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BJS Bulletin

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HEADLINES

Well this week sees us into October but thankfully the weather seems to be treating us well. It has been a pleasure to be out on the playground over the last couple of days seeing how well the children play together. The Midday Play leaders are finding it increasingly difficult to choose from all the children who are showing Christian Values in practice. They love to award places on the Friday top table and I love to sit and eat my lunch with them!

October sees a brand new award given in school, called 'Always Child'. Names will be read out in assembly and children will be given a hand written invitation to attend afternoon tea in our lovely 'Burrow' with Miss Cullum and myself. The 'Always Child' award will be handed out monthly for children who are always polite, always well mannered, always on task, always friendly and always respectful. Look out for our 'Always Children' in the bulletin in the future.

Thank you to all of you who have written back to Mrs Hodgson offering your support in school. We have a special need for parents/grandparents who are green fingered to help with our allotment. Please contact Mrs Hodgson via email on homeschoolsupport@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Many Blessings for the week ahead,

Westminster comes to Bilton!

Westminster came to Bilton last Monday when the children received a visit from the M.P. for Rugby and Bulkington Mark Pawsey. Mark was visiting school to speak to the children about his work as an M.P. The visit was arranged to tie in with the new topic the Year Six children are studying entitled "Yes Minister. "



Mark went into great detail about his parliamentary responsibilities and the working life of an M.P. The children listen very carefully and took full advantage of a mini question time, whereby Mark was grilled by the enthusiastic children for well over forty minutes on his role in parliament.

The staff and children of BJS would like to send a big thank you to Mark and all his staff for taking time out of their busy schedule to make the morning possible. We look forward to Mark's next visit.



Reminder that boys need to always wear a school tie please, can you also make sure that your child's name is clearly marked on it. We have noticed that the iron on labels stay on the best when they turn up in lost property. Clip on or traditional ties at £3.50 each can be bought from the office.

'Just make a mark and see where it takes you!'

This week we have been inspired by the book 'The Dot' by Peter. H. Reynolds. A fantastic book that follows the journey of Vashti, a young girl who doesn't believe that she is any good at drawing. Her teacher offers her the valuable advice, 'Just make a mark and see where it takes you!'

This book has helped to motivate, encourage and inspire us to believe in our own abilities in art. We have had great fun experimenting and exploring a variety of artistic techniques and tools.

Vashti has taught us that everyone has creative potential and there is no such thing as a bad mistake. As a lasting mark each class has produced their artwork on a large canvas to showcase their work. We hope you are able to see them on your next visit into school but just in case you can't wait take a look at some of the pieces here.....



Lunch Time Awards—Top Table

Every week Mrs. Reeves-Brown awards children for demonstrating our Christian values during lunch time, the nominated children get an invitation to join the top table on the Friday of that week. This week the lunch time top table awards go to:

GENEROSITY - Charlie T - 6KC, Luke B - 6KC and Sai S - 6KC

COMPASSION - Cory McC - 5AB, George W - 5SS and James B - 5SS

TRUTH—Fynn W - 4FW, Joseph R - 4FW and Kai B - 3AT

COURAGE AND PEACE - Brody C - 5AB and Tarrell L - 5AB

JUSTICE AND FRIENDSHIP - Aaron B - 6AL



Excellence Awards

This week's Excellence Awards were presented to the following children during Thursday's assembly:

3AT—Scarlett S for always being ready to learn and doing the right thing.

3ED—Zara S for always being ready to learn and doing extra learning at home.

3MB—Izzy F for excellent listening and high quality work at all times.

4FW—Hope J for always trying her best and for helping others.

4SV—Tevez and Martyna for making a positive start to life at BJS.

4JE—Henry B for perseverance in all subjects especially maths.

5AB—Brody C for using his managerial roles to maximise the learning of his small literacy group.

5FM—Lewis F for having a great growth midset towards his art-work this week.

5SS—Ayaan for his fantastic writing about Prospero's Spell.

6KC—Ben O'B for great improvement in Maths.

6BG—Emma B for a resilient attitude to her maths this week.

6AL—Harvey K for a very positive start to year 6 and persevering in lessons.

French—Aaminah K (6KC) for great effort and a wonderful attitude to learning in French. Always trying her best and achieving well.

Well Done to everyone—keep up the great work!



Calling all year 6 mentors!

Please remember, following our visit from Daksha last week, you have the amazing opportunity of being the only junior school children across Warwickshire to access mentor training delivered by MIND in order to extend your current mentoring role. Letters went home for parental permission this week and places are on a first come first served basis so get your reply slips back in to Mrs Hodgson to secure your place!

