

Tickford Times

7th May 2021

Parent Consultations

Our Parent-Teacher consultations have now commenced and I hope that those of you who have taken part in them so far have found them to be helpful, informative and convenient. We'll be making a note of any common themes in the questions that you are asking and will be sending out information accordingly. If you haven't yet made an appointment with your child's class teacher, please feel free to drop them a line on Class Dojo and they'll be happy to set one up.



Children in Foundation Stage have been learning about the Farm this week. Today they had a special treat...

Captain Tom 100 Challenge

We always love to hear about the wonderful things that our pupils are getting up to outside of school, whether that is personal achievement, sporting events or charitable activities.

This week we're delighted to be able to shine a spotlight on Ameilia and Alfie, who joined in with the '[Captain Tom 100](#)' fundraising campaign. In true Captain Tom style, they've each run 50 laps of their garden and raised over £500 for charity – smashing their initial £250 target! The charity that they've chosen to support is WheelPower – the national charity for wheelchair sport. You can find out more about this organisation [here](#).

Well done Ameilia and Alfie – I hope you've enjoyed taking part in this wonderful initiative.



Please do let us know about any initiatives, events or achievements that your children take part in out of school as we'd love to feature them in a future edition of our newsletter.



Year 1 children created beautiful African sunset paintings this week.



Children in Year 3 have been exploring plant growth and growing their own seeds.



Year 5 have been investigating a mysterious Greek artefact, found on the school grounds!

Bedford College

You might be interested to know that The Bedford College Group are offering free Level 2 courses that can be studied entirely from home. These cover a range of subject areas, including:

- Awareness of Mental Health Problems in Children and Young People
- Common Childhood Illnesses
- Understanding Autism
- Diabetes Awareness
- Understanding Behaviour that Challenges

These are online distance learning courses, with no delivered sessions. Advice and support will be available through a dedicated tutor.

To register an interest, and to find the full list of courses available, please go to the Tresham College website, which can be found [here](#).

Bedford College also offer free adult English and Maths classes which lead to Functional Skills and GCSE qualifications. If you are interested in finding out further details regarding these educational opportunities, please visit [the college website](#) or drop us a line and we can put you in touch with someone who will be able to help.

Special Menu

On Thursday 20th May, our catering team will be offering a special themed menu, entitled 'Taste of America'. This date has been chosen because it is a School Census day and we encourage you to use this day if you want to try out our hot meals. Greater uptake of meals on this day could potentially benefit the school in the long term.

Don't forget that school meals are free for all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, as well as for any pupils in Key Stage 2 who are eligible for Free School Meals.