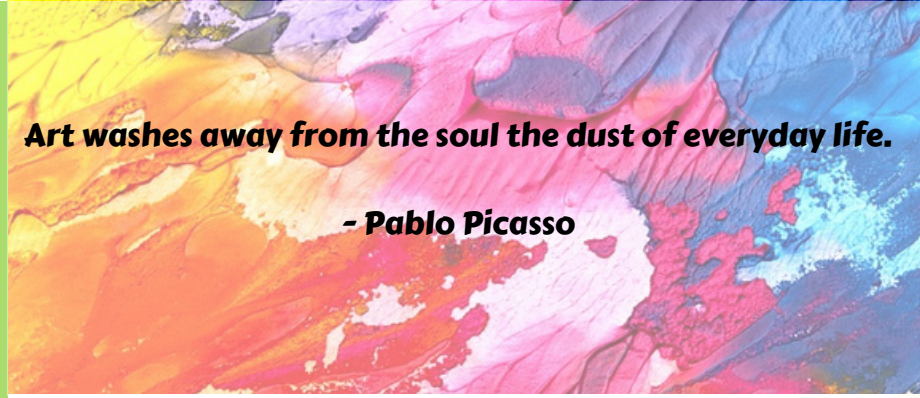




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Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.

- Pablo Picasso



24th November 2023

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

Road Safety

Please keep our children safe by ensuring they wear helmets when riding bikes to school.

School Christmas Fayre

7th December 3.45pm -
More details on page 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

There have been some recent requests about setting up class WhatsApp groups for parents. Due to data protection, we are unable to send out or share information for any requests made. We have a strong online presence through Facebook page which is regularly updated thanks to our Marketing Manager. Since the term began, there have been over one hundred posts which inform of upcoming events and share the vast amount of wider opportunities within school. Please join us on Facebook if you do not already follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/BiltonCofEJNR/>

The bulletin is sent out weekly to keep you up to date with events happening in school and texts and emails are sent out when needed. I appreciate that WhatsApp is a really easy way to communicate in a group; however, managing such groups entails a significant responsibility, especially concerning data protection. Those who administer a group become data controllers, deciding what personal data to collect, how to process it, and for what purposes. GDPR provides an exemption for processing personal data in purely personal or household activities, but this doesn't extend to WhatsApp school class groups. Additionally, WhatsApp lacks a systematic way to validate group members, allowing for relative anonymity and making group membership challenging to manage over time. Thank you for understanding our approach to maintaining data privacy and effective communication channels within the school community.

Many of you will have seen via the Facebook page the great things that have been going on in school over the last week. There has been some amazing creations from Year 5 with their multi-media artwork inspired by Ties Albers. Albers is an artist from the Netherlands who brings elements from nature and pop art together with his own signature style. The quality of work produced by the children is brilliant, here are a couple of examples, but do take a look at others on our Facebook page,



Our worship leads took the stage this week to deliver a fabulous assembly centred around the Posada tradition. For the past three years, our school has actively participated in hosting 'The Posada,' collaborating closely with St. Nicholas Church, Willoughby. Commencing the Posada's journey has become a tradition at Bilton Junior School, and our worship leads did an exceptional job presenting this meaningful event.



We were also delighted to welcome Chris Burgess from Rugby Youth for Christ to our school. His visit added an extra layer of engagement and learning for our children around our value of kindness and the importance of patience.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Your encouragement means a lot to our children and staff.

Kind regards

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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN Mia For always working hard in all her learning.
3AL Lexa For applying herself in maths
3ED Penny For always listening carefully and working hard in all her lessons

4EL Freddie For his excellent attitude to learning
4SM Sam for excellent work in Maths and English this week
4SS Zac for his superb handwriting and William Shakespeare biography

5LM Harvey For persevering with converting fractions in maths
5JB Zac For making excellent progress this week
5MB Isla V For tracking and listening carefully in class

6LC Dylan T For a great recount in English
6KC Sophie For writing a great recount
6NV Flynn M For excellent work on his balanced argument about animals in WW1.

