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Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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We are Kind, Helpful and Polite

HOW CAN
WE HELP
YOU?

This term we are using one of our values each week as the focus for our Worship Times together. Last week, our focus value was, 'We are kind, helpful and polite'. I am delighted to tell you that children at Buckingham Park are kind helpful and polite. Visitors to the school often mention this when they have visited classrooms – it's something they notice.

Two examples have occurred recently. Last month we had a visit from a Local Authority advisor who came to look at our assessment in Reception. In her written feedback she comments, 'Children were all working independently, showed high levels of involvement, and good levels of co-operation between themselves and their peers....also very polite!' And our Year 2 children recently visited Aylesbury High School to participate in a Multi-Sports Festival with Year 2 children from other schools. The staff organising the event told us that our children showed the highest level of sportsmanship and politeness at the event. They also competed really well!

This week, our focus value is, 'We do our best'.

Please help our link with Niyandiwa School, Kenya

We are privileged to be linked with a school in western Kenya, Niyandiwa Primary School. Niyandiwa is situated about 3.5 kilometres from the town of Oyugis.

Niyandiwa School is very different to Buckingham Park, but there are many similarities too. Niyandiwa is a large primary school with a nursery and a department for children with special educational needs.



At the end of this week we will be sending out some letters, cards and stories with a visiting group from the UK who will visit the school. We would also like to send out some gifts to the school. Please would you consider helping us to collect together as much as possible from the following list so that we can send out suitcases jam-packed with gifts. We are looking for new items...and as much as possible! Please do not wrap the items because this causes difficulty at customs. Each class will be making a collection.

To collect:

Pencils

Pens

Notebooks

Exercise Books

Colouring Pencils

Rubbers

Pencil Sharpeners

Felt tips

Turn over to see another great way to support Niyandiwa School!

The Buckingham Park World Cup Draw!



Each class has a special World Cup Draw to raise money for some extra stationery items for Niyandiwa School.

We would like every family to donate some stationery to our collection but this is another way of helping out - which is also grate fun!

The Fifa World Cup starts in Brazil this week and we thought that this would be a super opportunity to raise some money and have some fun in the process.

Each class has a draw. You are able to pay £1 to pick a World Cup team at random. Each class will be selling the teams after school this week. We'll let everyone have the chance to buy their first team up until Wednesday - after that you can buy a second or third team if you wish.

Once the World Cup is complete, the child or parents who picked the winning team will win £10, and £5 will go to the child or parent who picked the runner up.

We'll then have £17 from each class to buy stationery items for Niyandiwa School. If every team in every class (and the staff draw!) is bought, we'll raise £153 to buy stationery with!

School Dedication with Bishop John



On the afternoon of Friday 27th June, we welcome the Rt Revd John Pritchard, the Bishop of Oxford to our school. The Bishop of Oxford is the diocesan or most senior bishop, responsible for oversight of the whole diocese of Oxford which includes Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

Bishop John will join us in the afternoon. He will have lunch with a selection of children, staff and governors before touring the school and then joining us for one of our Worship Times. He will formally dedicate the school, and we will place a cross in our entrance area which has been crafted with wood from St. James Church.

At the end of the school day there will be the opportunity for parents to join the celebration as we take the event outside. More details to follow.

Staff News

Ms Zafar is based in the Reception staff team this term. Ms Zafar has been part of our Nursery team for some time and is now enjoying working in the other section of our Early Years Team. We also have a new teacher in our team. Miss Vaill is teaching for short periods of the week in a number of classes (in a similar role to Mrs Brewer).

STAFF NEWS
