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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new style half-termly newsletter. This half term has seen the House of Lords meet for the first time and establish their roles within our Parliament. Matthew and Madiha as Head Boy and Head Girl have introduced themselves to school and have written to you later in this half term's news. All of the team (which includes Deputy Head Boy Thomas, Deputy Head girl Georgie and the House Secretaries Dina and Morgan,) have been busy finding out what the children have been learning in each year group, as well as campaigning for improvements to school grounds and uniform. I hope you enjoy reading their reports.

A huge well done to Year 6 for their efforts and mature approach to SATs tests 2017. Written work is still being completed—so keep up the hard work Year 6!

Special thanks to the rest of the school (especially 5 Eliot) for helping to keep everything quiet and calm for Year 6—they did appreciate it.

Mrs Paula Duynstee, Head Teacher



Tree of Life—Dawn
By
Kerry Darlington

Attendance: This half term's attendance ends on **95.8%**. Thank you to those families that have worked with us to improve attendance and lateness. If you still need support, please ask at the school office and one of our Attendance team will be happy to help.

Attendance Tree: We are changing the way that we reward attendance in a bid to make our system fairer across the classes, and also to support the children in being aware of attendance for their class. Our tree is based on the work of the artist **Kerry Darlington** who the children will be finding about during the term. Please listen out for the 'launch' this term.

Key to our Attendance tree:



A **Green leaf** means that attendance has gone up; an **orange leaf** it has stayed the same; a **red leaf** it has gone down and a **blossom** means that attendance is over 98% for that class!

Key Dates this Half term

The 7th of July from 3:30pm is our Summer Fair!

The 17th of July at 2:00pm is the Year 6 performance to parents.

The 18th of July is the Year 6 evening Performance.

The 20th of July at 6:00pm is the Year 6 Leavers BBQ.

Induction day is the 11th of July.

The 21st of July is a teacher training day.

School breaks up on the 20th of July.

This Half terms Gallery



This Half terms stars of the week!

Year 3

Week ending 28/4
 3Deary:Jordan, 3Strong:Amani,
 3King-Smith:Ellis, 3Murphy:Dylan
 Week ending 5/5
 3Deary:Ola, 3Strong:Olivia,
 3King-Smith:Gabriella, 3Murphy:Taio
 Week ending 12/5
 3Deary:Lacey, 3Strong:Oscar,
 3King-Smith:Cameron, 3Murphy:Leah-Paige
 Week ending 19/5
 3Deary:Taylor, 3Strong:Chloe,
 3King-Smith:Lucas, 3Murphy:Anna



Resourcefulness

Year 4

Week ending 28/4
 4Morpurgo:Max, 4Nimmo:Hayden,
 4Dickens:Carla, 4Tomlinson:Sujith
 Week ending 5/5
 4Morpurgo:Ryan, 4Nimmo:Jeremy,
 4Dickens:Dylan, 4Tomlinson:Mia
 Week ending 12/5
 4Morpurgo:Callum, 4Nimmo:Zach,
 4Dickens:Bianca, 4Tomlinson:Charlie
 Week ending 19/5
 4Morpurgo:Zara, 4Nimmo:Lily,
 4Dickens:Sandra, 4Tomlinson:Ellisia



Reflectiveness

Year 5

Week ending 28/4
 5Pullman:Jan, 5Horowitz:Natasha,
 5Eliot:Yuvi
 Week ending 5/5
 5Pullman:Logan, 5Horowitz:Emily,
 5Rowling:Cain, 5Eliot:Priya
 Week ending 12/5
 5Pullman:James, 5Horowitz:Cassie
 5Rowling:Matthew, 5Eliot:Mathury
 Week ending 19/5
 5Pullman:Paige, 5Horowitz:Emily,
 5Rowling:Alfie, 5Eliot:Jujanna



Collaboration

Year 6

Week ending 28/4
 6Lewis:Harry, 6Kipling:Joshua,
 6Tolkein:Angelina, 6Fine:George
 Week ending 5/5
 6Lewis:Callum, 6Kipling:Callum,
 6Tolkein:Elliot, 6Fine:Bella
 Week ending 12/5
 6Lewis:Whole Class, 6Kipling:Whole Class
 6Tolkein:Whole Class, 6Fine:Whole Class
 Week ending 19/5
 6Lewis:Mia, 6Kipling:Lily,
 6Tolkein:Marlam, 6Fine:Zach



Stickability

Message Board

This Half Terms School Priorities Update.

Raising Achievement plan 1: Reading

The new library has been designed by the school council, fitted and opened. Each class has a new bookshelf colour co-ordinated with the library.

The increase in hours of reading certificates shows the children are enjoying reading more.