Year 4 Assembly for parents / carers

There will be a Year 4 assembly at 3.30pm on the 19th October, please come along and see what Year 4 have been doing.....



Lost
property

Lost Property is always an issue at school and there is already a growing mound of lost property! Thankfully many items have names on and are able to be returned to the owners. Please ensure that ALL items of school uniform, coats, P.E. kit etc, are clearly named by the collar or waist band.

If your child has 'lost' an item(s), he/she should first look in the classroom, cloakroom area and in lost property. The lost property box is at the rear of the school, by the outside classroom area. Please may we remind parents/ carers that, you cannot just enter the school at the end of the school day to look for lost property, you must report to the school office first if you are entering the building.

All named items sent to lost property are returned to the child's class. School uniform items without a name will be available to view outside school every other Friday. We will then keep unnamed items for a further week before recycling them.

If everything has names on nothing will be lost for very long! Many thanks for your support.

Punctuality



Well done Chestnut who won the Time Keeper's Award with 3 late marks this week. The late arrivals were all in one class but congratulations to 3ED, 5AB and 6KC who all had perfect time keeping!

Thank you also to 3MB and 5SS who also recorded no late arrivals this week!

Partnership Progress Meetings—Please book your place

Parent Progress Meetings will be held on Monday 12th October and Wednesday 14th October between 15.40 and 18:40pm (Mrs. McKee's class is slightly different—see below). Please book your place with your child's class teacher using our online booking system. Access the site via the school website or by bookmarking the following link:

<https://biltonjuniors.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

If any parents do not have internet access, please contact the school office who will be able to book it with you. Booking availability will be strictly first come, first served!

Mrs McKee's times:

12th Oct 15.40 to 18.40pm, 14th Oct 15.40 to 16.40pm and
15th Oct 15.40 to 17.00pm



PTA NEWS

The PTA held their AGM meeting on Monday 28th September and are please to report they raised nearly £4,000 for the school last year. The PTA have big hopes for helping the school raise vital funds this year so any support to help them achieve their target of £6,000 would be appreciated!

The PTA really does need more support, there is so much that could be done to raise vital funds for the school. If you feel you can offer support by joining the PTA, please email pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk.

Thank you to all who have supported the PTA over the last year.

Dates for the diary:

- ⇒ **Friday 16th October—School Disco**
Years 3&4 6pm to 7.15pm
Years 5&6 7.30pm to 8.45pm
- ⇒ **Thursday 5th November—Fireworks (times TBC)**
- ⇒ **Saturday 28th November—Christmas Fayre (11am to 3pm)**

The school would love to get some more football goals and flooring for the trim trail. The PTA have already agreed to contribute towards Raspberry Pi licences.

Lost items

Oliver S (4JE) has lost a blue sistema lunch box & bag, and a school jumper, these items are clearly labelled, please can you check at home for them. Thank you.

Printer for sale—We have an EPSON DuraBrite Ultra Ink printer that is no longer required in school. If anyone is interested in the printer please email sbm@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk for more information. All we ask is a donation is made to the school funds.

Inspire

Challenge

Achieve



Benn Partnership Centre is introducing training opportunities in child care. Introduction to Child Care is a level 1 course, leading to specialisation as either a child-minder, teaching assistant or child care sectors. Such a course may be useful for volunteers or others who are intending to progress into a career involving child-care.

This certificated rolling program will be delivered every 10 weeks or when a minimum of 10 applicants have registered. Would you kindly direct interest either via an email to gita.natarajan@bennpartnership.org.uk or through a call on 01788-553033 to book an appointment to see Gita Natarajan anytime on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10am and 3 pm. The course is free for those on receipt of certain benefits and heavily subsidised for others. An initial assessment will determine the level of support that will be required.

As it were, there are 3 places available on the current program which is due to start in a couple of weeks' time, to finish by December 2015. Please get in touch asap to get onto this course.



GRACE BIBLE CHURCH RUGBY

invites you to join us on **Saturday 3rd October** to watch the

ENGLAND Vs AUSTRALIA Rugby Match

at Bilton Junior School

Plantagenet Drive, Rugby, Warwickshire CV22 6LB

Doors open from 7:15pm till 10:00pm

Free refreshments available— please feel free to bring your own snacks or soft drinks (no alcohol please)

If you would like any further information, please email us at gracebiblechurchrugby@gmail.com

FREE FAMILY EVENT

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