



BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL
'Achieving Together'

September – October 2022 - Newsletter

We would like to welcome all the new children and their families who have joined us, as we are sure that you will soon settle into our warm and friendly school and make many new friends.

Having been back at school for a few weeks now, it has been pleasing to see how positively the children are approaching their learning and how well they are all settling in. Thank you all for your continued support.

It is time to Celebrate ...



We are delighted to say that we have been awarded the **Your School Games Platinum** School Games Mark for the **SECOND** time. A huge thank you to the Bidston Avenue children, parents and staff who make this award possible.

In July we were again awarded the **International Eco-Schools Award Certificate** for continued excellence in improving environmental performance and learning. Thank you to our hard working Eco Team.



UNICEF UK RRSA Award – Silver: Bidston Avenue Primary School has been awarded the Silver Rights Respecting School Award by UNICEF UK.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Silver is given to schools that make good progress towards embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum



You can read the report on our website: <https://www.bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk/letters-to-parentscarers/>



On 25th September, we successfully achieved Certified School Status showing our school's commitment to online safety.





Well done to four of our Year 3 pupils who have recently won medals/tropies for street dancing at Birkenhead Youth Club, playing football with Liverpool under 8's, scoring a 'nutmeg' goal at Ashville Lions and for silver medals in Judo.



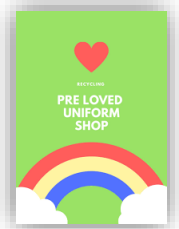
We would like to introduce you to our new staff who joined our BidlyAve family in September ...

Miss Brookes – Assistant Headteacher
Mrs O'Toole – Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Thompson – SENDCo/Inclusion Manager
Miss Minshull – Nursery Teacher to cover Mrs Jackson's maternity leave.

Uniform Donations and Pre-Loved School 'Shop'

Thank you to everyone who donated school uniform and to those parents who helped with our Pre-Loved 'shop' over the summer holidays.

We still have pre-loved uniform available (and a small selection of winter coats and new back packs) so please email your requests (item, sizes etc) (schooloffice@bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk) or call in at reception.



Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

We are a Nut Free School

As we have a number of children with severe food allergies, please could we remind all parents/carers that school premises are NUT FREE and no products containing nuts should be brought to school.

If children bring a packed lunch to school it is important that there are no products in there that contain nuts. Unfortunately, this also applies to birthday cakes and sweets being given out on behalf of children and their families.

If your child has an allergy, please let the school office know.



Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

A big congratulations to all of our summer book-reading Gadgeteers. Mr Brady, Mrs Brady and Mrs Patrick were so pleased to present our children with their certificates and awards.





How to keep up to date at Bidston Avenue Primary School: www.bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk

Teachers2Parents App



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TheSchoolApp



0151 652 1594/0151 653 8107

Option 1: Mrs Bell: Attendance

Option 2: Mrs Welch: PA to the Headteacher/Clerk to Governors/Office Manager

Option 3: Mrs Evans: Business Manager (ParentPay, Trips, Finance & Buildings)



Home School Partnership (HSP)

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Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select Bidston Avenue Home School Partnership as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features
3. Select **Bidston Avenue Home School Partnership** as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app or use the following link:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173377-0>



School Lottery Winners: 23rd July – 15th October 2022

Mr P, Mr C, Miss J, Mr D, Miss D, Mrs B, Mr D, Mrs H, Ms P, Mrs D, Miss H and Ms C.
 Emails are sent to the winner to claim each week's prize

Welcome to Bidston Avenue Primary School Lottery.

Thank you to Mr D who has generously donated their winnings to school.

The lottery was set up specifically to raise money and make a difference to our children and is a fantastic way for our parents, carers, school staff and wider community, in partnership with the school, to give something back.

We hope to continue to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children – by aiming to provide extra resources, improve the school environment as well as supporting extra- curricular activities such as clubs. Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week.

- There is a guaranteed cash winner for our school every week.
- Match 6 numbers and you win the £25,000 jackpot.
- The draw takes place every Saturday and winners are notified by email.
- For every ticket you play 76% goes to our school.

