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Bilton Community Federation



"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

~Dalai Lama



26th April 2024

BULLETIN

The weekly newsletter to keep you updated with the highlights of the school week

Headlines

Points of Interest

**Year 3
Joining us in 2024**

Open morning on
Monday 3rd June More
details to follow in the
welcome packs.

PTA meeting

Thursday 2nd
May

Online

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started our week with a visit from Emma Griffiths 'Head of Education at Coventry Cathedral'. As an International Cross of Nails School, we promote peace, forgiveness, conflict transformation and reconciliation in our school community. There are many ways that we do this such as through the No Outsiders and our Think and Repair approach; however, Emma's visit was an opportunity to reinforce these important values in our school community. Thank you also to 6NV who presented a fantastic assembly on our value of honesty. This included poetry and drama and made the school community think deeply how they might react in different scenarios.



Following a damp beginning to the week, we kicked off our mini marathon a little later than planned. It was great to see the determination and resilience shown by the children as they completed their laps around the track. It was clear that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, making it a fantastic way to stay fit and active.

As always there is a lot going on in school. Year 3 have enjoyed a visit to Cemex. The children were introduced to the fascinating process of quarrying rock, from extraction to the final processing stages. They learned about the machinery, techniques, and the skill required in refining rock materials. The children also had the opportunity to go to the top of the pre-heater tower!

Today, our hearts and prayers are with the Addison family as they commemorate the life of Clare. May the love and support of friends and family surrounding them today provide a source of strength during this difficult time. Alongside the continued support of their community, the Addison family has been fortunate to receive invaluable guidance from Guy's Gift, Winston's Wish, 500 Acts of Kindness, and The Never Alone Project, for which they are greatly thankful. Should you wish to contribute to these worthy causes, please use the link provided.

<https://clareaddison.muchloved.com>

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

- 3HN Ethan For his thoughtful response and fantastic tracking during our Cemex trip
- 3AL Eloise For always having a great attitude to her learning
- 3ED Joshua For excellent listening and great questions on our trip to Cemex
- 4EL Marnie For showing perseverance with her spelling and making lots of great progress
- 4SM Jessica For excellent use of personification in her Iron Man writing
- 4SS Elliot for his stunning reading out loud, fluent and expressive
- 5LM Autumn For working exceptionally hard to get into character to write from a different perspective
- 5MB Darcy C Always working hard and taking a pride in her work
- 6LC Henry For using excellent vocabulary in his Alma story
- 6KC Fabian Excellent progress in maths
- 6NV Jenson For working really hard on his Alma re-drafting
- Mme Jago Alex W 6KC For spotting different vocabulary in a song.

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Thank you from all @ BJS

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of the WORLD

- 3HN Whole class For representing BJS in such a fantastic manner on our trip to Cemex
- 3AL Grace For always being a supportive friend
- 3ED Darcy M For always being kind and helpful
- 4EL Ellis For being respectful and kind at all times
- 4SM Jaymee For always being an honest and kind member of the class
- 4SS Tudor for his determination and perseverance in Spelling shed and encouraging the class to go from 15th to 1st place in the school!
- 5LM Harry For showing kindness and being a good friend to someone in the class
- 5JB Seren For demonstrating our school values
- 5MB Eden S For honesty and perseverance
- 6LC Dylan T For showing perseverance to complete his work
- 6NV Jack M For his kindness when helping me to fix the teacher's computer.
- Mme Jago Karthi 3AL For perseverance, choosing the challenging option



In school activities

Mini marathon

Lots of children have taken part in the Mini Marathon this week.



Notices

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wight 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996. The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers shall not grant any Leave of Absence during term time unless they consider there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days). Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under s444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

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PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
BJS
Birmingham Junior Schools

Summer Activity planning meeting

Thursday 2nd May

7pm

Online - Link to follow

Everyone is welcome!



MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness

Mindfulness

Mindfulness is a powerful activity which aims to bring us back to the present moment. This helps us to become more aware of our surroundings and our own self.

Practising mindfulness allows us to focus, feel connected and take time to notice our thoughts and feelings without judgement.

