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# BJS Bulletin

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## HEADLINES

I am continually fascinated by the nuances of body language and interaction.



Before anyone becomes unduly concerned, I had better explain. According to Wikipedia, (it must be true!) 93% of human communication is non verbal. Although other more 'scientific' sources suggest it is nearer to 65% the point still remains that a high proportion of human interaction is conducted non verbally. Quite apart from the obvious danger of the misinterpretation of written linguistic based media such as modern email, the way we portray ourselves during interaction, together with our understanding of the subtleties of signals sent and received is clearly a skill which is vital to develop as early as possible in order to ensure an effective and harmonious community. How curious then that so little time and effort is spent on this area within modern schools; perhaps a potential opportunity for future pioneering research and development here at BJS!

Linked with this is the awesome responsibility we as adults have on influencing the thinking and development of our children. If such nuances have such a great impact and influence, what messages are we unwittingly sending to our children which is affecting the way they think and consequently behave and therefore influencing the adult they will become with all the associated values systems and beliefs .

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## The PPF Needs You!

The aim of the Parent Partnership Forum ( PPF) is to help to improve the school with your help. It is an informal group comprising a parent rep from each class together with reps from the PTA, governing body as well as the head and deputy head who meet every half term. It provides a line of communication between parents and staff so if you have any comments or suggestions about how things are done or can be improved or any positive feedback you would like passing on contact your class rep in person or via the email link below or on the website and we can raise it at the next meeting. Remember if we don't know about it we can't pass it on!

The date for the next meeting is 12th March. If you have any issues you would like to be discussed please contact your class representatives by using the following email with your particular class name at the front. The email format looks like this [ppf3mb@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:ppf3mb@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk) and interchange the different classes to gain access to your PPF representative.



### Are you available to help at the PTA Disco?

We need helpers for the disco on the 7th February for year 5 and 6 especially, if you can help please email [pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk) as soon as possible.

Thank you



## Our School Mission Statement

Our Christian ethos is at the heart of Bilton C/E Junior School and its community, where we inspire each and all to grow and flourish within a creative and supportive environment, embracing change and relishing new challenges.

We rejoice in our children as individuals and ensure each and every child is empowered to achieve their full potential through inspirational learning experiences and high aspirations for ourselves and others.



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It is often said that 'children never lie' and whilst anyone with any experience of working with children will know that this is frequently not the case, there are also many times when the blatant honesty of children can be very refreshing! They are the first to tell you when you have a pimple on the end of your nose or your chosen outfit of the day simply does not work but they are also falling over themselves to tell fascinating tales from the weekend of antics by the family or re-tell conversations that many parents would shudder to think had made it into the school domain! Of course the vast majority of such conversations are taken with the light hearted or misquoted pinch of salt they deserve!

I was recently prompted to muse on what is the secret to a successful school. Ironically, I believe the main key component has actually little to do with school and more to do with the effective working and professional partnership between home and the school. The ability for home and school to ask each other questions, hold each other to account, expect the same level of passion, support and commitment mutually from each other and truly genuinely work together for the same common intention: to provide the absolute best and highest standards of outcomes for each and every child and to support each other in the delivery of this ambition, after all - the mention of both school and community is in the very first sentence of our school vision.

*A. J. Edwards*



### Can you help?

Is there anyone who could help put up some play equipment in school (climbing frame house and a few other tasks). We are flexible on when, we just appreciate your help! Please contact us via email: [pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk).

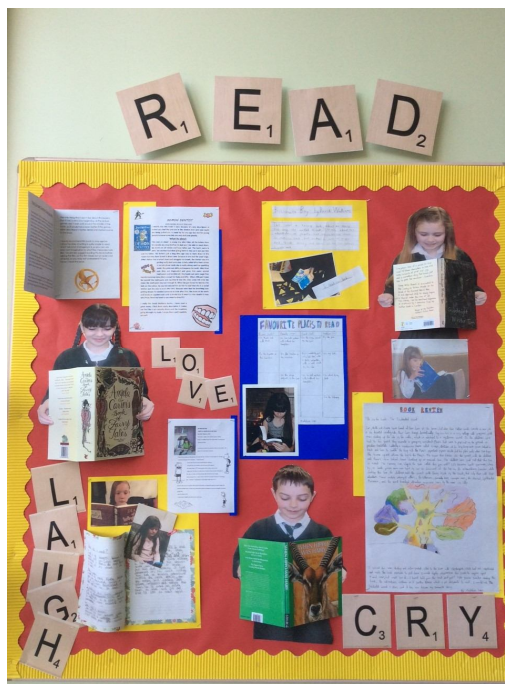


## Reading focus at BJS



As part of our school focus on reading and encouraging children to read for pleasure, some amazing displays have gone up around school.

At the next Partnership Progress Evenings later this term we are hoping to host a 'book swap'. The idea will be for parents and children to come along with any old books that you have finished with and swap them for books that other people may bring. To start this off, if you have any appropriate children's books that you could send in, we would be very grateful so that we can have some on the table ready and waiting!



## DIARY DATES

*PTA Disco*

*Fri. 7.2.14*

*Years 3 & 4*

*18:15 to 19:30*

*Years 5 & 6*

*19:45 to 21:00*

*Half Term Week*

*Mon. 17.2.14*

*To*

*Fri. 21.2.14*

*Partnership Progress  
Evenings*

*Mon. 7.4.14*

*&*

*Wed. 9.4.14*

### Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

This promotion starts again on the 29th January. If you shop at Sainsbury's please send vouchers into school. There is a collection box outside the school office.

### School Meals—change to menu option

On Thursday 30 January the children who have school dinners will have the option of Pork Steak or Quorn Sweet and Sour to mark Chinese New Year instead of the usual meal option. As always the children can make their meal choices on the Monday as usual.



## Year 5 Space Topic

In order to INSPIRE year 5 in their space topic, the children enjoyed a visit from members of the education team from the Birmingham Think Tank. As well as a fascinating roadshow, the team brought along a giant inflatable planetarium where the children could learn about the stars and constellations. Believe it or not, there were 35 children inside the dome at the point I took this picture! A brilliant time was had by all and thank you to the Year 5 team for organising the day.



## Children who are ill....

With this mild wet weather and general tiredness not helping, there is a lot of sickness around at present. Please can parents keep an eye out for this and encourage your children to be extra liberal in the hand washing department! If your child is ill, please DO NOT send them into school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick. In a close community of a large number of people, illness can spread rapidly and I recently heard from another local school who had 7 children in one class plus the class teacher go off ill as a direct result of a child being sent in the morning after he was sick during the night. The disruption to the routine of learning for the entire class in such cases is vast; not to mention the cost to the school of supply cover at this time of year!

Please ensure you update the school regarding any absence so we can make sure your child's absence is appropriately marked. As always, you can report this to us via email ([absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)) or over the telephone (01788 810675)

Please also ensure the school office has up to date contact details so we can get hold of you if your child is ill.

### Hollies Holiday Club

Do you need childcare during the school holidays?

Hollies run a holiday club within the school during the holidays.

If any parents are interested the prices are £19 for 8-6, £14 for 9-3 or £10 for 8-1 or 1-6.

Please contact Hollies directly or pop in to see Mrs J. Ryder-Wood in the after school club.



## New Youth Project

The 'Circles Network' charity are setting up a group called 'LG2' (Lets Get Together) and are looking for 9-13year olds to join them.

The focus of the group will be to encourage young people to try new experiences and work as a team to find ways of supporting the local community. If you are interested, contact 01788 816671 or email [info@circlesnetwork.org.uk](mailto:info@circlesnetwork.org.uk)

