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Bilton Community Federation

"A different language is a different vision of life"

~ Federico Fellini



29th Sept 2023

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

Parents Meetings

Monday 9th October
3.45-6.30
Wednesday 11th October
3.45-6.30

More details to follow

PTA Meeting

5th October
3.45pm
In school

Dear All,

Another busy week at school has flown by!

You should have received notification regarding the parents' meetings on **Monday 9th October and Wednesday 11th October**. Please sign up for either one of the virtual or face-to-face sessions. If there are any issues, please contact the office. office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Our new worship leaders have been excellent in their new roles. They have actively participated in an online training program to widen their expertise and have also introduced themselves in a virtual assembly for the school community. They've shown a willingness to invest time and effort into developing their skills and improving opportunities within school. They've shown such enthusiasm and clearly have the energy and commitment to inspire other members of our community to get involved and contribute their own ideas. We look forward to celebrating their achievements throughout the year ahead.



As well as our Worship Leads presenting in assembly, we have also had a British Sign Language assembly led by Mrs Jago. This was to recognise International Languages day, where sign language was a focus. Children also have the opportunity to enter a competition which has been set up by Mrs Jago. It was also a pleasure to have Chris, from Rugby Youth for Christ (RYFC), deliver an assembly.



Thank you to those who have already contributed to the food donations for Rugby Food Bank. Please keep sending things in on Monday for the assembly if you haven't had the chance yet and would like to help.

Please could I remind families that sweets should not be included in school lunch boxes. We do, however, make an exception for sweets that do not contain nuts, to be allowed for special occasions such as birthdays.

Thank you again for all your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Kind regards,

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Head of School

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Celebrations

27th Sept

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN Jax For showing resilience in his learning
3AL Jasmine Always ready to learn and keen to participate in lessons
3ED Ella For always doing her best in all her work

4EL Violet B For using a fantastic simile in her sentence stacking

4SM Afnan for super ideas and effort in his sentence stacking

4SS Isaac for his perseverance in working out his maths - well done!

5LM Harry For having better focus and persevering with his maths work

5JB Rose For always trying her best

5MB Amelia C For great contributions. Always alert and listening carefully

6LC Lilian For showing great resilience during Year 6 assessments

6KC Riley Making an excellent effort in all of his work!

6NV Alexa W Well done to Alexa for reading a library book in one night!

Mme Jago Nathaniel 3HN Always ready and respectful. Great tracking and listening!

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Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD

3HN Felicity For always listening and being respectful in the classroom

3AL Karthi For always being respectful

3ED Amelia For always being respectful and listening in class

4EL Nikita For being kind and respectful to everyone in the school

4SM Halle for her kindness to others in the class

4SS Alyssa for being such a considerate, helpful and respectful member of the class

5LM Briony For being a kind and respectful member of the class.

5JB Noah H For being a respectful person

5MB Liam K For showing respect to all

6LC Lincoln For having a respectful and ambitious attitude to learning

6KC Betsy Working really well with all her staff

6NV Dhiea For always showing respect and kindness to those around her

Mme Jago Zachary C 5LM Kindness - always spotting things that need doing and doing them quietly and calmly.



In school activities



Year 5 and 6 Worship Leads are taking part in their first online training session. We were very impressed and proud with how they interacted and shared their thoughts from BJS on the chat.

Notices



PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
BJS
 Inspire Challenge Achieve

Our First PTA meeting
5th October - 3.45pm - 4.45pm
In school

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas of how we can work together to raise funds for school

Children are welcome to come into school and can watch a film and be supervised by a member of the school team

Please email
pta@bittonjuniorschool.co.uk
 for more information



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STALL HOLDERS WE NEED YOU FOR OUR FESTIVE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
3.45 - 5.30PM

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

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



ADMISSIONS 2024/2025 - PROSPECTIVE PARENTS TOURS

The staff and pupils warmly invite prospective parents to visit our school during one of the following sessions.

Tuesday 10th October 2023 9.30 am-10.00 am
 Tuesday 10th October 2023 10.15 am-10.45am
 Thursday 12th October 2023 2.00 pm-2.30 pm
 Thursday 12th October 2023 2.45 pm-3.15 pm

Members of the team will provide a tour of the school and answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you!

If you are unable to make any of the above dates, then please feel free to contact the school office to make an alternative appointment: office@bittonjuniorschool.co.uk



BBC

500 WORDS
 2023

Calling all 5-11 year-olds!
 Can you write an amazing story of 500 words or under?

Your story could be read on TV to millions!

Competition opens 26th September - 10th November. We can't wait to read your stories

Head to bbc.co.uk/500words



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Whole School Open Mornings

SATURDAY 7 & FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

Find out how we turn 'Can We?' into 'We Can!' Book your place today:



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 01604 765765

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Notices

RISE MHST

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

CHANGE

Similar to the weather changing as we move through the seasons, we all experience changes in our lives. These changes can feel fresh and exciting, but they can also make us feel anxious and out of our comfort zone. Whether it's starting a new school, making a new friend, trying a new hobby...change is all part of the learning process!

Progress is impossible without change.

