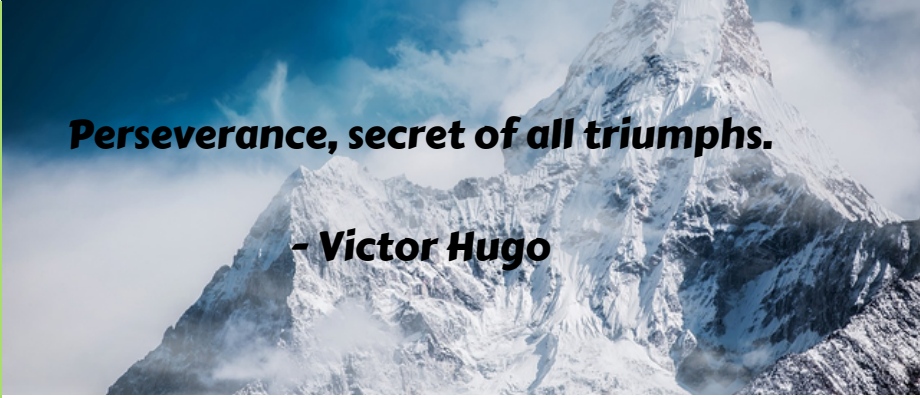




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Perseverance, secret of all triumphs.

- Victor Hugo



19th January 2024

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

Attendance target 96%

Let's see if we can get there this term!

PTA meeting

New date to be confirmed

Dear Parents and Carers

As we wrap up another week at school, I would like to share the range of experiences and achievements of our wonderful children.

Year 3 had an enriching visit to the Rugby museum and library, immersing themselves in a creative exploration of Rugby's history. Meanwhile, Year 4 actively participated in the 'Creating Calm' workshop facilitated by the Mental Health School Team, fostering well-being strategies. Year 5 children showcased their artistic talents, creating wonderful artwork inspired by poetry. I had the pleasure of teaching a focused Year 6 maths group this week, witnessing their dedication to improving their understanding of new learning and applying it across the curriculum.



I want to express my gratitude to the dedicated staff offering enriching opportunities through our after-school activities. The booster sessions and the learning hub are in full swing, providing valuable additional support. It's also great to witness the brave children embracing the cold weather and actively participating in the football club.

Our theme of 'Perseverance' continued in assemblies, with Monday's focus on the determination required to learn a musical instrument. We explored stories of renowned musicians who triumphed over challenges like hearing and sight loss. It was inspiring to find out about what can be achieved by remaining focused and resilient. Some children have already been found demonstrating new found skills to their class. We hope this emphasis on perseverance will instill greater resilience and determination in facing challenges, both big and small.

It's good to see the growing number of children cycling to school this term. We kindly request that you ensure your child wears a helmet while cycling, especially considering the current cold and icy conditions.



BE SAFE

Wishing you a great weekend ahead.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Ross

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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

- 3HN Elexya For her hard work during her English lessons this week
- 3AL Karthi For always providing support to others when he has completed his maths
- 3ED Matilda For always working hard and having a good attitude to learning
- 4EL Daniel A For settling in really well into 4EL and showing a positive attitude to learning
- 4SM Summer for her positive attitude to learning, especially during assessments
- 4SS Logan L & Sarjan for showing such resilience and perseverance when learning how to do a forward roll
- 5LM Aksa For being brave and sharing her writing with the class
- 5JB Paula For making excellent contributions to discussions in RE
- 5MB Eben B For good work on his 'Malfeasance' poetry
- 6LC Evelyn For persevering with her Maths learning
- 6NV Evan D For excellent contributions to class discussion
- Mme Jago Jacob G 3ED For spotting that one of the words we were learning was on my jumper!

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD!

- 3HN Srithvik For showing perseverance in his balance work during PE
- 3AL Maisie- Rose For her perseverance and finding her own solutions
- 3ED Freddie For perseverance and always being ready to learn
- 4EL Lottie For showing perseverance in all subjects and being an all round star
- 4SM Thea For persevering with learning and to master the yoyo trick in assembly!
- 4SS Zayd for being an excellent role model and always showing kindness to others
- 5LM Sofia G For persevering with long multiplication even when it got tricky
- 5JB Arthur For persevering and being resilient even when it would be easy to give up
- 5MB James F For persevering with long multiplication and answering questions in class
- 6LC Henry For always trying his best in everything he does
- 6NV Harvey M For showing perseverance when reading.
- Mme Jago Sarjan 4SS For perseverance and politeness



