



Proud to be part of
Bilton Community Federation



**“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did, but people will never
forget how you made them feel.”**

-Maya Angelou



17th November 2023

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

PTA Wreath Making

29th November
6th December

places available

School Christmas Fayre

7th December
3.45pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

We want to express our gratitude for the fantastic turnout on Monday, with so many children proudly wearing odd socks to kick off Anti-Bullying week. During our assembly, we emphasised the importance of 'Shouting Out' against bullying and discussed how seemingly harmless banter can still have a significant impact. Through the assembly presentation and videos, the children were encouraged to consider what bullying means to them and what they can do to stop bullying.



A number of activities have continued in the classroom using the campaign's excellent learning materials. Classroom activities throughout the week have further reinforced these important messages, thanks to the campaign's insightful learning materials.

We were particularly impressed with Tuesday's assembly led by 5MB. They had previously submitted persuasive letters addressing the issue of litter on the playground and its connection to unhealthy snacks. Presenting their findings from a litter survey, they highlighted that a majority of the litter consisted of sweets, crisps, and chocolate wrappers. The assembly not only raised awareness about the impact of unhealthy snacks on energy levels and dental health but also inspired a commitment to cleaning up litter. Verity, as the worship lead, closed the assembly with a prayer emphasising the importance of self-care and environmental responsibility.



The assembly had a significant impact, prompting a desire among students to not only reconsider their snack choices but also actively participate in cleaning up any litter around the school. Y3HN students have even requested more litter pickers to contribute to this clean-up initiative.

It has also been a busy week with educational challenges. Years 5 and 6 participated in the Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC), fostering enthusiasm and boosting confidence in mathematics. Problem-solving skills were put to the test, and we eagerly await the results. We are also competing in the Emile National Spelling competition and hope to replicate the success of last year, where we qualified for the National final. Best of luck to all our participants!

Looking ahead, we have exciting events lined up for next week, including various visitors joining our school assemblies. We look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.
Warm regards,

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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN Imogen For her hard work in all her maths lessons
3AL Oliver B For his great reasoning skills in maths
3ED Dennis For hard work across all subjects
4EL Kenzy For writing a brilliant William Shakespeare biography
4SM Jacob For superb pok-a-tok skills on Maya day
4SS Vanessa for her amazing attitude and the sheer hard work she puts into her reading
5LM Joah For being super focused and ready to learn across all lessons this week
5JB Dylan For persevering and being resilient with the Primary Maths Challenge
5MB Darcy C Going over and above by carrying out her own additional research into Charles Dickens to help with our biography work
6LC Connor For great ideas sentence ideas in his recount
6KC Rose Working really hard on her times tables
6NV Maggie For her super account of the role animals played in WW1.
Mme Jago Elise K 6LC For remembering her German learning when at the Christmas Market.


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Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD

3HN Hugo For his kindness to our school environment and volunteering his time to keep it looking nice
3AL Oliver C For showing great kindness to a child in the class
3ED Olivia-Rose For being kind and helpful to others in class
4EL Evan For showing kindness and respect to everyone in the classroom.
4SM Dallas for showing kindness when supporting his partner in the DT food session
4SS 4SM for their superb engagement and behaviour during Mayan Day
5LM Hana For showing kindness and helping others
5JB Francesca For being a kind and thoughtful member of the class
5MB Charlotte A For kindness to others
6LC Angad For always being polite and kind to others
6KC 6KC Working really hard at Rock UK
6NV George R For his kindness and helpfulness to others
Mme Jago Felicity 3HN For kindness - to the class and Mme Jago, cleaning up a mess of sharpenings that wasn't hers.



School activities

Odd Socks Day

National Antibullying Alliance Initiative to encourage everyone to have fun and to openly show that we can all be different but be accepting and kind to each other.



Notices



ATTENDANCE LADDER



Are you getting to school on time?
Did you know?