Each class is enjoying a quality class reader at the end of each day.

In a pupil survey on reading 86% of our children say they read a lot and 85% enjoy reading.

Raising Achievement plan 2: Disadvantaged pupils

Children accessing basic maths support have shown an increase in speed when responding to calculations in class.

Mega maths has given children regular opportunities to practice times tables.

Achievement for All structured conversation practice has been embedded.

Lateness and attendance is being closely monitored.

Raising Achievement plan 3: Tracking Systems

WALTs (We are learning to) and WILFs (What I'm looking for) have been successfully embedded.

Children access their own learning through pupil target sheets at the end of each unit of work.

Parents receive target sheets termly to support their child.

Khalsa Juniors FC urgently want to hear from budding young goalkeepers at Under 8 and Under 10 age groups.



Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers can be handed into school until the 30th of June.



Sainsbury's
Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Summer Star Track Course

The Summer Star Track course involves lots of fun athletic activities suitable for children in Years 2-6. The dates for the 3 weeks are as follows: The 24th—28th of July., the 7th—11th of August and the 21st to 25th of August.

School Parliament

House of Lords

Deputy Head Boy



Thomas

Head Boy



Matthew

Head Girl



Madiha

Deputy Head Girl



Georgie

House of Commons

Year 3: Ollie, Evan, Jude, Ellexie.

Year 4: Jamieson, Ethan, Oakley, Imogen.

Year 5: Freya, Dylan, Aiden, Gabriel.

Year 6: Ellen, Jack, Zaylie, Callum.

A Message from the House of Lords.

Hi, I'm Matthew Burgess, the recently elected Head boy. I wanted to be Head boy because I believe that I can make our school a better place. I believe that every child deserves to learn and to have the chance to do whatever they want including learning different instruments and sports.

I also think that we as a school should try as hard as possible to prevent litter from covering our grounds. I believe this is why I was elected by the other children.

I'm Madiha, and I'm Head Girl at BLJS. It is my belief that all children have the full potential to have a proper education. Children have the ability to show wondrous knowledge but some have very little self-confidence. As Head Girl I wish to build children's self-confidence to prepare them for any obstacles they may face in life.

A Message from the House of Commons.

The BLJS House of Commons is made up of a candidate from each class throughout school. This half term the House of Commons has been very busy enforcing the new class reward system, where classes get marked for all different parts of the classroom, and if they are up to standard the class gets a chosen reward each Friday. This system has really helped in keeping our School neat and tidy, well done!

The House of Commons has also managed to raise a huge £150.22 by doing a car wash and hosting a book sale, and hope to keep raising money in the coming half term.

Thank you to all students at BLJS from the House of Commons for smartening up your school uniforms, keep it up BLJS!

Life at BLJS

Sport at BLJS

This half term 5Eliot went to Harris for a sports day , which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Harry in 6Lewis is Hotshots player of the month, and Hayden from 4Nimmo was their player of the term. Hotshots will be hosting a camp over half term.

Coming up next half term are tennis competitions, for Years 3 and 6.

Year 3 also have a Tri Golf tournament coming up. We look forward to reporting the results.

Club News.

Shakespeare club are working really hard to learn their lines as they hope to put on a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in June.

Club News.

In Choir everyone is trying their hardest to learn their song words for "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream coat", as they are performing a show towards the end of term. They are hoping to get the chamber choir and Year 5 and 6 involved as well.

What was the most interesting thing you've learnt this half term?

"We were shining torches through different materials."
Olivia,
3 King-Smith

"My class has really enjoyed learning about time in Maths!"
Mrs Boaler
4 Morpurgo

"We were finding lines of symmetry in maths quest."
Rowan,
4 Morpurgo

"I love doing fractions."
Gabriel,
5 Horowitz

"Everyone enjoyed doing the short story : Alma."
Miss Drake,
6 Lewis

"I have really enjoyed doing pointillism and pop-art !"
Zaylie
6 Kipling

Life at BLJS

Meet The Staff

Our Deputy Head Girl, Georgie has interviewed one of our Year 5 teachers Mr Pattison and this is what he had to say.

Georgie: Hi, Mr. Pattison, where abouts are you from?

Mr. Pattison: I'm from Australia, Cairns, North Australia, in the tropics, where its very hot and wet. I go back once a year, during the summer break.

Georgie: Very nice! Why did you choose to work at BLJS?

Mr. Pattison: Well, I enjoyed some of the part-time work I was doing here, I had a great class and enjoyed the company of the staff, who are very friendly. I was very fortunate that I was given the opportunity to take over Mr. Richards class. All the people here work hard but enjoy it as well.

