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Bilton Community Federation

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, The more places you'll go.



~Dr Suess



1st March 2024

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

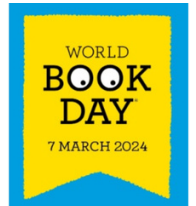
7th March
World Book Day
see page 3

Disco
21st March
Year 3 & 4
3.30pm - 4.30 pm
Year 5 & 6
4.40pm - 5.40 pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

During our recent assemblies, we have continued to focus on the value of forgiveness. Thank you to 4SM for delivering an outstanding online assembly, shedding light on the significance of forgiveness in repairing friendships. They shared that while many things can be easily fixed with glue or tape, the intricacies of healing friendships often require the opportunity for forgiveness. The assembly also featured the parable of the 'Unmerciful Servant,' emphasising the importance of forgiveness in overcoming challenges within friendships and facilitating reconciliation.

Anticipation is building for World Book Day next week. Ms. Davies met with our dedicated Reading Ambassadors, and together they have decided to mark the occasion with a pyjama/loungewear day to promote the pleasures of reading and relaxation. Please refer to the information on page 3 for further details about the day's celebration.



We are thrilled to announce that nine students from Bilton Junior School have been chosen to participate in the Eastern Warwickshire Cross Country Championships based on their outstanding performances in recent cross country races. These students will proudly represent the eastern Warwickshire area. Congratulations to our exceptional team, and a huge thank you to Mrs. Wilson-Shrubb for her efforts in training the team and organising the events. We acknowledge the substantial dedication she has invested in preparing the team, and we are grateful for her instrumental role in their fantastic achievements.

We have had some very special guests in school this week! Thank you to Ms Lewis who arranged for the Mood Bears to visit BJS. They were invited to make us aware of how important it is for our mental health, to discuss and have an outlet for our emotions.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs Ross
Head of School



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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN Evie and Felicity For their wonderful representation of the Brownies and explanation of World Thinking Day to the class.

3AL Savannah For working really well with her strategies for multiplication and division

3ED Jacob Y For a great improvement in his focus and concentration in learning

4EL Finley For his great attitude to learning and contributions in maths

4SM Thea For her super Roman playscript writing

4SS The whole class For the amazing PE lesson we had. Super gymnastics!

5LM Ivan For producing a great non-chronological report on rats

5JB Ibbby For always working his hardest

5MB Amber T For working hard across the curriculum and contributing well

6LC Elise K For great vocabulary used in her non-chronological report

6NV Rose V For working hard on her non-chronological report about sloths

Mme Jago Flynn 6NV For making fantastic connections between several languages.

Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD!

3HN Whole class For their respect, maturity and kindness during PSHE this week

3AL Whole class For their respect, maturity and engagement with the Mood Bears

3ED Ella For her kindness and maturity

4EL Freddie For showing perseverance with his handwriting

4SM Violet G For persevering with her learning

4SS Alyssa For her support and kindness to others during PE. A fabulous teammate!

5LM James For kindness and maturity during our PSHE class discussions


5JB Larna For persevering with the editing of her writing

5MB Charlotte A For being a helpful and supportive friend

6LC Ryan For being a supportive and kind friend

6NV Georgia A For always showing kindness and compassion to others

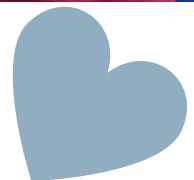
Mme Jago Esmail D 5MB For kindness - sharing something precious.



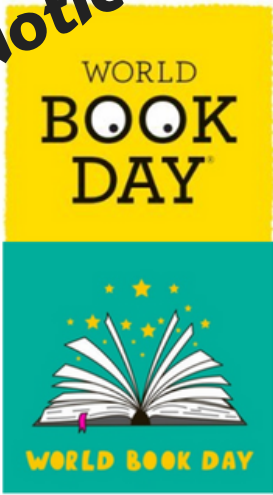
In school activities

Mood Bears

These delightful bears came to encourage us to all have open conversations about the complex world of emotions and to consider our own wellbeing as well as the wellbeing of others



Notices



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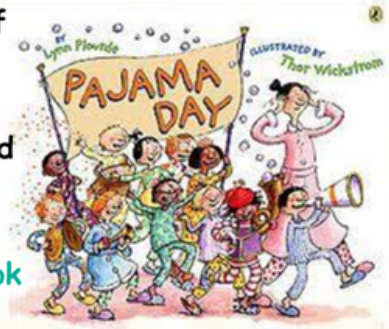
To celebrate we will be having a pyjama/loungewear day to help us promote the joys of reading for pleasure and relaxation.



The Children's Bookshow

We will also be joining schools across the country to watch **Michael Rosen's Big 50 Year's Show** live streamed to the whiteboard in our classrooms from the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich on World Book Day.

This very special show marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of Michael Rosen's first book for children, *Mind Your Own Business*, and 50 years of Michael inspiring generations of children, teachers and families with his poetry and live performances.



So get comfy in your PJs and bring your favourite book for some cosy reading and fun.



Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Respect

Respect is important in our lives because it helps us develop a sense of self-worth and improves our general wellbeing. This in turn will enable us to develop healthy relationships with others.

If we look at Maslow's hierarchy of needs, respect is part of ensuring that we have high self-esteem. When you respect yourself, this enables you to be open to new opportunities that will help you reach your personal goals. If you feel confident in your own worth, you are more able to recognise when others are not treating you well. Scan the QR code below to watch a video about Maslow's hierarchy of needs!

