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Spring Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have thoroughly enjoyed this half term. The children have come back after their Christmas break fully refreshed and with great attitudes to learning. A big thank you to Filip, Maneesh and Raef who have each taken it upon themselves to produce extra homework at home which I have really enjoyed looking at. Well done too to Ruby whose work is being published— we may have a budding writer!

The Houses of Parliament have been busy working on school projects. The House of Commons are seeking out charity work and also about to embark on a bit of healthy eating. The House of Lords have completed their action plan and are going to support classes in implementing 'Noise-ometers' to help set levels of appropriate chat during learning tasks. They are also working with Mrs Dedman to introduce some pupil sessions on First Aid which I think is a super idea. They all look great in their new style badges which have helped them to be more easily identified by staff and pupils. House of Parliament children have delivered their own assembly this term, and sit in chairs around the hall supporting excellent behaviours in our every day assemblies. They really are excellent leaders and promote citizenship throughout school. Well done children.

Mrs Marsay, Mr Farihna and I enjoyed taking some Year 5/6 pupils to the Indoor Athletics event at Harris School. We came third on the day and 6th out of 18 schools over-all. A real well done to all involved. We have taken part in the Inclusive Sports Rowing event and came 1st! Well done to all of those children involved. Finally we have been short listed for Rugby Borough Council Sports Awards for Primary School of the Year. Mrs Marsay, Prya, Will and I will be attending, so fingers crossed for an award, but regardless it is fantastic that our pupils and teachers are being recognised for what they do and achieve. More on Sports later in the Newsletter.

Year 4 have been out and about this half term to Rugby School. Despite the cold they enjoyed the trip out and were fascinated by what they saw. They have been really engaged and intrigued by their local area topic this year.

Finally Year 3 have really enjoyed their Chinese New Year Day. How lovely that they could share what they were learning with some parents too.

Attendance: The attendance to finish the half term to date is: 96%

Please have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in on Monday 26th February.

Kind regards, Mrs Duynstee—Head Teacher

As you know our Attendance Tree is now part of the weekly timetable for the children, so we are pleased to announce that after half term we are ready to launch the new Attendance Certificates designed (with much appreciation) by Miss Tomkins.

We look forward to celebrating all attendance 96% or over with the classes.

We are getting rather a lot of requests for holidays and visits to see relatives or attend religious ceremonies in foreign countries. Please note that no holidays will be authorised and any visits to other countries will be dealt with on a case by case basis. We do liaise with the feeder schools so please let us know if you have siblings at BCS or BLIS so that we can work together for our families.

Learning time is precious to us—Thank you.

This Half terms Gallery



This Half terms stars of the week!



Message Board

This Half Terms School Priorities Update.

RAP 1: Raising Achievement in Reading

This term launched with a cross-curricular Fairytale and Art theme which was inspired by the works of the artist Kerry Darlington, whose tree of life inspired our attendance tree. The children have worked collaboratively to produce some stunning artwork and have been deeply immersed in reading and writing Fairytales. The teachers too have completed a round of lesson observations where they showed the impact of the training and resources from the Power of Reading consortia project. The materials are really of a high quality and really support challenge and engagement.

RAP 2: Sufficiently Accelerated Progress for Disadvantaged Pupils

We are pleased to share that end of autumn data indicated that the gap between our disadvantaged pupils and their cohorts is closing. The teachers have been challenged by their Year Heads to really share good practice and consider what needs to be done to raise outcomes.

RAP 3: Ensuring Good Outcomes through Robust Tracking Systems

Staff have started to use Class Tracker to track the progress of individuals in their classes. We can already see how this is linking to lesson outcomes and as we continue will highlight gaps in secure knowledge. O Tracker Deeper Learning is supporting us in identifying pupil progress from different starting points and as such we can really celebrate the progress of all children including those who may be disadvantaged or SEN.

RAP 4: Developing Mastery and Reasoning in Maths

Mrs Beck our Maths leading teacher has been working with the rest of our consortium on Maths Moderation and we will soon be joining other Rugby schools to share our books and good practice.



This half term BLJS took part in NSPCC's number day. The children came into school wearing a number, and did different "Number Day" activities throughout the day.

In total we raised £237.82 for the NSPCC.

A photo from the day is in our half terms gallery.

Just a reminder that 100 hours of reading is still happening within school. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home, and sign their 100 hours of reading sheets. The children will then receive certificates for achieving their reading milestones.







Don't forget to catch the reading bug! Log on to bug club at home and during lunchtimes in the library.