Georgie: Thank you for your time Mr. Pattison, I hope you enjoy the rest of your year!

Mr Pattison: Thank you Georgie. Bye.



Meet The Students

Our Deputy Head Boy, Thomas has interviewed new Student Will and this is what he had to say.

Thomas: Hi Will.

Will: Hi.

Thomas: Lets get started.

Thomas: How long have you been here at this school?

Will: I have been at this school for 2 months now.

Thomas: Were you nervous when you first came to BLJS?

Will: On the first day yes, but I instantly made kind friends and others.

Thomas: What do you enjoy most about being at BLJS?

Will: I enjoy learning, especially English, We are learning about Wind in the Willows at the minute!

Thomas: Do you have interesting hobbies we should know about?

Will: I play badminton outside school.

Thomas: Next half term we will be interviewing somebody else, can you think of a question we can ask them?

Will: You can ask them if they are looking forward to next year at BLJS?

Thomas: Thank you for letting me interview you Will!



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Morgan

Hi, I'm Morgan and I am a secretary to the Head Boy and Girl. My duties as secretary is to help the Head Boy and Girl collect information and assist them in tasks. I have to attend meetings and I just nod my head agreeing with everyone else. Only joking! We collaborate with each other to make important decisions. I am a double bass player and I haven't taken any exams yet so I am still a Grade 0, but I am still really good!

I am very tall, taller than most teachers, except Mrs Marsay and Mrs Bowler-Smith. In conclusion I am the BFG.



Dina

Hello my name is Dina, and I am a secretary to the Head Boy and Girl. In case some of you didn't know, Mrs Duynstee introduced this role because the votes from the campaign were so close. My job is to help collect information for the school newsletter, so you will probably see me around school a lot doing jobs for this reason. I am a very musical person: I am a grade 4 violinist and I play the piano as well. I got offered a music scholarship at both Princethorpe college and The Rugby School.



Thomas

Hi my name is Thomas and I am Deputy Head Boy. I got voted for my peers because I am very clear with my words and I am entertaining, but can also be serious. I have to go to meetings with Mrs Dunystee to help the school, together we hope the school will become litter-free. I also have to make sure that the children in school are in the correct school uniform, and help with the School Newsletter!

I really enjoy sports, especially Rugby! I am also quite the comedian. I like to make people laugh. My favourite food is chicken pie.



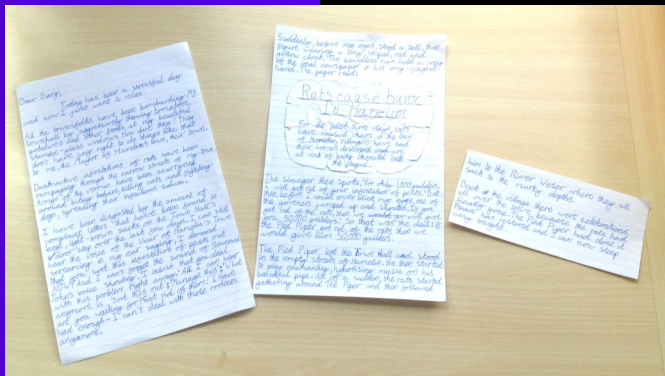
Georgie

Hi I'm Georgie and I'm Deputy Head Girl. I think that I got voted as Deputy Head Girl because I have a clear voice and I can make the school a better place. I express my feelings and when people have arguments, I do not take sides, I just help them sort it out. I absolutely LOVE making people smile. My job as Deputy Head Girl means I have to go around classes making sure people are wearing the correct school uniform, and I help with the school newsletter. My hobbies are acting, singing, dancing, writing and pop-art.



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Work to be Proud of



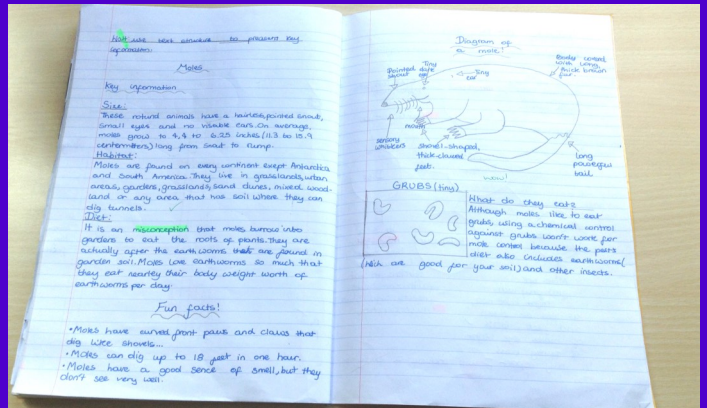
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6 Tolkien



