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Spring Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

This seems to have been such a long half term—perhaps because we have completed so much! Parents evening was well attended and we again received a high number of completed surveys—thank you. Some parents requested a reduction in the ways in which we communicate and we are currently talking about the best ways to get information out to you all whilst remaining predominantly paperless. We do try to text as much as we can and the new style APP is becoming a key element. We will get in touch with you all in the summer term regarding ways to move forward on this. One of our parents suggested that we have a Children's Self Evaluation of the school (known as a Children's SEF). We have already got one which was completed last year by our school Parliament, so please check it out on our website: What the children say. The House of Lords have written an action plan from their SEF and are working on these actions this year—please see the Parliament section below for an update.

In a bid to get children thinking about healthy hearts and bodies, Mrs Marsay has introduced lunchtime Marathon this half term. By getting all of the children involved it has hopefully given the children a taster of what it's all about. In the summer term the Marathon will be an additional part of our lunchtime activities and the children who choose to take part will receive incentives and be given goals. Mrs Marsay will be writing to all of the pupils soon to show what this will look like in practice. Thank you for going with us on this initiative in its initial launch.

We are really pleased to have had an external advisor in to school this half term to look at the quality of our Theme books. The advisor gave direct feedback to the staff stating that they had 'not seen such high quality topic books in a long while' and that the books showed a great range of cross curricular input (maths/ art/ geographical mapping,) as well as high quality sustained writing. I am sure that you will join me in sharing our pride in what our children and staff achieve.

On a sporting note we have competed with success in swimming, indoor athletics and rowing. This included us representing East Warwickshire Rowing where both the girls' and boys' teams came 4th (the boys missed 3rd place by 2m!)

Please have a great Easter break—hopefully snow free—and we look forward to seeing you all in the next term.

Kind regards, Mrs Duynstee—Head Teacher

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

Apologies due: We were all set to move forward with our lovely newly designed attendance certificates, but they managed to get lost in the system. Miss Tomkins is on the case and we are hoping to launch these from the Summer term which will be a great incentive for the children.

As Easter and the summer approaches we are receiving a large number of requests for holidays and visits to see relatives or attend religious ceremonies or even medical appointments 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.

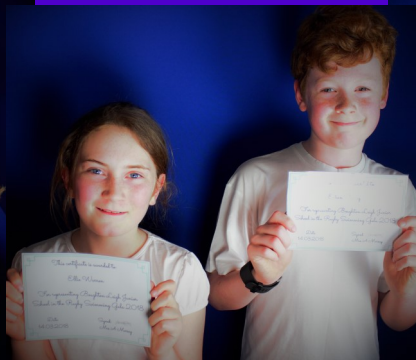
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This Half terms Gallery

World book day.



Year 3 and 4
Swimming team.



Year 5
Swimming team.



Year 6
Swimming team.



Year 6 First Aid
lessons with
Mrs Dedman

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This Half terms stars of the week!

Year 3

- 3 **Deary**: Amelia, Anna, Indie, Nelly, Jamie.
3 **King-Smith**: Caitlin, Lena, Melissa, Summer.
3 **Strong**: Hayden, Ryan, Archie, Grace, Connor.
3 **Murphy**: Stanley, Chimdike, Humaira, Harry, Corey.



Supportive

Year 4

- 4 **Morpurgo**: Maddy, Kayleigh, Lili, Taylor, Milana, Emily.
4 **Nimmo**: Leah-Paige, Tamas, Michelle, Magdalena G, Daniel.
4 **Dickens**: Oliver, Matthew, Warwick, India, Lucia.
4 **Tomlinson**: Marcus, Ellis, Kian, Sophie, Evie, Ryszard, Ryan.

Tolerant

Year 5

- 5 **Eliot**: Zara, Demi-Leigh, Ashton, Sandra, Nicholas.
5 **Horowitz**: Zara, James, Charlotte, Christopher, Lala.
5 **Pullman**: Patrick, Kane, Jay, Ellesia, Lili-Mae, Kaitlyn.
5 **Rowling**: Jordane, Violeta, Dade, Husna, Cormac, Demi.