Are you at school enough days?
Did you know over 13 years:



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

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

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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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet which has the need for a safe log on or subscribing device setting users access a range of features through the TV set itself from on demand content apps as well as YouTube, streaming services such as Netflix, or even connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions have internet enabled, so whether you're looking at upgrading your home cinema or looking at buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** From YouTube to Disney to Amazon Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available, while these services offer content catering for younger viewers, there are also services that offer content that is not suitable for children. If you don't have parental controls set up on your TV, your child could find themselves being exposed to adverts and movies with adult themes, using language and even violence that is not appropriate.
- INCREASED SCREEN TIME:** As the way of content has changed through smart TVs could lead to your child spending longer amounts of time in front of the screen, not only your regular activities such as schoolwork may be affected, but it could also impact their health. Research has shown that children spend hours in front of the TV can lead to obesity, including vision, poor sleeping patterns and depression.
- REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL:** Like many online devices, smart TVs have a range of features that can be controlled using a remote control. If your child has access to a smart TV, they could be able to purchase items online without your knowledge, potentially leading to financial loss and potentially fully dependent on the value of money.
- UNCONVINCING SECURITY:** As a matter of things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be targeted by hackers, and they can be used to access your other smart devices. If your child has access to a smart TV, they could be able to access your other smart devices, such as your smartphone, tablet or laptop, and they could be able to access your other smart devices, such as your smartphone, tablet or laptop, and they could be able to access your other smart devices, such as your smartphone, tablet or laptop.
- A SILENT SPY?:** Smart TVs can be used to collect data on your viewing habits, and this data can be used to target you with advertising. Smart TVs can also be used to collect data on your viewing habits, and this data can be used to target you with advertising.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS:** Many smart TVs can be used for video chatting, and this can be used to contact strangers. If your child has access to a smart TV, they could be able to contact strangers, and this could be a risk to their safety.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- MAKE IT A FAMILY THING:** Family TV time is a great way for the responsible enjoyment of television. It's a chance for you to see the content your child is watching, and it's a chance for you to see the content your child is watching. It's a chance for you to see the content your child is watching, and it's a chance for you to see the content your child is watching.
- CREATE CHILD PROFILES:** Many smart TVs have the ability to create child profiles, and this can be used to restrict access to certain content. If your child has access to a smart TV, they could be able to create a child profile, and this could be used to restrict access to certain content.
- SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS:** It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which can be used to restrict access to certain content. If your child has access to a smart TV, they could be able to set up parental controls, and this could be used to restrict access to certain content.
- CONSIDER THE LOCATION:** If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV could pose to your child, it's worth considering where you place the TV in your home. The safest option would be to place the TV in a room where you can supervise your child's viewing, or to place the TV in a room where you can supervise your child's viewing.

Meet Our Expert: National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

www.facebook.com/nationalonlinesafet



Family Information Service – 'Out of Hours Service'
Citizens Advice in Warwickshire are now operating an out of hours phone service on Monday evenings from 5-7pm. This is to enable access to our service for people who are unable to contact us during the day.
The freephone number is 0800 995 6047

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Notices



Wreath making

29th November- Limited spaces available
6th December - Lots of availability at present
7pm till 9pm in school

£35 per ticket

Your ticket will include:
A mince pie and 1 drink

All you need to make a wreath including
ribbon

There will be an instructor to guide you through the process
Extra decoration can be purchased on the night.

Limited spaces so this will be a first come first served basis
Email the pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk
to book a ticket



Examples of
wreaths made
before



IMPORTANT!

Please can we ask that if your is child is absent
from school can you email
absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk
or leave a telephone message before 9.15am on
the day of absence.

Thank you for your support with this.



The Childcare Choices website brings together all
the existing childcare offers in one place, so
parents can get the help that fits their family. This
could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours
Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Inspire
BJS
Challenge
Achieve

**STALL HOLDERS
WE NEED YOU
FOR OUR
FESTIVE CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
3.45 - 5.30PM

Please email
pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk
to book your place

£10 FOR A TABLE AND A
DONATION OF A PRIZE
FOR OUR RAFFLE

the national
sleep
helpline

**Want to know
more about
sleep?**

ASK US THE
QUESTIONS YOU
WANT ANSWERS TO

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

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Activities

onside EAST
COACHING.CO.UK WARWICKSHIRE

AGES
5-11

Your Christmas Childcare



COURSE DATES

**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th
JANUARY 2024**

**DROP OFF 8.30am - 9am
COLLECTION 3.30pm - 4pm**

£18 Or **4 DAYS**
Per Day for only **£68**

Lawrence Sheriff School

Whitehall Rd, CV21 3AG

Binley Woods Primary

Coombe Dr, CV3 2QU

onsidecoaching.co.uk

EAST WARWICKSHIRE

HAF in 2023 READY TO START!

HAF Years 1 to 8
From **£12** per day
5 Great Locations!

KA KITS ACADEMY

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Winter Sports & Fun!
2nd - 5th January 2024

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Call us on 07772 87321
Email us at bookings@kitsacademy.com

KA Kits Academy CIC No. 1068598

Ice Skating

Real Ice Rink with Real Ice!