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for: Bidston

2022 – 2023 Academic Year Dates for your Diary
Please keep up to date by viewing the school website & app

Date	Information
Tuesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October 2022	Year 6 deadline date for all secondary preference forms
Wednesday 9 th November	Themed Lunch: National Roast Dinner Day
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th November	Anti Bullying Week



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Holiday Dates

Updated 15.9.2022

The Headteacher may only give permission for holidays during term time in extremely exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may incur a fine of £60 or £120 per parent per child. All holidays should be pre-authorized with the Headteacher before booking. Your child is legally entitled to attend school.

Holiday Dates 2022 - 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
School closed for State Funeral of HM The Queen	Monday 19 th September
School closed for half term	Monday 24 th October
School opens	Monday 31 st October
School closed for Christmas Holiday	Wednesday 21 st December
SPRING TERM 2023	
School opens	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
School closed for half term	Monday 20 th February
School opens	Monday 27 th February
School closed for Spring Break/Easter	Monday 3 rd April
SUMMER TERM 2023	
School opens	Monday 17 th April 2023
School closed for May Day	Monday 1 st May
School closed for Training Day /Election Day	Thursday 4 th May
School closed for half term	Monday 29 th May
School opens	Monday 5 th June
School closed for Summer	Friday 21 st July












2 INSET DAYS ARE STILL TO BE SET FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023

Holiday Dates 2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
School closed for Teacher Training	Monday 4 th September 2023
School opens	Tuesday 5 th September
School closed for half term	Monday 23 rd October
School opens	Monday 30 th October
School closed for Christmas Holiday	Monday 25 th December
SPRING TERM 2024	
School opens	Monday 8 th January 2024
School closed for half term	Monday 19 th February
School opens	Monday 26 th February
School closed for Spring Break/Easter	Friday 29 th March (Bank Holiday)
SUMMER TERM 2024	
School opens	Monday 15 th April 2024
School closed for May Day	Monday 6 th May
School closed for half term	Monday 27 th May
School opens	Monday 3 rd June
School closed for Summer	Wednesday 24 th July

4 INSET DAYS ARE STILL TO BE SET FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

****Please note: Wirral Council has not yet released any further term dates.**

 95% ATTENDANCE OR MORE GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A FLYING START!	 INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS	 MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR	GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL  Improves reading + MATHS SKILLS
 THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL (PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!)	 PUPILS WITH 6.5% ABSENCE OR LESS ACHIEVE ON AVERAGE 75% A*-C GRADES IN THEIR GCSES!	 TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!	MORE SCHOOL =  HIGHER GRADES  INCREASED CONFIDENCE  MORE FRIENDS  BRIGHTER FUTURE

Wirral FUSS & FUPS



Recycling good quality school uniform
completely

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- Served over 12,750 local families
- Given away over 50,000 items

CONTACT US: 07731 831936 wirralfuss@gmail.com

Registered Office: Methodist Circuit Centre, Seven Acres Lane, Thingwall.

We have 7 hubs across the Wirral, each serving their own local schools including our Birkenhead Shop Hub which stocks Birkenhead area Primary & Secondary School uniforms plus generic items. 3 Borough Pavement CH41 2XX (opposite Lloyd's Bank & Home Bargain.)



Please check our website for details of which hub stocks your school's clothes, opening times and where you can donate.

www.wirralfuss.co.uk

Registered Charity 1199396 **Wirral Methodist Churches**



October Holiday Club

 for young people aged 8-12

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

FULL DAY - 8.30am - 4.30pm
 £12.50 includes breakfast & lunch

HALF DAY - 8.30am - 12.30pm or 12.30pm - 4.30pm
 £7 includes breakfast OR lunch

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AGES 5-16

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This season, Prenton Rugby Club, are offering totally free rugby, all season, for all new players. The sessions are every Sunday at 10.00 am and include a free snack after the session.

WEEK 1

CHOICE 1

CHOICE 2

DESSERT

MONDAY

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY



FRIDAY



Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Potato Wedges & or Seasonal Vegetables



Spaghetti Bolognese (V) served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Vegetables



Roast of the Day served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy



Sweet & Sour Chicken served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables



Battered Fish (MSC) served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans

VEGETARIAN VERSION OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE DAILY



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Daily Hot Deli Choice Served with a Side Salad



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Daily Hot Deli Choice Served with a Side Salad



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Ice Cream & Fruit



Chocolate Cookie



Iced Sponge Cake



Frozen Fruit Yoghurt



Snicker Doodle Biscuit

Available every day – Unlimited Salad, Freshly Baked Bread, Fruit Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter & Chilled Water. For allergen information, please ask one of our Catering Team. All the above dishes are subject to availability.