Aspirational



Respectful

Year 6

- 6 **Lewis**: Hamza, Logan, Harvey, Jackie, Alyssa.
6 **Kipling**: Jorvan, Ruby, Molly, Stephanie, Lexie.
6 **Tolkein**: Joseff, William, Naomi, Lauren, Liam.
6 **Fine**: Harley, Gabriel, Owen, Julia, Nihal, Amna.

Successful



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Messages from the Office



After school clubs.

A letter has gone out with details of after school clubs. All children must re-register if they wish to return to the club again. Places are filling up fast with some clubs already full. Copies are available from the office. Clubs start again on the second week of term, week commencing the 23rd of April.



Sending in money

When sending in money with your child/children please put it in an envelope clearly mark with the child's name, class and what the payment is for.

We are receiving too many envelopes without the correct information, so we are unable to allocate it to the correct records. Many Thanks.



Medication

If your child requires medication during school hours, please complete an 'Administration of Medication and treatment consent form' to give permission for the school office to administer the medication for your child.

Please ensure that you hand in the medication to the office and collect medication afterwards. For health and safety reasons, we do not allow medication to be passed onto the child's hands or via the child's school bag.

Please ensure medication has a label with the child's name on it.



SIMS Agora—online payment system

If you would like to use the school's online payment system for dinner money, trips, Jolly Brollies etc. Please contact the office for an activation code and a letter for more information.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Thank you

The office staff would like to thank all parents for attending our celebration assemblies, shows, carers and parents evenings' etc. Your support to the school is much appreciated.



Update your contact details

Please let the school office know of any updates to your contact details (new mobile number/ home address) to continue to receive timely school communication.



Attendance

A reminder to all parents/ carers to ring the office and let us know reasons for absence.

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Message Board

This Half Terms School Priorities Update.

RAP 1: Raising Achievement in Reading

This half term the children enjoyed celebrating World Book day. The costumes were really varied and creative, allowing the children to really get in to the spirit of reading. As part of this day the children reorganised and replenished their reading areas—which continue to look inspiring. Our governor Karen Miles has been in to talk to Miss Coulson about English and the reading books look of high standard across school.

RAP 2: Sufficiently Accelerated Progress for Disadvantaged Pupils

Year Heads and SLT have challenged staff on their interventions for pupils through Pupil Progress meetings, paying particular regard for those not on track to meet expectations. All pupils are progressing well from their starting points. Achievement for All leads have received a successful external review of pupil progress and actions. Forest School training is set to be completed for 2 members of staff in the first week after Easter and the landscapers have been in and agreed plans for the Forest School area.

RAP 3: Ensuring Good Outcomes through Robust Tracking Systems

Staff are now a term in to using O Tracks' Class Track which enables teachers to fine tune pupil progress and achievement. SLT have begun to look at the Flight Path data in order to monitor progress for pupils from starting points against age related and termly targets. We feel that we can now clearly show progress in a variety of ways.

RAP 4: Developing Mastery and Reasoning in Maths

Mrs Beck our maths lead has successfully completed consortia maths moderation and all teaching staff have taken part in a consortia maths moderation activity. Our books and judgements fared well against other schools, a judgement which was supported by our governor Karen Miles on her monitoring visit. We

Dahl coffee morning

Starting after the Easter holidays, the Dahl room will be hosting weekly coffee mornings from 9:00-9:30 for the parents/carers of the children that attend the Dahl room. This will give you an opportunity to meet with a member of the Dahl team. It could be you just wish to come in for a catch up and to see your child's work or you may have a concern or question you wish to share with us. We are here to help in anyway we can. We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Rudd, Mr Trezise and Mr Cripps

Fundraising Friday's

Every Friday after Easter, the children from Dahl will be working together to raise money for our school, starting with running a milkshake bar at breaktime.

For only 50p the children will be able to purchase one of our delicious milkshakes in a variety of flavours. Be sure not to miss out! Keep an eye out for what else we'll be selling after the half term too!