Being kind and respecting others enables them to feel valued and can also make us feel better.

Our tips for respect:

1. Listen to each other's point of view and recognise that it is OK if you do not agree with someone else's opinion.
2. Try to keep discussions about the topic and not about the people who are sharing their views.
3. As a class, create an agreement and list the ways you would like to be respected by each other in school. You could all sign your name and pin this on the classroom door to remind you about how to be respectful!
4. In pairs/small groups, act out a role play to show how you can be respectful towards others. Remember, respect can be shown in lots of different ways so try and think outside the box!
5. Create a poster about how you can show respect outside of the classroom too. Think about what you could do at home and in the community.
6. Listen to the 'respect rap' by following the QR code and watching the video!



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



The HAF Programme is for children and young people in full-time education aged 4-16 years (Reception - Year 11) who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Spring HAF will be running during the Easter holidays from Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April 2024. Anyone with a valid HAF code can book up to 4 activities for free. This can be with one provider, or split across multiple sites. Every session includes a delicious meal and snacks too!

For more information about the programme, please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf. If you need a reminder of your HAF code, please send

hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk an email containing your child(ren)'s full name, date of birth and school.



Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) is a free, confidential and impartial service providing information, advice and support for parents/carers, children and young people aged 0-25 who have or may have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

<https://www.warwickshiresendiass.co.uk/>

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Notices

SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 21st March

YEAR 3 & 4
3.30PM - 4.30 PM

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Top Tips for Supporting Children Who Are EXPERIENCING BULLYING

- WATCH FOR BEHAVIOURAL CHANGES**
- THINK THINGS THROUGH**
- BE OPEN AND UNDERSTANDING**
- LET THEM SPEAK FREELY**
- CALL A TIME OUT**
- STAY INFORMED**
- PREP YOUR CHILD FOR THE RESPONSE**
- SUMMARISE YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE**
- LIAISE WITH THE SCHOOL**
- CHECK IN FREQUENTLY**

Meet Our Expert: **Wake Up Wednesday** The National College

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/>

National Secondary Offer Day

MARCH 1

Streamlined school admissions process introduced for Warwickshire families

Warwickshire parents and carers with children starting or moving school in September 2024 will benefit from a change in how school offers are accepted.

For both the Secondary National Offer Day (1 March) and Primary National Offer Day (16 April), the Council will automatically accept school place offers on behalf of each family. This means that parents and carers don't need to take any additional action beyond contacting the new school to confirm transition arrangements.

The school admissions team is also inviting parents and carers to join them at a webinar on Wednesday 28 February at 7pm to find out more about their offer and what happens next.

Places are limited and can be booked here.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-your-secondary-school-offer-tickets-1818697435067?aff=oddtcreator>

Any parent or carer not able to join us on the evening will be able to watch a recording shortly after, when it will be shared on the Warwickshire County Council school YouTube channel: <http://bit.ly/3H13ddk>

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 i.e. 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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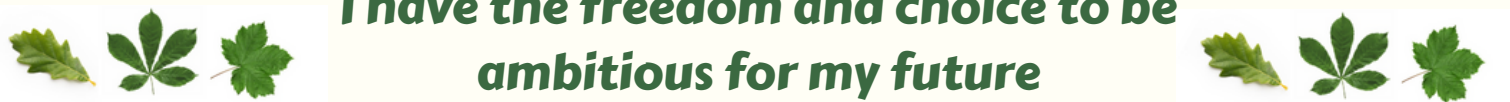
allsorts

magazine for parents and children

Here is the link to the Nov/Jan digital version of Allsorts magazine
https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_JANMAR24

- you can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit and services to help your family plus you could win a voucher to spend at Hunt's Books. You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon

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Activities


NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL
Whole School Open Morning
 For girls aged 2-18
Friday 8 March, 10:30-1pm
 Discover how we turn 'Can We?' into 'We Can!'



northamptonhigh.co.uk | 01604 765765

Made for Girls



New Warwickshire Museum exhibition 'Tales from the Riverbank'
 The upcoming exhibition about the history of Warwickshire's rivers, canals and waterways 'Tales from the Riverbank' at Market Hall Museum in Warwick opens to the public on Friday 22 March.

RUGBY MUSIC CENTRE

Tuesdays
Electric Guitar Orchestra
 Age 11-18

Create and perform awesome contemporary medleys as part of a huge band. Experience the excitement of live public gigs.

Wednesdays
Classical Guitar Ensembles
 Juniors grade 0-3, seniors grade 3+

Enjoy the beauty of lots of guitars playing together. Experience ensemble music ranging from the last 300 years!

Choirs
 Juniors age 4-10, seniors age 11-18

Sing your heart out in glorious harmony, from simple rounds right through to epic pop classics.

Saturdays
Music Theory
 Age 10-18

Achieve your ABRSM Grade 5 Theory with specialist teaching, without working through a boring book.

Folk Band
 Age 7-18

Show off your flying fingers with gigs, reels and more! Perform gigs in all kinds of interesting venues, including pubs and outdoors.

Junior Strings
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Dates and Contact Details

School Diary Dates

2023/24

Spring Term

School Closes **at 3.30 Friday 22 March**

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?



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have lots of exciting things planned in the coming weeks, if you are able to help with any of the following, please let us know:

Ideas for fundraising
Support shopping
Organising raffles
Sorting tombola prizes
Helping to set up events
Support tidying up after events

Please email: pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk
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