Your teachers can see all of the fabulous work you are completing and can give you more books to read.

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Fairy-tale fortnight.

After Christmas all year groups took part in fairy tale fortnight. All children wrote their own fairy tales and have produced fabulous pieces of art work which have been put on display.

The displays look incredible! Well done to all children and teachers for your hard work.



World Book Day!

The first Thursday after half term is World Book Day!
The children are invited to dress up as a book character on this day.







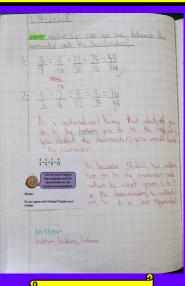
Mathletics is an online maths program which allows the children to practice and develop their skills!



We are proud of our maths work, here are some pieces of work from each year group:



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5

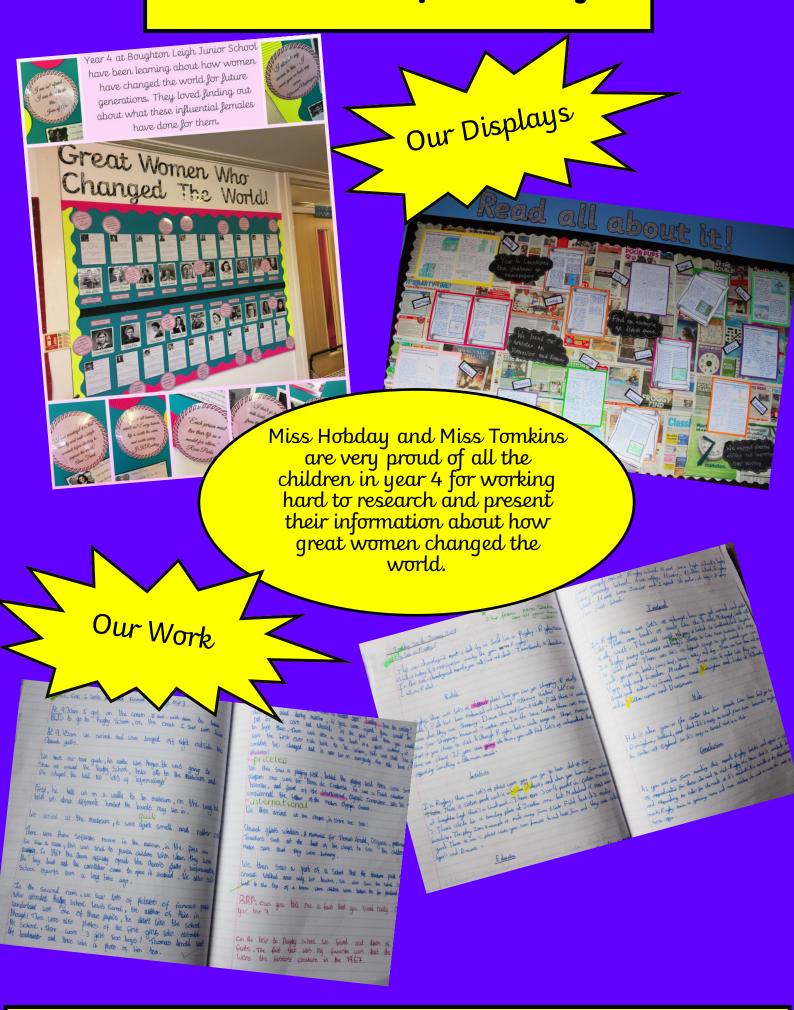


Year 6

Year 3 are proud of:



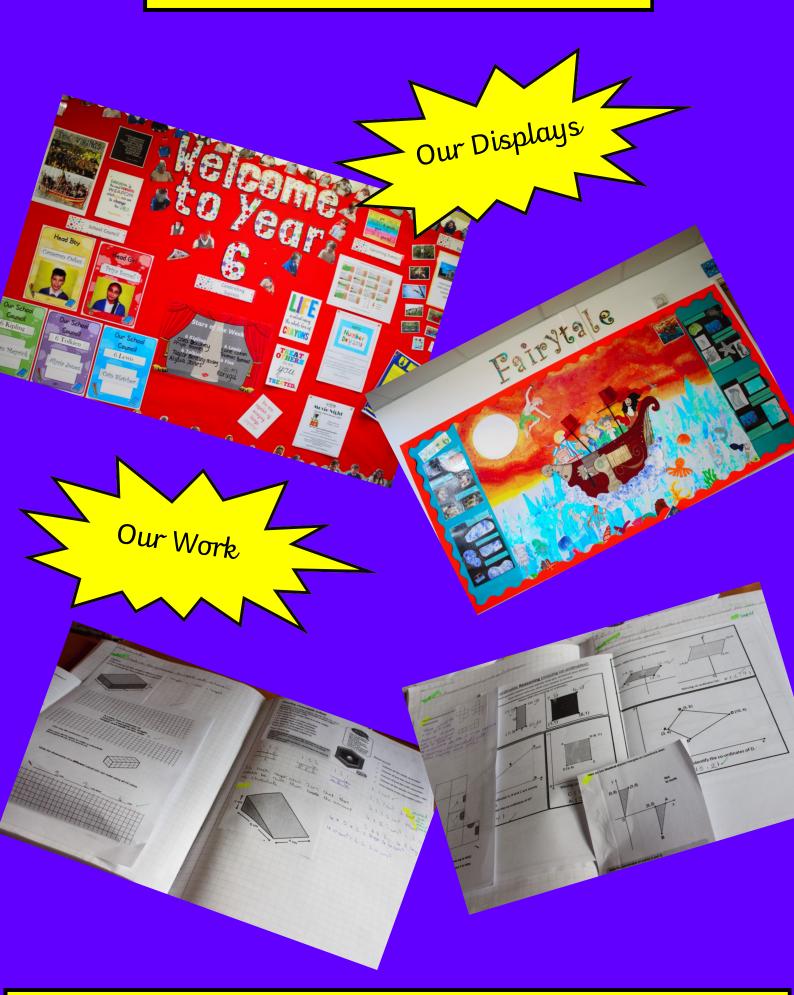
Year 4 are proud of:



Year 5 are proud of:



Year 6 are proud of:



School Parliament

House of Lords

Deputy Head Boy



Head Boy



Cameron

Head Girl



Priya

Deputy Head



House of Commons

Year 3: Daisy, Tillie, Sam, Nisha. Year 4: Ellie, Destiny, Ethan, Daisy. Year 5: Carla, Ryan, Daisy, Emilia, Nicholas. Year 6: Alysia, James, Jorvan, Cain.

A Message from the House of Lords.

Hi, I am Priya, and I'm Head Girl at Boughton Leigh Junior School, I aspire for our school to reach it's potential. Even though I am Head Girl, I believe that everyone's ideas should be taken into account so we can make BLJS the best school it can be. I will endeavour to add extra playground equipment and clubs during lunch times or after school. I am determined to make a change to this school, I would like everyone to be happy. Thank you everyone for voting for me.

Hi I am Cameron and I'm Head boy at Boughton Leigh Junior School. I am trying to make BLJS reach it's maximum potential. I will try to make the school litter free and a more fun place to learn. I would like to stop bullying and make the school dinners better so everyone can enjoy a nice lunch. I am really grateful that everybody voted for me, and gave me the opportunity to be your Head Boy.

A Message from the House of Commons.

PTA:
The school council PTA members helped with this years Christmas fair, where over £1000 was raised for the school,

raised for the school,

Eco-Warriors:

We are really proud of the decreasing amount of litter on the school grounds, next half term we hope to raise money for extra bins, and get the wildlife area litter free.

Prefects:

Prefects are really proud of the amount of children staying outside at lunchtimes, and how tidy the children are keeping the school we hope everyone continues the good work, in listening and respecting our prefects.

The school council also worked together to help organise the Children in need fundraising this half term which raised £316.37 for Children

The School Council are looking forward to working closely with the newly elected Head boy and Girl, and the rest of the

House of Lords.
"Together we will be able to make the school a happier and tidier place to work and play.

School Parliament

Deputy and Secretary Blogs

Dylan

My name is Dylan and I am Secretary to the House of Lords.

I have a good sense of humour and enjoy playing with my friends.

My favourite subjects are Science and English.

When I grow up I would like to be an actor (that or a human rights lawyer).

My hopes for the school is to make it a happy place where every pupil is treated the same, fair, way.



Italia

Hi, my name is
Italia and I am
Boughton leigh's
House of lords
secretary. Let me
tell you a bit
about myself...

I love having a little dress up, put my hair in curls, sing, dance.

I would love to go ballet and dance in a tutu .I love to help my head teacher and others around me . I also love reading and drawing, it helps with clearing out loud noises. My aesthetic is girly, <mark>my favourite colour</mark> is rose gold and blush pink , when I grow up I want to be a singer and actress.