WEEK 2

CHOICE 1

CHOICE 2

DESSERT

MONDAY



Beef Burger served in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans

TUESDAY



Mac'n'Cheese served with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables

WEDNESDAY



Mince Beef & Mashed Potatoes served with Seasonal Vegetables

THURSDAY



Hot BBQ Chicken Wrap served with Vegetable Sticks or Seasonal Vegetables

FRIDAY



Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans

VEGETARIAN VERSION OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE DAILY



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Daily Hot Deli Choice Served with a Side Salad



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Daily Hot Deli Choice Served with a Side Salad



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Banana Bread



Melting Moment



Chocolate Muffin



Fresh Water Melon Wedge



Golden Crunch Cookie

Available every day – Unlimited Salad, Freshly Baked Bread, Fruit Yogurt, Fresh Fruit Platter & Chilled Water. For all other information, please ask one of our Catering Team. All the above dishes are subject to availability.



WEEK 3

CHOICE 1

CHOICE 2

DESSERT

MONDAY

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY



FRIDAY



Homemade Sausage Roll served with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans



Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Vegetables



Cottage Pie served with Seasonal Vegetables



Cheese & Bean Stack served with Vegetable Sticks or Seasonal Vegetables



Breaded Mozzarella Sticks served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans

VEGETARIAN VERSION OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE DAILY



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Daily Hot Deli Choice Served with a Side Salad



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Daily Hot Deli Choice Served with a Side Salad



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Fruit Crumble & Custard



Chocolate Cookie



Lemon Drizzle Cake



Fresh Fruit Salad



Chocolate Krispie

Available every day – Unlimited Salad, Freshly Baked Bread, Fruit Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter & Chilled Water. For allergen information, please ask one of our Catering Team. All the above dishes are subject to availability.



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Parent's comments

"The staff are very friendly and welcoming"

"Lots of support and advice"

Baby Massage

"Is helping with anxiety, helping me to mix well with other people. Less colicky when tummy massaged in the evening. Instructor was welcoming and friendly."

Baby Play

"Loves exploring new textures and objects. Has become more sociable with other babies, is more gentle with other children. Very good, enjoyable baby group."

Do you have concerns that your child may have a Special Education Need?

To find out how we may be able to support you, please call us on 0151 666 3323 or email mychildcanbh@wirral.gov.uk

What is the Family Toolbox?

Launched in April 2022, it is available to all Wirral's parents and carers. It aims to make resources and support more readily available, putting the power right in the hands of families to work out what you want to change, and what steps you want to take to do that. www.familytoolbox.co.uk

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be eligible for up to 15 hours free childcare for your two year old.

The hours can be used in a day nursery, a preschool, school or with a child minder. You can find out more and apply online at: www.wirral.gov.uk/fis

30 hours FREE childcare for working parents

If you are a working parent with childcare costs, your 3 & 4 year olds may be able to get 30 hours free childcare. For more information contact Wirral's Early Childhood Services, email fis@wirral.gov.uk



Volunteering Opportunities

Been out of the workplace for a while? Want to build up your knowledge and confidence? Have a few hours to spare? Try volunteering at your local Children's Centre. You will receive a comprehensive training and support package to enhance your knowledge and skills to date. Register your interest at your local children's centre.

Brassey Gardens Children's Centre (main hub)

2 Brassey Street, Birkenhead CH41 8DA
Tel: 0151 666 3323

Rock Ferry Children's Centre (satellite)

Ionic Street, Rock Ferry CH42 2BL
Tel: 0151 666 3151

Manor Primary School (outreach)

Beechwood Drive, Prenton CH43 7ZU
Tel: 0151 666 3323

King's Church (outreach)

1 Victoria Fields, Birkenhead CH42 0PF
Tel: 0151 666 3323

The Little Centre (outreach)

5th Avenue, Beechwood CH43 9LB
Tel: 0151 666 3323

For the latest news and what's on follow us on facebook [mychildcan](https://www.facebook.com/mychildcan)

What's on

September to December 2022

Birkenhead Children's Centres and in the community

Brassey Gardens (main hub)
Rock Ferry (satellite)

My Child Can...