Mme Jago 6NV For a fantastic learning atmosphere - fun yet respectful

Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

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Thank you from all @ BJS

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LIGHT
of the WORLD


3HN Megan For showing kindness to others during maths and offering her help
3AL Joshua for showing kindness in class
3ED Nicole For always being kind and helpful to others

4EL Evangeline For showing kindness and always offering her help.
4SM Olivia for always being kind, and respectful to others
4SS Oilly For his kindness, his perseverance and his wonderful zest for life, which he brings in to the class with him everyday, thank you

5LM Zachary For showing kindness to a member of our class
5JB Ollie For being a kind and thoughtful member of the class
5MB Esmail D For always being kind, polite and respectful

6LC Hanna For always being kind and helpful with a smile
6KC Riley For being an excellent sports leader
6NV Rhys A For his helpful and kind attitude to others

Mme Jago Kacie T 6NV For kindness - looking after a younger student



School activities

The Posada



Congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 Worship Leads who presented the Posada in assembly. It will now continue its journey to another school.

Christmas raffle

Lots of amazing prizes

£50.00 Cash, Luxury Christmas Hamper, Whilton Locks Ice Skating, £20.00 Voucher for the Queens Diamond Jubilee Centre, 1 Family ticket to watch Frozen-Ash Stage Productions, Family Ticket to watch Aladdin at Benn Hall, Tickets to a show of your choice - From the Benn Hall, Dinner Jackets Voucher, Mermaid Swimming Voucher, 2x AfK Coaching Voucher, Voucher from B Beautiful for a massage or facial, Swimworks voucher, Paint & Glaze Voucher...and much more

Raffle tickets will be coming home soon!

Please join us for our

Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December
3.45 - 5.30pm
In school

Lots of stalls including
Loubie Lou's, Cath's Crafts, The Body Shop, Handmade Jewellery, Light Wire Creations and many more

The Grinches Grotto
Our ever popular Tombola!

Class activities and crafts

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snag up a stash of stashing bargains. While this is generally good news, of course the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard - especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unopposed on online buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details - and your money - safe while you shop.

- ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE**: Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, be sure that the site is secure. The key thing to look for is a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the site begins with 'https://'. The 's' indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without this, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by uninvited third parties.
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS**: If a deal seems too good to be true, there's a possibility it is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't use professional-looking graphics. It's a common tactic to pop-up adverts or links, particularly on mobile. This often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Multitask by clicking with well-known, reputable websites instead.
- REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS**: Even if you've followed all our tips, it's a good idea to check your bank statements for any unauthorised transactions. From Black Friday to Cyber Monday, lots of people make impulsive purchases that they may not regret in the moment but that they do regret later. If you see a payment or charge you can't identify, come in with your bank straight away.
- BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS**: Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a deluge of emails. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't use professional-looking graphics. It's a common tactic to pop-up adverts or links, particularly on mobile. This often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Multitask by clicking with well-known, reputable websites instead.
- CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL**: It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday - 'double-dipping' in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels. Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these 'reductions' truly equate to a saving.
- MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS**: Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some micro-transactions such as in-app purchases and in-game micro-transactions can be tempting, but you should be especially wary of these offers. If you're concerned, it's better to wait until you've had time to think about their ability to make purchases (via their credit or banking) or remove any linked payment methods.
- TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**: Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are surfing the deep online. These scammers use social media to promote their offers and to promote links that aren't quite as enticing as the offers they're promoting. Be especially wary of any offers that require you to provide your personal details. Cyber scammers, fraudsters, and identity thieves are all too ready to use your details to make purchases (via their credit or banking) or remove any linked payment methods.
- SET STURDY PASSWORDS**: A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from their online shopping accounts. It can be hard to remember the same password for them all - but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create and store unique passwords for each online retailer that you use.
- DITCH THE DEBIT CARD**: Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a 100% chance of your bank reimbursing you. Debit cards, however, they could empty your account if the merchant - and it can be difficult to recover your money.
- RESIST THE INFLUENCE**: Recommendations from social media influencers can be tempting to explore options for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. However, influencers are often paid to promote their offers and to promote links that aren't quite as enticing as the offers they're promoting. Be especially wary of any offers that require you to provide your personal details. Cyber scammers, fraudsters, and identity thieves are all too ready to use your details to make purchases (via their credit or banking) or remove any linked payment methods.