A plea from The Dahl Room

If anyone has any of the following items that they could kindly donate to us we would be incredibly grateful:

- A tent, wigwam or playhouse
- Dressing up clothes (age 7years+)
- Role play toys (e.g. doctors kit, puppets, a play kitchen)
- A dolls house
- Novelty lighting- bubble tubes, fibre optic light etc.
- Toy cars, garage, car mat.
- Any other toys or games in a good condition

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English

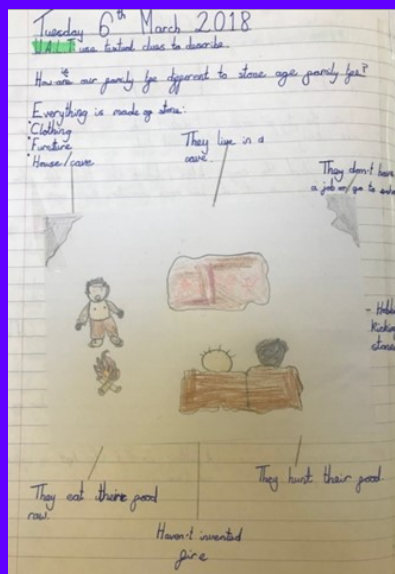
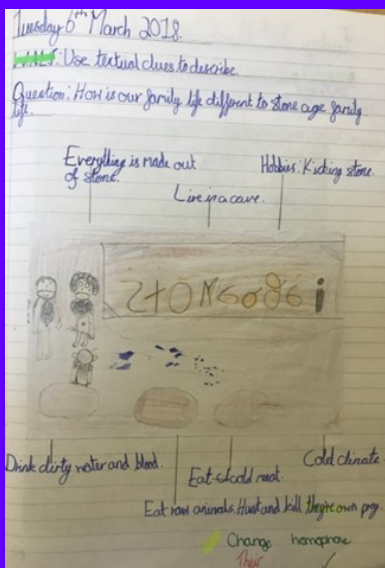


Get Caught Reading

Wow! I have been really impressed with the entries which I have received so far for the school's 'Get Caught Reading' competition. The competition has been extended until after Easter so there is still plenty of time to get your entries into school! Take a look at some of the entries that have already been submitted...



Some fantastic cross-curricular English work.



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. School code: x9pr

Keep filling in your 100 hours of reading booklets for super certificates and prizes.

World Book Day!

Thank you very much to everyone that joined in on World Book Day. You all looked amazing!



3 Deary and 5 Horowitz's pictures were even published on the Coventry telegraph's news page!



Maths

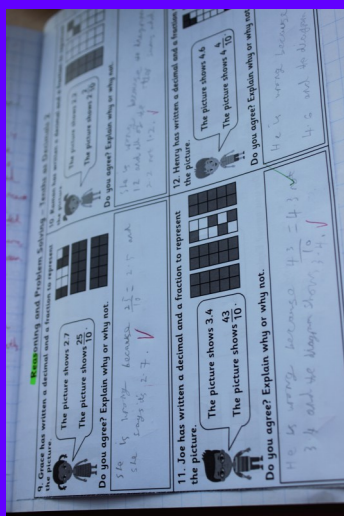
We are really happy with how much people have been using their Mathletics accounts both in school and at home.

To continue to encourage our pupils to use their Mathletics accounts as much as possible, we have introduced a Mathletics highest scoring class of the week certificate as part of our Mathletics display.

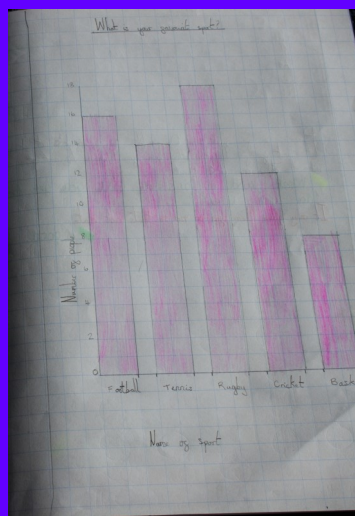
So far 5Horowitz has been holding this position.