Our tips for coping with change:

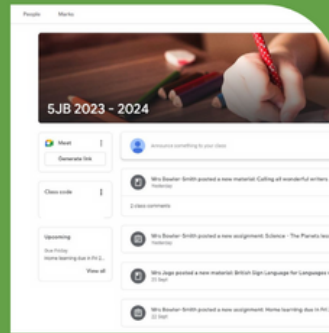
- 1- Look back through family photos and talk to an older family member about the changes they have experienced in their life and how they coped with them. What was life like when they were your age?
- 2- Think about changes you have coming up. How do you feel about them? Can you talk to someone who has been through these changes before? Is there anything you can do to prepare?
- 3- If you are worried about changes that are outside your control, make a list of activities to distract yourself, talk to someone you trust, and practise relaxation techniques to feel calmer.
- 4- Is there anything in your life you would like to change? Make a plan and have a go!
- 5- Plant some seeds/flowers in the garden and notice the changes as it grows!

#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@covwarkpt.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.

Google Classroom

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?



C Children have their own school email

L Home learning is set for children to complete and hand in

A Access for communication between children and teachers when needed

S Simplifies the setting and handing in of homework

S Safeguarding is key so language can be monitored and concerns raised

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION

The Supreme Court 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.

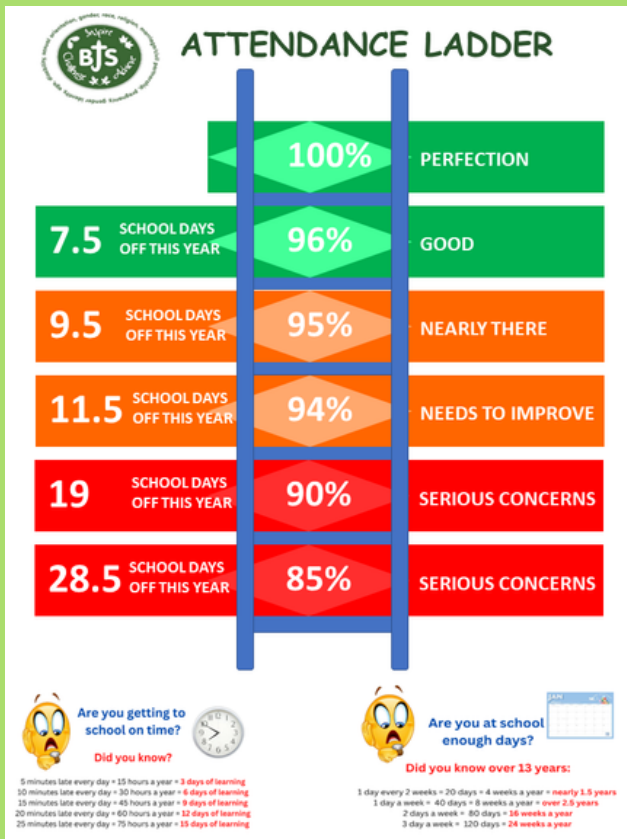
It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days). Where 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.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority
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Notices



Just over a month for Year 6 children to apply for their secondary school place

Parents and carers of children currently in Year 6 are being reminded to apply for their child's secondary school place by the deadline of 31 October 2023.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place>



Insight into parenting support needs

Your thoughts matter

The team at Warwickshire would like to learn about the needs of parents and carers around 'Parenting' and to give parents and carers an opportunity to share their voice on what support they feel is needed in their area.

Please complete the questionnaire to have your say:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrf7n588>

Believe in children Barnardo's



Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) 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.warwickshiresendias.co.uk>



Money Matters with Sally

A podcast to help you with everyday money matters and the cost of living. It will have guest speakers talking about all things related to saving money and helping you get the most out of your money.

<https://tinyurl.com/2pzw2swa>

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Activities



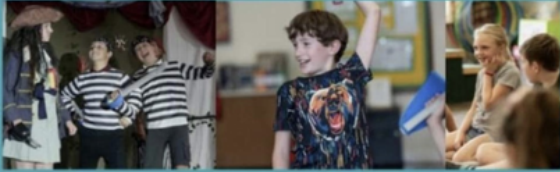
Make Believe A Story

OCTOBER DRAMA CLUB 2023

30th - 31st October 2023, 10am - 4pm
Bawnmore Infant School, Rugby, for ages 8 - 11 years.

Exciting drama games, improvisation, storytelling and exploring scripts with professional actors.

TAKING BOOKINGS NOW £50.



To book a place please contact us at: makebelieveastory@gmail.com For more information please visit our Facebook page 'Make Believe A Story'

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

TUESDAY 30TH OCT – FRIDAY 3RD NOV 2023

0900-1600 - £15 PER DAY PER

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STORYBOX

A great drama club where the children have enormous fun playing drama games, learning different performance skills and putting on two shows per year both with costumes and props.

Year 5 and 6 sessions - Wednesday afterschool
Year 3 and 4 sessions - Thursday afterschool
3.30pm – 4.30pm

Please contact Cathy Craddock - 07837 703802 if your child would like to join in the fun.



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AGES 5-11

October Half Term

Are you ready for the half term?

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Musical Theatre 8.00am start, 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.

£4.50 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:
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Dates and Contact Details

School Diary Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Half Term Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November
Teacher Training Day Monday 6 November
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 & 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

WHEN PLAYING



Rugby Lotto is an exciting weekly lottery that will raise money for BJS

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week

There will be a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked.

From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go to good causes in Rugby.

<https://www.rugbylotto.org/support/bilton-school-pta-rugby>



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