 **WIRRAL**

Mon	Mini Artists 1.30pm - 2.30pm. 0 - 4 years 11 months. Rock Ferry Children's Centre			<p>Are you concerned about your child's speech and language?</p> <hr/> <p>Enquire about our WellComm screenings for more information, and to arrange your child's screening.</p>		
Tue	Healthy Child Clinic 9am - 5pm. Appointments only. To book on, please call: 0151 514 0219. Brassey Gardens Children's Centre	Stay & Play 10am - 11am. 0 - 4 years 11 months. Little Centre, Beechwood	Mini Artists 1.30pm - 2.30pm. 0 - 4 years 11 months. Brassey Gardens Children's Centre			
Wed	Healthy Child Clinic 9.30am - 12.30pm. Appointments only. To book on, please call: 0151 514 0219. Rock Ferry Children's Centre	Ready Steady Play 9.30am - 10.30am. 0 - 4 years 11 months. Manor Primary School	Breastfeeding Group 10am - 12pm. Rock Ferry Children's Centre	Breastfeeding Group 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Brassey Gardens Children's Centre	Healthy Child Clinic Drop-In 1.30pm - 4.30pm. St Catherine's Health Centre	
Thu	Baby Play 10.30am - 11.30am. 0 - pre-walking. Brassey Gardens Children's Centre	Healthy Child Clinic Drop-In 9.30am - 12pm. St Catherine's Health Centre	Substance Use Midwife Drop-In Clinic 1pm - 3pm. (1st Thursday of the month). Brassey Gardens Children's Centre	Substance Use Midwife Drop-In Clinic 1pm - 3pm. (4th Thursday of the month). Rock Ferry Children's Centre	Healthy Child Clinic Drop-In 1pm - 4pm. St Catherine's Health Centre	Ready Steady Play 1.30pm - 2.30pm. 0 - 4 years 11 months. King's Church
Fri	Rainbow Group 9.30am - 11am. 0 - 4 years 11 months. To book on, please call: 0151 666 3323. Brassey Gardens Children's Centre	Citizens Advice Bureau 9am - 5pm. To book on, please call: 0151 666 3323. Brassey Gardens Children's Centre	Stay & Play 10.30am - 11.30am. 0 - 4 years 11 months. Rock Ferry Children's Centre	Wirral Ways to Recovery Family Clinic Drop-In 1pm - 3pm. (2nd Friday of every month). Brassey Gardens Children's Centre		

Session Information	Baby Play 0 - pre-walking. A range of activities and resources to enable babies to explore all of their senses.	Mini Movers Pre-Mobile. A physical group for parents and babies which develops baby's muscles, mind and body through gentle stretches and movements and promotes positive baby handling.	Book On Courses Please call 0151 666 3323 for more information and to book a place on our courses listed below:
	Breastfeeding Group Support from Koala North West volunteers.	Rainbow Group 0 - 4 years 11 months. For children with social and communication difficulties or Autism Spectrum Disorder. Supported by Autism Together. To book on, please call: 0151 666 3323.	
	Citizens Advice Bureau 0 - 4 years 11 months. Citizens Advice are available to support with Benefit, Housing, Debt and much more.	Ready Steady Play 0 - 4 years 11 months. A fun, energetic and structured play programme designed to enhance your child's social and physical skills.	Baby Babble 6 - 18 months. A 3-week fun early learning group for parents and babies to share quality time together.
	Healthy Child Clinic Supported by the Birkenhead Health Visiting Team. Offering advice and support around weaning, diet, weight checks, sleep, behaviour concerns and signposting/referrals to other services. Appointments only. To book on, please call: 0151 514 0219.	Stay & Play 0 - 4 years 11 months. An opportunity for parents and children to play and make friends together. Enjoy fun activities including arts and crafts, games, songs and stories.	Chatter Tots 18 months - 4 years 11 months. A 3-week course to encourage language and independence skills through fun and interactive activities. Please call 0151 666 3323 to book a place.
	Mini Artists 0 - 4 years 11 months. Opportunity to get creative with a wide range of activities to encourage children to have fun with art. Please wear appropriate clothing.		