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

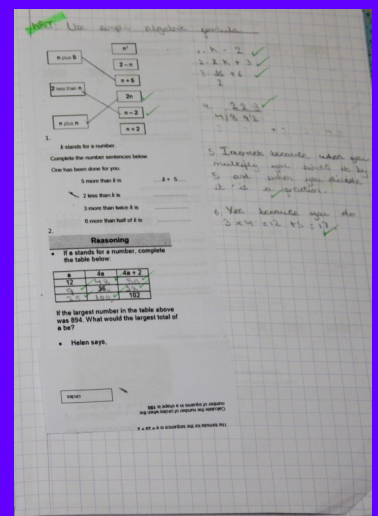


Year 3



Year 4

Year 5



Year 6

Year 3 are proud of:

Our Displays



Our Work

a class we decided to
at to answer the
et? are King-Smith

Sweet	Tally
Mega sours	
Millions	
Haribos	
bubble gum	
diary milk	
Mars bar	

Lesson 5: The Bronze Age

Shang Dynasty
Used to be a very rich and powerful kingdom.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Lived in the north of China.
Continued to be the first to use bronze.
Wrote in a very old way.
Ruled by an emperor.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.

Western Zhou Dynasty
This is one of the most important periods.
Had a ruler who was very powerful.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.

Eastern Zhou Dynasty
Used to be a very rich and powerful kingdom.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.
Said to be the first to use bronze.

The Iron Age
The Iron Age is the time when people started to use iron.
Said to be the first to use iron.
Said to be the first to use iron.
Said to be the first to use iron.
Said to be the first to use iron.

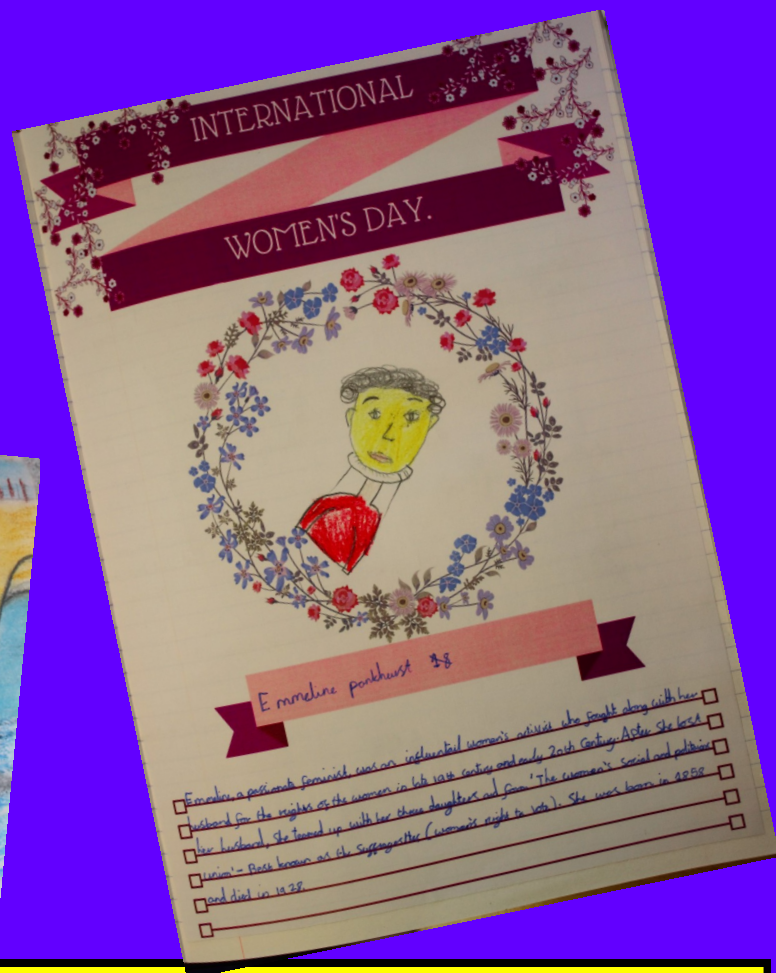
Would you rather live in Britain or China during the Bronze Age? Why?
I would live in Britain because there is now London and the kids do to help by. are because you get to wear clothes made out of sheep's skin.

