration

Hopefully you have seen your invitation to our celebration to mark fifty years since Beddington Infants' School moved from the original building (where the bell tower is) to the current Key Stage One building. The Nursery and Reception buildings followed in time.

We were delighted to welcome Miss Greenslade, who was the headteacher at the time. She was thrilled to visit all year groups, noting how purposeful and calm every child was. It meant a lot to her that we use the active learning model that was her vision too, fifty years ago.

Lots of children were excited to ask Miss Greenslade if she could remember family members. Thank you to all those of you who sent in photos and memories. They were presented to Miss Greenslade in a book which she will treasure.

Miss Greenslade might be able to join us for the celebration in the playground on Friday, 19th July 2-3pm. We hope to see many of you there too.



Garden Room Opening

The official opening of the Garden Room finally took place on the 24th May. We thanked everyone who made the Garden Room a reality:

Barry Williams, who helped us by arranging a replacement dome (we had a lot of problems with the first one), representatives from Viridor who gave us a grant for half of the money, the Local Authority who match-funded the project and our Governors, who supported us in getting the project to completion. The Garden Room is now a fantastic resource that broadens our offer significantly. Thank you every one!