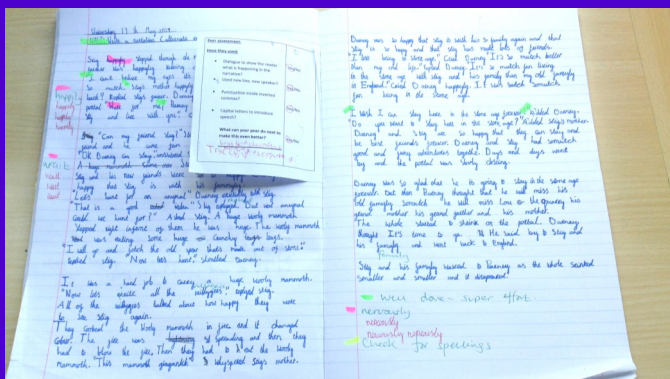
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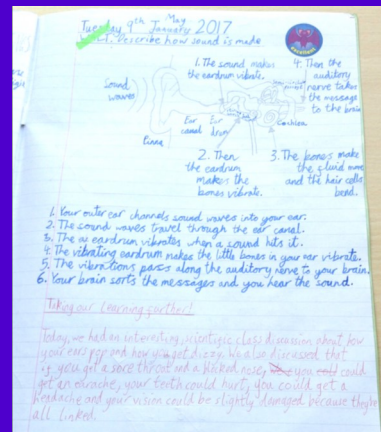
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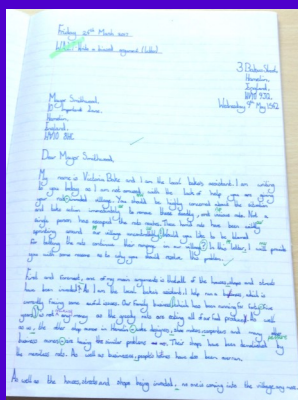
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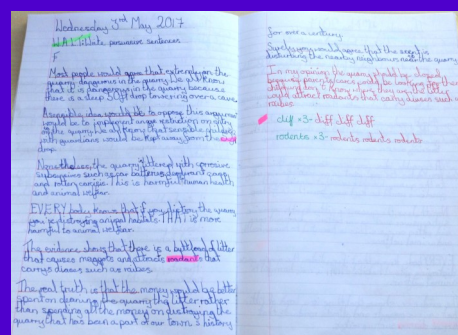
Evie

6 Kipling



Mary-Anne

3 Deary



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Our opinion on worldwide news.

This half term there has been much happening around the world. We will start by addressing the bombing at the Manchester Arena on the 22nd of May, we would like to offer our deepest sympathies to the families of those who have been killed or injured.

In other news Donald Trump has made a historic visit to Israel, where he gave a message of peace, "I call upon all people – Jews, Christians, Muslims and every faith, every tribe, every creed – to draw inspiration from this ancient city to overcome sectarian differences." We think this is a great message given by the President of the United States.

Achievement outside school.

At BLJS we love celebrating the achievements of our students, and that includes their achievements outside school. Starting in Year 3, Magdalena has given her hair to the Little Princess Trust, to make wigs for poorly children. Olivia has achieved her Gold award in gymnastics.

Charlie in Year 4 has been signed at West Bromwich Albion F.C. and Nicholas has been signed for Northampton Town F.C. Well done boys, we hope your teams do well.

In Year 5 Kaimahn has achieved his black belt grading in martial arts. Megan, Evie (Both Year 6) and Georgie (Year 5) have been cast in Les Miserables, well done girls, break a leg! There are many, many more that we could not fit into this half terms newspaper but we are very proud of the people you are all becoming. People who give to others, and work hard to do well in the things you enjoy. Keep it up BLJS!

What we are loving at school this half term.

This half term our Year 6's have completed their SATs, and after a very stressful and tiring week for them they are LOVING that their SATs are over.

Year 5's are off on their first residential trip to Castleton, and are very excited to experience the activities they have planned. Some Year 5's who aren't going to Castleton are visiting Brandon Marsh and looking forward to testing their wilderness skills.

Selected students from across the school also got the opportunity to code both land and air drones, which was a lot of fun for all people involved! Thank you Mr.Gaskell for arranging this for us.

Fun Fact 1

Did you know the piano is actually a percussion instrument because the hammer that the keys press when you play, hit the strings in the piano.

Fun Fact 2

Did you know the real House of Commons and the House of Lords don't refer each other by their proper names because they hate each other.

Fun Fact 3

Did you know cockroaches can live for several weeks with their heads cut off, because their brains are located inside their body. They would eventually die from being unable to eat.

Do you like our new newsletter? Would you like to see anything else on here?
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