Our incredible, outdoor, undercover rink is open every day right through to Christmas and New Year. Thrills and excitement galore, with 45 fun-packed minutes on the ice, with each skating session starting promptly on the hour. It is recommended you book online to ensure your skating time slot.

With a Café, right by the rink, selling snacks and hot drinks, ice skating at Whilton Locks Garden Village this Christmas is for special fun for all the family.

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Quality Ice Skates Hire is included in the price and parking is FREE.

Skate Aids - Push-alongs are available to hire separately.

Skate hire and help the rink after dark for your festive party or group event. 10m lights and disco music - contact whiltonlocks@whiltonlocks.co.uk for more.

TODDLER SKATE SESSIONS
Treat your toddler to a skate with exclusive toddler skates with FREE skate aids and low numbers per session.

You'd better get your skates on!

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
We do charge extra for Booking Fees on our online booking system.

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
We are wheelchair friendly throughout the site - even a wheelchair available to use!

WINTER WONDERLAND

Special Guests
Sitting Santa with Santa
Welcome Santa to Whilton Locks with a Festive Breakfast. Join in the fun with Breakfast with Santa - complete with a fantastic choice of home-cooked food, or
Enjoy Tea with Santa. Bring the little ones for this extra special magical event with Father Christmas.

Surprise Guests Too
Each year we welcome some very special guests to our Winter Wonderland with a series of themed parties and meet and greets. Check out our website for the very latest guest appearances.

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
We come this morning for breakfast with Santa and had a grand performance. The service was amazing and the food was lovely. Every member of staff seemed to have had the time of their lives and Santa was very generous. Highly recommend!
Cortina Diamond (Facebook Review)

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
The ice is completely FREE to enter and there is FREE parking too!

Meet & Make
Let your creativity run free with our Christmas crafts workshops. We will provide all the items for you to produce your very own Christmas displays or gifts to take home. From wreath making to hand-painting decorations we have a terrific timetable of events to bring out your inner Christmas creative. With treatments included too! Check out the website for the latest dates. Group discount available, please email us for details.

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
Our Christmas events are perfect for parents and festive fun for every group.

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
Christmas wreath making was so much fun. Got to know the staff so friendly and made the time too. You have a cup of tea and soupbread chat included. It was lovely. Thank you!
Ruth Mills (Facebook Review)
...and only wishing her a Merry Christmas!

Festive Food & Drink
Caniside take pride in having the best, local ingredients producing good quality, festive food for you to tuck into - and there's no better time than at Christmas.

The traditional and popular Potting Shed is decorated in the Christmas spirit and the front of house staff are friendly and love a chat (when they have time).

A superb selection of tasty treats is on offer all through the run up to Christmas and into the New Year.

BREAKFAST - AFTERNOON TEA - CHRISTMAS MENU - or just a Light Bite!
Daily specials or full cake - festive homemade cakes that many of our guests love!

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
Fabulous food and the cake is particularly delicious. Service is always good too.
Sharon Blissett (Google Review)

PAWS A WHILE - It's festive fun for kids (and all WILDF) with a special visit from Santa Paws and a festive treat for you and your dog. Early pre-booking is essential - you'd be banking to miss this one!

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
We treated ourselves to the festive Afternoon Tea at the Caniside restaurant here and it was absolutely fabulous. The staff went out of their way to help us and could not have been more accommodating. We were looked after beautifully with our endless coffee being frequently topped up. The Afternoon Tea was beautifully presented and delicious - we did have to take a doggy bag home with us as there was just so much of it! I would thoroughly recommend this. Really festive and Christmas.
Penny Warner (Facebook Review)

WHILTON LOCKS GARDEN VILLAGE

Scan the QR Code above to go ho ho straight to our Christmas website. Simply switch on your phone camera and point it at the code above.

Light
..... Up A
Life
Remember a loved one

Coventry Myton Hospice
Sunday 3rd December 5pm

Rugby Myton Hospice
Friday 8th December 7pm

Warwick Myton Hospice
Sunday 10th December 6pm

Sponsored by
WILF SMITH & SON
Established 1928

myton hospice

www.mytonhospice.org/LUAL

Book Magic

Sunday 26th November
2.3-3.30pm
Rugby Library
<https://www.facebook.com/rugbylibrary>

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Dates and Contact Details

School Diary Dates 2023/24

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>

How can you help your PTA?



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Are you able to help with any of the following:

- Ideas for fundraising
- Support shopping
- Organising raffles
- Sorting tombola prizes
- Helping at events

Please email: pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

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