Year 4 are proud of:

Our Displays



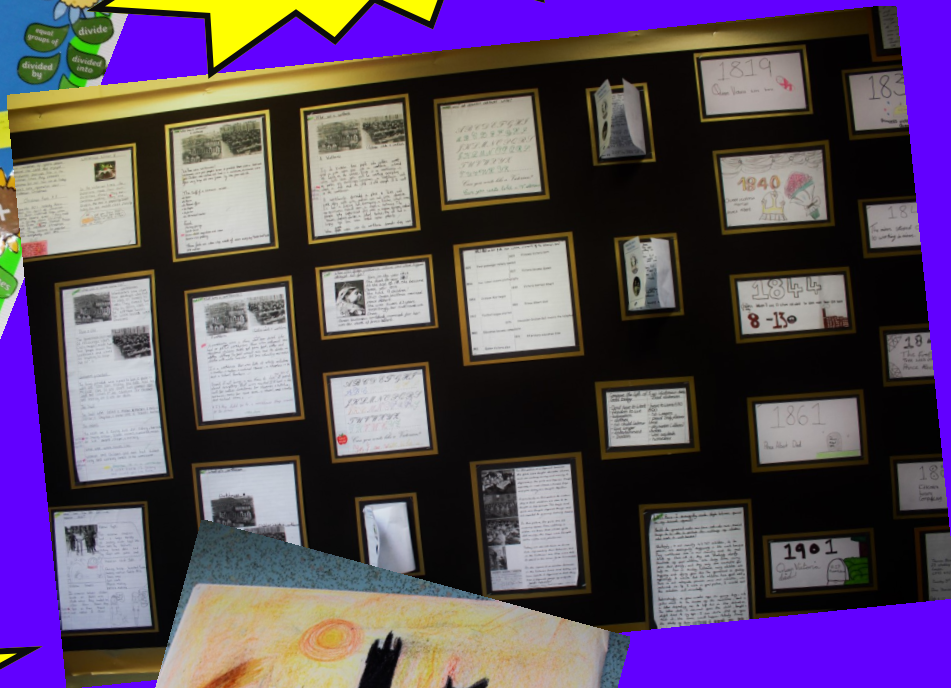
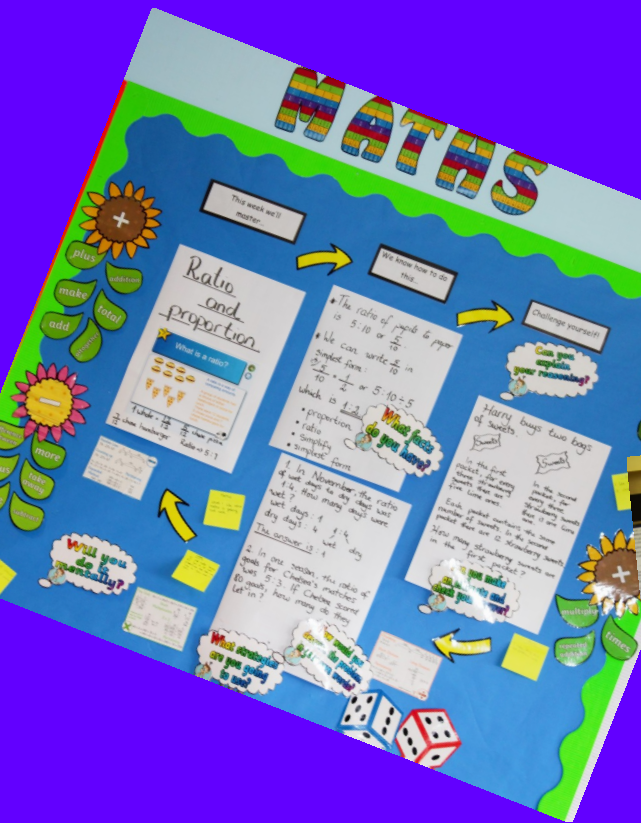
Our Work



