

# Snapshots of the Week

## Week: 10 May to 14 May 2021



This week...

### Reading

Teachers across all the key stages within the Castleman Trust are working hard on compiling a great list of "recommended reads" for your children to devour at their leisure. There really is a buzz about books at BFS! We want to create a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life. Research shows that reading for pleasure can promote better health and wellbeing, builds connections and relationships with others, and is associated with a range of factors that help increase the chances of social mobility. Reading for pleasure is so important for children's cognitive development and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than their socio-economic background.

### Reception

The garden is truly growing, and so are our learners! Our focuses this week have been ordering numbers 0-20, moving the learners forward with their reading, by taking every opportunity we can to read with the children daily. We have entered the school sunflower growing competition and hope that our, incredible planting skills, caring skills and sunflower song will make our plants grow big and tall. We look forward to the remaining weeks of this half term!



### Year 2

Year 2 have been delving into our history module even further, looking at the significant individuals that brought about historical changes due to the Great Fire such as King Charles II and his royal proclamation and Sir Christopher Wren's building plans for London after the devastating fire. We have also been comparing firefighting and housing before the Great Fire of London, specifically looking at the similarities and differences between ways of life in that period of time. Who doesn't love a bit of drama outside the classroom to transport the learners back in time to 1666. Here we have King Charles and Sir Christopher Wren discussing the plans for a new and safer London.



### School Council

The whole school has been involved in learning about democracy and voting for our new school council members this week. There were brilliant discussions in each class surrounding democracy, its importance, and our British values. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and confidence of so many learners when they made their speeches and the creativity of their ideas. On Wednesday, each class held a secret ballot to elect our new school council members. The children loved voting and are eager to find out the results. We are all so proud of the learners who put themselves forward for the role and congratulate everyone involved.

### PE

What another great week we've had in EYFS with our PE. Not only did the weather this week allow our first EYFS Sports Skills club to go ahead but all our EYFS learners took part in this weeks Timed Sprint PE Challenge. Once again, all our learners performed incredibly well with some really quick times being recorded over the 10metre distance. Well done for the second week running to Buttercups class who recorded the two quickest times.

Reminders for next week...

### PE Day

Please remember on your child's set PE day to send them in wearing their PE Kit.

Reception – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 1 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 – Thursday and Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday

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June 2021						
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Race for Life – Please come in PE Kit

Bank Holiday and May Half Term

### Friendship Flowers

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be looking at the transition into the next academic year.

One of the stages are asking the children to complete their 'Friendship Flower'. This is where each child will be able to write 5 names they would like to be in class with next year.

We always work extremely hard to ensure we have the correct balances across each year group and that every pupil, has at least one of their chosen friends.