Be the bubble activity (this activity can be done with bubbles)

1. Ask your young person to imagine they are a bubble.
2. Ask them to breathe in and focus on their body being full of air
3. Ask them to breathe out (blowing out the bubbles) the young person will feel their body relaxing,, letting any worries float away, just like a bubble.
4. Focus on feelings and thoughts in the present moment.
5. As your child continues to blow bubbles, ask them how it makes their body feel and what they notice about each bubble.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Ground Technique

- 5 – things you can see
- 4 – things you can touch
- 3 – things you can hear
- 2 – things you can smell
- 1 – things you can taste

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate! thankskids@coworkpt.nhs.uk.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

Advice for Parents & Carers

- CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS**
- GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT**
- BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE**
- PRACTISE SAFE SHARING**
- AVOID INVITING STRANGERS**
- SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS**

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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

<https://www.facebook.com/wuw.thenationalcollege>

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Activities

WARWICKSHIRE YOUTH CHOIRS SUMMER TERM WORKSHOPS

This term, we are offering the amazing opportunity to join us in the Royal Albert Hall, London, on 9th July to sing with 2000 children and young people

WORKSHOP DATES:

Sat 27th Apr 2-5pm
Sat 18th May 2-5pm
Sat 29th June:
Workshop 2pm
Concert 4pm

Tuesday 9th July
Royal Albert Hall Trip

For more details, visit:
www.warwickshireyouthchoirs.org
or sign up here: www.bit.ly/WYCjoinus

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info@funstareducation.co.uk

www.funstareducation.co.uk

FREE TRIALS see below *

Musical Theatre 12:30pm - 1:15pm, Mondays. (All years)

Combine singing, acting and dancing to fantastic songs from the musicals and become an acting star!

StreetDance 3.30pm-4.30pm, Fridays. (All years)

Learn the coolest commercial & hip-hop moves to the latest songs whilst having fun in a relaxed and safe environment.

In both clubs we incorporate challenging games and a reward system which encourages children to be active, gain self-confidence and improve mental health with a mini performance opportunity at the end of term.

£5 per session. Fees paid upfront for full term. All dates & full information on website.

Please click on our links for session tasters:

[YouTube Funstar Musical Theatre taster](#)

[YouTube Funstar StreetDance taster](#)

*FREE TRIALS are available!

(Please email us with the subject line **free trial** if your child is apprehensive and would like to try a session before committing to the term.)

TO REGISTER: please go to www.funstareducation.co.uk
Class size is limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

Also available:

[Funstar Birthday Parties](#)

[Funstar Holiday Clubs](#) Easter, Summer & Christmas (Free HAF places)



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Comic Book Workshop

Saturday 4 May

10am, 11.30 am and 1.30pm

RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum

Join local artist Katy Dynes to create your own characters and write your own comic book style short story! Plus visit the art gallery and pick up your FREE comic.

Workshop suitable for ages 8+.

£4 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult (one adult only please)

Design your Character

Write your Story

Friends - Ma dark - Space - anim

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Dates and Contact Details

School Diary Dates 2023/24

Summer Term

School Opens **Monday 8 April**
May Bank Holiday **Monday 6 May** – school closed
Half Term **Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May**
Teacher Training Day **Monday 3 June**
School Closes **at 3.30 Friday 19 July**

Autumn Term

Teacher Training Day **Monday 2 September**
School Opens **Tuesday 3 September**
Half Term **Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November**
School Opens **Monday 4 November**
School Closes **at 3.30 Friday 20 December**

Key Information

School times
School gates open at 8.30am
Doors open at 8.40am
School starts at 8.50am
School closes at 3.30pm

Any child arriving after this time is late and will be marked as such.

If your child is ill or going to be absent please email absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk with your Child's NAME AND CLASS with the reason for their absence

School contact details

Office hours are 8.30 - 4.30 each day by phone or email

If you feel you need to meet with a teacher face to face please email the school office office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

If you need to talk with a teacher over the phone or have a general enquiry for them please email office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk.
Our teachers are busy with your children in the classrooms all day, however, they will get back to you as soon as possible

If you would like to share concerns or contact Mrs Smith our Home/School Support worker, please call the office, pop into school or email her directly on homeschoolsupport@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

If you have specific feedback you would like to give us please email us on feedback@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

School policy information can be found here: <http://www.biltonjuniorschool.co.uk/policies>

How can you help your PTA?

WHEN BUYING GIFTS AND MORE



Just visit your favourite retailers through the easyfundraising website and the shop as normal.

Once you've made a purchase our retailers will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you".



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/biltonjunior/>



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PTA EVENT HELPERS

WhatsApp group



This group is JUST for people that can help at events. Those who join can opt out at anytime please just let the PTA team know

Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

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