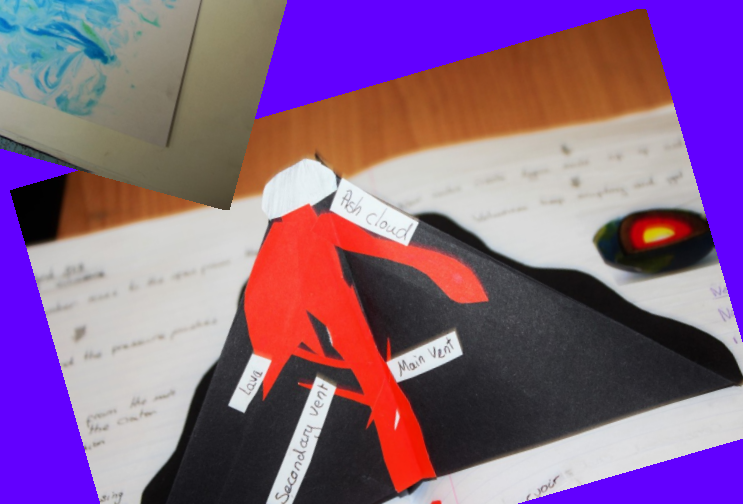
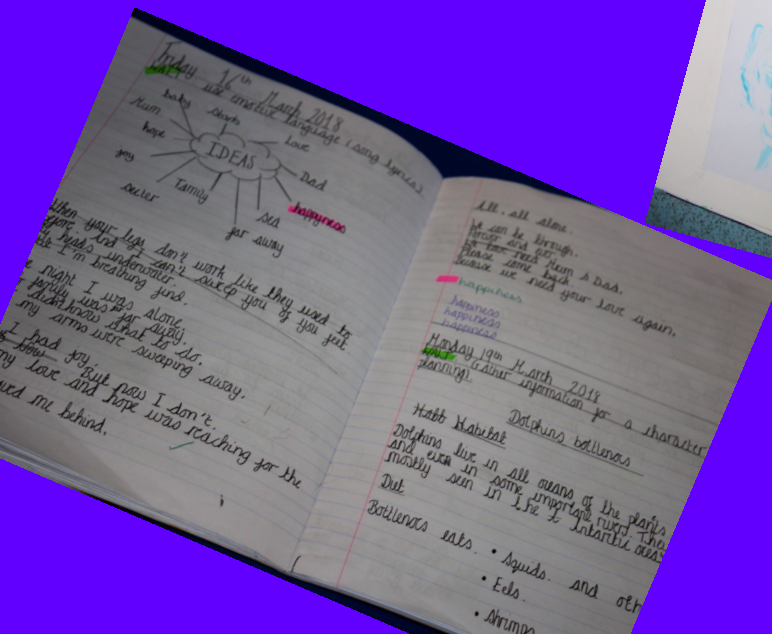
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Year 6 are proud of:

Our Displays



Our Work



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School Parliament

House of Lords

Deputy Head Boy



Oakley

Head Boy



Cameron

Head Girl



Priya

Deputy Head Girl



Lily

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.

One of the House of Lords main tasks is writing and acting upon the children's SEF. When we first wrote this one of things we wished to introduce was first aid training to pupils. With help from Mrs Dedman, we have been able to make this a reality. Year 6 have been receiving first aid sessions where they have learnt how to do CPR; how to put a casualty in the recovery position; how to bandage certain injuries as well as how to deal with burns. The Year 6's have been really enjoying these sessions. Some photos are in this half terms gallery page. We have also made Noisometers for each of the classes which we will launch next term.

As part of the SEF we also wished to make some changes to the current school dinner menu. To begin this process we have planned to meet with the school dinner ladies next half term.

A Message from the House of Commons.

This half term the House of Commons has launched a moving library in school. Everyday at 3:00 the moving library is brought around to different classrooms and gives students the opportunity to take out a book for a week. We are hoping that this encourages more students to read and choose some of the schools great books that may not otherwise be read.

We are also looking at pushing the schools healthy snack initiative even more in the coming half term. We have noticed that not all children are bringing in what can be described as a healthy snack. We are looking at launching a programme where if all children bring in healthy snacks for a full month, they will be rewarded with a "treat day" where they can bring in any snack they wish. We will be discussing this with the House of Lords and Mrs Duynstee in the near future. Pupils: If you have any idea's about life in school, do not hesitate to speak to one of the members of the House of commons pupils who will happily share your ideas.

School Parliament

Deputy and Secretary Blogs

Dylan

Hi,

I'm Dylan and I am the secretary to the House Of Lords. I wish to take the opportunity to talk to you about revising for SATs in my column.