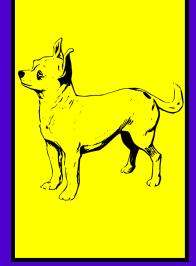


Oakley

Hi, my name is
Oakley. I am the
new deputy head
boy for Boughton
leigh junior
school .Let me tell
you about
myself ...

I like football and I support Liverpool FC. I also like bike riding, swimming and playing on my Xbox one. My favourite food is pizza and I am crazy. My favourite song is Big Shaq Man's not hot.

Lastly, my favourite animal is a Chihuahua.



Lily

Hi, my name is
Lily. I am
Boughton Leigh's
new Deputy Head
Girl! I would like to
tell you a little bit
about myself...

My favourite sport is swimming, I used to compete in galas and won second place in backstroke. Another thing I really like is bike riding! I go out at the weekend with my dad.

Last year, I
entered the Explore
Learning Young
Writers Competition
and came one of
the top ten.





Every child now has a goBubble log in. You can download goBubble from the app-store. It is a safe social media site for school children under the age of 13. It is created and monitered by eCadets, and allows the children to communicate with children in their school and also children that are the same age as them around the world.



We've completed to

challenges so far.

Each class now has a boy and girl eCadet. Their eCadets are responsible for their classes e-safety, as well as having a set time with Miss Tomkins each week, in order to plan a number of activities, such as assemblies or lessons for their class, based upon the challenges set by eCadets each term. As they complete these challenges the school achieves more and more points, their first aim to achieve a bronze award for the school.

Meet The Staff

Our Head Girl, Priya, and Deputy, Lily, interviewed one of our new Year 5 teachers Ms Ormaston and this is what she had to say.

P: Hi Ms Ormaston, how are you?

Ms. O: I am fine thanks, I am very excited to do

<mark>Interview</mark>

P: What do u think of Boughton Leigh? Ms. O:I really like this school. There is lovely children who work hard!

L: Why did you want to come here?
Ms. O:I thought that the children are really kind and I wanted to experience teaching a new year
L: Did you have a previous job?

Ms. O: I had two teaching jobs in different years
P: What is favourite thing about BLJS?

Ms. O: Everyone is very very polite and very kind by holding doors open and saying hello and smil-

L: What is your least favourite thing?

Ms. O: Don't think I have any

P: Do you have a favourite hobby?
Ms. O:I enjoy singing and doing performances
L: How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

Ms. O: loud, funny and enthusiastic
P: If you could meet anyone who would it be?
Ms. O: The prime Minister but if she is busy I
would want to meet Taylor Swift.

P: Thanks for taking the time to speak to us today, Bye.





Meet The Students

Our Head Boy, Cameron, and Deputy, Oakley have interviewed one of our sets of twins in Year 3, Shay and Jay, this is what they had to say.

C: Hi Guys, are you ok? S: Yes thanks.

O: Thanks for letting us interview you today, lets get started.

C: What is your favourite subject at school?

J: I love P.E, especially football!

S: I really like maths, we have been doing column addition, it's been really fun!
O: Cool, do you have any hobbies?

J: We both love football. C: What football teams do you support?

S: I support Liverpool F.C. J: I support Barcelona.

O: I support Liverpool too! Do either of you go to the school football club?

S: Yes we do, it helps us get better at football.
C: Glad to hear it! Thanks for talking to us
today boys, enjoy the rest of year 3.

Guess the teacher...

Quiz Page

Answers on final page of newsletter.







Teacher Quiz

- 1. What farm animal did Miss Tomkins have when she was younger?
 - 2. Who is Mrs Marsays favourite pop star?
 - 3. What is Mrs Sinclair's favourite film?
 - 4. Where has Miss Goode taught?
 - 5. What is Miss Hobdays middle name?
 - 6. What pet does Mrs Micklerwright own?
 - 7. What leader is Mrs Dedman?
 - 8. Which teacher has been on a TV show?
 - 9. What is Mrs Campbells favourite mythical creature?
 - 10. Which teacher likes to craft and sew?
 - 11. What is Mrs Philo's favourite movie?
- 12. Which teacher rescued someone from a pool when they were
- 13. Which famous person did Mrs Sinclair meet at a show?
 14. Which teacher saved someone from an elderly care home fire?
 - 15. Which sport did Mrs Cox win a gold medal in?
 - 16. Which famous England Rugby Captain did Mr G play at county level with?
 - 17. Which teacher has travelled the world 3 times?