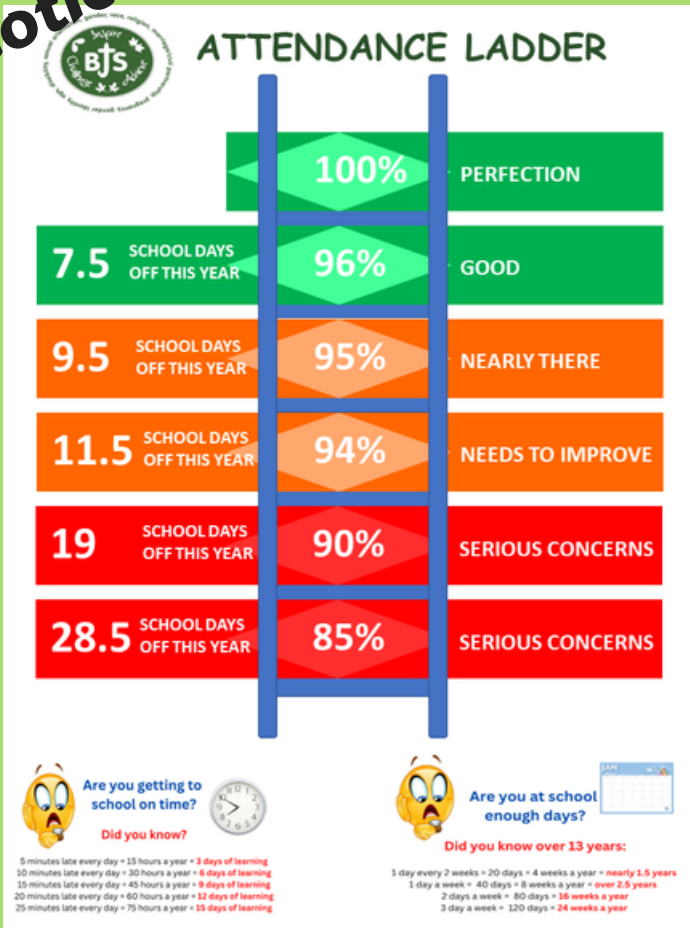
School activities

Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

Year 3 enjoyed a great trip to Rugby Art Gallery and Museum to learn about Rugby through the ages yesterday. They enjoyed the storytelling and hands-on activities and could experience some of the key moments that shaped the Rugby town that we know today



Notices



Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
Monday 22nd January 2024

Anxiety workshop
4.00pm.

The link is
<https://covworkpt-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/99741285926pwd=SI1Q3A0OU10K2VBQ59vMjJ3UkNVQT09>

Meeting ID: 997 4128 5926
Passcode: 860297

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

- NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE**: Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house, would you? If you do get a friend or family member to help you set up your phone, make sure you can see what they're doing with it.
- RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS**: If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers think you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to limit your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or harmful in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.
- TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT**: Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important to go to someone you trust for help. If you're having trouble, instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's affecting you best.
- STAY ALERT**: Your phone's lock up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get distracted in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. Always keep your eyes on your phone, not on the road, the stairs or the people around you. If you're using your phone while walking, which is clearly dangerous.
- DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS**: Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends. It's easy to get lost in the fun of it, which can make it difficult to take a break. Try setting limits on how long you use your phone each day. Putting your phone down for a set time to interact with others or do something else that helps keep you fit and healthy.
- IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS**: There are some scammers who might not be too trusting. If you get a text or call from a number you don't know, it's best to ignore it. If you're unsure, you could try calling the number or sending a message to ask for their information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.
- SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION**: As your phone's settings, you'll be able to see where you are. This means that people can find your location. It's important to turn this off when you're not using your phone. It's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing photos of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.
- REMOVE TEMPTATION**: A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. If you're using your phone before going to bed – which means not going to bed at a certain time or getting an alert or message – it can affect your sleep quality. Put your phone in charge overnight, but not in your room. This means if you have a bad dream, you can check any messages, reply to messages or scroll through social media.
- THINK ABOUT OTHERS**: Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting for a friend or walking down the street. It's important to remember that other people, though they might not be looking at their phone, might be looking at theirs. If you're using your phone while walking, don't forget that anyone could see what something you posted about you.
- ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS**: Before downloading a new app or game, check what age it's for. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. It's important for older people, there is a certain risk that it could include inappropriate content or advertising, or highlighting for instance or highlighting for instance or highlighting for instance or highlighting for instance.

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National Online Safety
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Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
Tips For Wellness:
GIVING TO OTHERS

Giving to others has a positive effect on our mental wellbeing. When we do things for people in our lives, feel-good chemicals are released into our body which can increase our mood, self-esteem, and happiness. This also reduces stress. It can even help us live longer!

Giving means putting yourself in someone else's shoes, thinking about what they might need, and acting to help them in some way.

Sometimes small things can be just as effective as big gestures. Try helping others for a week and see if it makes a difference to your own wellbeing

Holding a door open
Smiling and saying hello
Checking on someone who is alone
Picking up something that someone has dropped
Listening to someone who needs to talk
Helping to do chores around the house
Making a cup of tea

Top Tip: Don't over-do it. Giving must start with yourself. You can only give your time and energy to others if you have enough left for yourself.

#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@covworkpt.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.

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The freephone number is 0800 995 6047

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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Nurture programme

10 weeks

Starting Mon, 22 Jan 2024 12:30 - 14:30 GMT for 10 weeks

at Henry Hinde Junior School.

Throughout the programme we will cover many of the common parenting issues and offer advice that will help you:

Gain confidence and develop insight by understanding why children behave as they do
Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Explore different positive parenting strategies to help guide behaviours

Find different ways to develop co-operation and emotional regulation in children

Learn the importance of looking after ourselves as parents and carers.

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7auvpf>



EqUP is working in partnership with Warwickshire County Council, to share information about affordable, sustainable and healthy food in Warwickshire.

The event is taking place at Mancetter Memorial Hall, Old Farm Road, Mancetter CV9 1QN on Tuesday 13 February 11am



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Activities

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Tuesdays

Electric Guitar Orchestra
Age 11-18

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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

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Violinists and cellists grade 0-2

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<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4459/explore-warwickshire>

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Dates and Contact Details

School Diary Dates

2023/24

Spring Term

Half Term Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

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

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