Here are some of my top tips:

Revise in small doses, 10 mins at a time.

Stay hydrated, and eat breakfast! Your brain doesn't work properly if it's not fuelled.

Just do your best, and don't give up, revising is key to help boost your SATs results.



Italia

Hi,

I'm Italia the secretary to the BLJS Houses of Parliament. I have realised that there have not been many trips lately and as a member of the houses of parliament I want to change this so that we, as a school, will have more educational trips. These will expand our learning and give us a more in depth knowledge of our subjects.



Oakley

Hi,

I'm Oakley, I am Deputy Head boy at BLJS. Over this half term I have been working in my role to help Miss Tomkins complete this newsletter. I really enjoy this as it gives the opportunity to speak to pupils from all year groups and find out what they've been doing in school and all the things they have achieved outside of school. They make me very proud to be a member of this school.



Lily

Hi,

I'm Lily, Deputy head here at BLJS! In this newsletter I will be talking about something I am going to make happen at BLJS! So, as you know we are the voice of the children, and a child in my class put forward a great idea that I want to make happen. I want to make a time capsule, and wish to know your ideas. I will be asking each class to put one thing into a time capsule. Please let me know your ideas as to what your class could put in our BLJS time capsule. I will be coming round school to hear your ideas on the 24th of April.



E-Cadets

We would like to remind you
of social media age
restrictions.

YouTube

The e-cadets have had reported, on multiple occasions, where children have been uploading videos to YouTube where they are wearing their school uniform.

This is not very safe at all as it gives the whole internet the knowledge of not only what the child looks like but also where they are from and where they will be in the day.

We encourage parents/carers to check what their child/children are uploading to YouTube and online in general. Please ensure that they are being as safe as possible, and not uploading any personal information.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret

LinkedIn

WhatsApp

Vine
Tinder

Path

YouTube
Keep
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr



- Though we don't suggest you have a YouTube account until you are 18, these are our tips for if you do...
 - Do not put your full name on your YouTube account.
 - Do not put on where you go to school, or upload videos or images where you are wearing your school uniform.
 - Do not put on your address or where you live.
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- A better option is to wait until you are a bit older before you make a YouTube account...the likelihood is that you'll be embarrassed of the videos you upload now in a few years anyway.
 - Just enjoy the video's YouTube has to offer, and to make sure that the videos are safe, use YouTube Kids.

YouTube

KIDS

Life at BLJS

Meet The Staff

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

P: Hi Miss Plumbley, what is it like to be a class teacher instead of a music teacher?

Miss P: I love having one class to focus on but I do miss singing with everyone.

L: What do you think of BLJS?

Miss P: Boughton Leigh is like home to me, I love all of the happiness and care that we are able to make sure we give to the children and each other.

P: Do you have any hobbies?

Miss P: I enjoy hill walking and mud running/obstacle course racing. I run an adult choir for special events which is great fun. I also love my garden.

L: If you were the Head Teacher, what would you change?

Miss P: My dream would be that teachers to have classes of 20 children instead of 30 so everybody could have more attention.

P: If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

Miss P: Famous people I admire I am able to meet through their books, their writing and speeches, I try and do that all the time, to continue to learn. I would love to spend more time with my Mum though.

L: What is your favourite thing about BLJS?

Miss P: My favourite thing about BLJS is how we all care for each other—no matter a person's life being different to ours...we are all a team and a family together.

P: Did you always want to be a teacher?

Miss P: I had some unhappy things happen between the ages of 7-11 myself—from then it became my dream to get my PhD and teach children and help them have a better experience than I did at that age..

L: How do you like your class?

Miss P: Well of course, my class is the best class in the world! I love my class.

P: Do you still enjoy music? Why?

Miss P: Music is the magic of life; it is the soul and heart beat of everything—it can help us be calm, happy, tearful or excited.

L: Do you prefer maths or English?

Miss P: Haha...that is not a real question to me. They both help me discover things, and that's what I enjoy most...it's a great adventure.

P: Thank you taking time to talk to us today.



Meet The Students

Our Head Boy, Cameron, and Deputy, Oakley have interviewed Aryan and Nia from Year 6, is what they had to say...