Sport at BLJS

Nominations for Primary School of year, Rugby Sports awards have been entered. Yr3 and Yr4 indoor Athletics and Yr5 and Yr6 Athletics where they came 3rd. Year 5 have completed their bike ability training. Our BLJS rowing team are training hard for their tournament in Birmingham. On the 8th of February the exclusive rowing team is competing.

Club News.

Mr Gs Choir—This year's performance is a musicals' mash-up. Ranging from Disney classics to West-Endhits.

Club News.

Bug club is a system that the children really love using in school that improves their comprehension skills. It has a lot of interest at lunch times from children of all year groups. However, we would like to remind you that they children can access this at home and are encouraged to do so! Most children know their logins.

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

"We loved making Chinese vases!" 3Deary "We have really enjoyed learning how to do column addition" 4Strong "We have enjoyed doing Rugby through the ages" 4Dickens

"We enjoyed doing Mondrian art this half term!" ^{5Eliot} "We enjoyed learning about Kerry Darlingtons artwork" 6Kipling

'We have enjoyed learning about Victorian Warehouses, it was shocking!" 6Lewis

Our opinion on worldwide news:

This half term the nation has been celebrating, Vote 100, the 100th anniversary of some women getting the right to vote in the UK, after many years of women's protests by numerous groups such as the suffragettes. We think it is great that this is something that has been recognised and celebrated, as we believe that everyone should be treated equally and have to right to vote on what happens in their country.

Also this half term SpaceX Oddity was launched. Though most people may not know the name of the craft, most people will have heard of the car that was sent into space this half term by Elon Musk. Though this is crazy, we also find the details of this piece of news funny. For example, "Made on Earth by humans" being imprinted on the circuit board. This car is currently orbiting earth with "Don't Panic!" stamped on the dashboard and David Bowie playing from the speakers (despite space being a vacuum, so nobody will be able to hear the sound)

What we are loving at school this half term

We have loved this half term, to name just a few things, year 3 have enjoyed Chinese Day, just in time for the Chinese new year, they got to try a range of Chinese food as well as take part in a number of different activities that enriched their knowledge of Chinese culture. Year 4 have enjoyed a trip to Rugby School, where they learnt lots of information about the school, and also how the game of Rugby was created. This half term our school has also started marathon kids, meaning that by the end of this school year each child aims to have ran, walked, danced, jumped, hopped, skipped or samba danced at least one marathon!

Achievement outside school:

At Boughton Leigh Junior school we celebrate the achievement of pupils both in and outside school. In year 3 we have had multiple achievements such as Zimo who has been awarded a certificate and a belt for Tai Kwon Do and Harry who won a trophy for himself and his football club. In year 4 there were a range of achievements, Farid has been awarded with a trophy at his football club, Coby has achieved his green belt in karate, and Chloe has won a medal for her gymnastics. In year 5 Chris has achieved his Gym badge 3, Brooke has came 3rd in a running race and Dade was achieved his level 2 at swimming. For year 6 there were some amazing achievements such as Luis who was awarded a badge from his scouts club and Lexi who passed an audition for a theatre show. Well done to all the children at BLJS for their commitment to all their activities outside of school, you continue to blow us away!



True or False? If you bang your head against a wall it burns 150 calories an hour. True or False? 29th of May is officially "shear your sheep day" King Henry V111 slept with a giant battle axe

Key Dates this Half term

26th February	Children Return to school.
7-14th of March	Spring Book Fair.
7th March	Year 3 trip to Compton Verney.
8th March	Parents evening.
12-16th March	Science week.
28th March	Y6 Level 3 boys and girls indoor rowing.
30th March	Bank Holiday
2-13th April	Easter Holiday
16th April	Children return to school
14-17th May	SATs Week

Answer Page

Guess the teacher:

- 1. Miss Tomkins
 - 2. Mr Gaskell
- 3. Miss Hobday

True of False:

- 1. **1.**True
- 2. False: its put a pillow on your fridge day
 - 3. True

Teacher quiz:

- 1. 2 pigs (Max and Milo)
 - 2. Robbie Williams
 - 3. Shrek
- 4. Thailand and Uganda
 - 5. Capri
 - 6. Snake (Cosmo)
 - 7. Beaver leader
 - 8. MrT
 - 9. Unicorn
 - 10. Mrs Beck
 - 11. Beauty and beast
 - 12. Mr Collins
 - 13. The Queen
 - 14. Miss Coulson
 - 15. Gymnastics
 - 16. Martin Johnson
 - 17. Mr Patterson