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28.5 SCHOOL DAYS OFF THIS YEAR	85% SERIOUS CONCERNS

Are you getting to school on time? Did you know? 5 minutes late every day = 15 hours a year = 3 days of learning. 10 minutes late every day = 30 hours a year = 6 days of learning. 15 minutes late every day = 45 hours a year = 9 days of learning. 20 minutes late every day = 60 hours a year = 12 days of learning. 25 minutes late every day = 75 hours a year = 15 days of learning.

Are you at school enough days? Did you know over 13 years: 1 day every 2 weeks = 20 days = 4 weeks a year = nearly 1.5 years. 1 day a week = 40 days = 8 weeks a year = over 2.5 years. 2 days a week = 80 days = 16 weeks a year. 3 days a week = 120 days = 24 weeks a year.

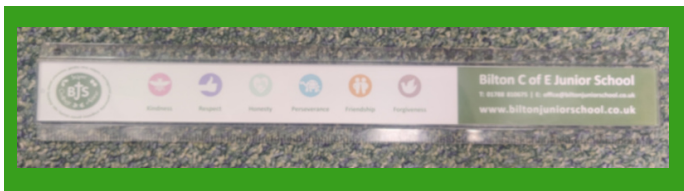
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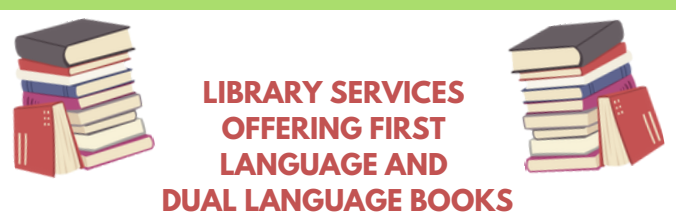


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Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
Tips For Wellness:
THOUGHTFUL

Being thoughtful is when you think about how your actions and words will affect other people's feelings. Taking the time to make ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others is great for our mental health, as it helps reduce stress, improve friendships and creates a sense of belonging. Being thoughtful about ourselves can also improve self-awareness and help boost self-esteem.

Our tips for being thoughtful:

- 1- Small acts of kindness**, e.g., smiling at someone, giving a hug to a loved one, holding the door open, giving a compliment to a friend, telling someone that they are important.
- 2- Classroom activity:**
 - Each student should have a piece of paper and fold it in half.
 - On the left side, students should write the names of 5 people in the class they admire.
 - On the right side, students should write down the quality they admire most about each person (making sure each quality is different)
 - Tear off the left half of the paper (with names on) and keep the right half.
 - Students should read out their list of qualities. Discuss that they also have these qualities as they were able to recognise them in others!
 - Ask students to read out their list of qualities again, starting the sentence with "I am..."
- 3- Create a thoughtful box** in the classroom for students to write down compliments and kind messages about their peers. The thoughtful messages can be shared at the end of the week!

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

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Autumn Term 2023

School Closes at 3.30 Friday 22 December

Spring Term 2024

Teacher Training Day Monday 8 January 2024

School Opens Tuesday 9 January 2024

Half Term Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

School Closes at 3.30 Friday 22 March

Summer Term 2024

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

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>

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Support shopping
Organising raffles
Sorting tombola prizes
Helping at events

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