C: Hi guys, how do you feel about SAT's?

N: I'm not really worried.

A: I just want to achieve well.

O: What do you enjoy about year 6?

N: I always enjoy learning lots of new stuff.

A: I like how challenging it is.

C: Do you have any targets?

N: To improve my spelling.

A: To improve my handwriting.

O: Is there anything you are worries about in year 6?

N: No because it's exciting.

A: I have no worries.

C: Do you find year 6 hard?

N: Yes all the time.

A: Sometimes I find it challenging.

O: What do you think about BLJS?

N: I believe it's great as we have many opportunities.

A: It's a good school as the teachers help you.

C: How would you change the school. If you were Head Teacher?

N: I would like is ensure everyone is well behaved.

A: I enjoy school just how it is?

O: Do you have any advice for SAT's.

N: Not to worry.

A: Just try your best.

C: What do you look forward to in secondary school?

N: Being more independent

A: To learn in a different environment.

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Quiz Page

Guess the teacher...

Answers on final page of newsletter.



1



2



3

Teacher Quiz

1. Which teacher knew that she would be a teacher at the age of 6?
2. Which teacher was asked to sing in front of the Mayor of Rugby?
3. Which teacher won a poetry award at school?
4. Which teacher likes Andy Murray?
5. Which teacher wants to travel everywhere around the world?
6. Which teacher danced in Disneyland Paris with lots of Disney characters?
7. Which teacher won a medal running?
6. Which teacher has taught in Africa?
7. Which teacher wants to swim with a great white shark?
8. Which teacher ran the Manchester marathon?
9. Which teacher has the same surname as a Greek island?

Life at BLJS

Sport at BLJS

All year groups have attended swimming Galas this half term, including being placed in some races. In year 3 one child achieved a second place award, and our Year 6 boys excelled coming first in their races. Photos of our swimming gala teams are on this half terms gallery.

Year 4 are competed in an indoor athletics competition on the 27th March, they did our school proud and came 1st!

The Year 6 Rowing team will also be competing on the 28th of March, we will report how they got in next half terms newsletter.

BLJS will be putting on their dancing shoes and dancing on the playground to The Greatest Showman's "This is Me" in their sporty non-uniform on Thursday 29th of March in order to raise as much money as they can for Sport Relief. The children have been practicing all half term and are very excited for this. We will be telling you how much money we managed to raise for this incredible charity next half term.



Club News.

In Photography club this half term the children have been working on their own projects to present to each other, most groups decided that they would do a project on alphabet photography, some of their work is below.



Club News.

In coding club the children have been working on code.org using their hour of code games, to improve their knowledge of blockly coding while having lots of fun! They have also been making kahoot quizzes. Next half term coding club will be hoping to develop the children's ICT skills further.

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

"We enjoyed learning that Chinese people have to learn over 3000 characters"
3 Murphy

"We enjoyed learning about Stone age people"
3 King smith

"We enjoyed learning about the island of Tobago in the Caribbean through research"
4 Nimmo

"We enjoyed learning about percentages, fractions and decimals!"
5 Rowling

"We enjoyed learning about The Journey!"
5 Pullman

"We enjoyed learning about natural disasters"
6Fine

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Our opinion on worldwide news:

In the worldwide news section this half term we want to talk about the March for our Lives march in Washington, that has taken place following the school shootings recently in America.

At least 1.2 million people have marched in the hope of persuading the president (Donald Trump) to make gun laws way more strict. In the hope that stricter gun laws will reduce tragedies such as school shootings.

Many celebrities attended the march and there were lots of inspirational and heart-breaking speeches. Some of the people that spoke were:

Emma González, a survivor of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

Yolanda Renee King, the 9 year old granddaughter of Martin Luther King Jr.

We are in full support of the March for our Lives campaign, and hope that these people's efforts bring about some change.

What we are loving at school this half term

At BLJS this half term, we have been loving lots of things like;

Year 3 made models of stone-age vehicles! Using lots of fun DT techniques such as planning, sawing and painting.

Year 4 have been having lots of fun in science, experimenting with what type of chocolate melts the quickest.

Year 5 have loved welcoming Miss Plumbley.

Year 6 have loved learning first aid with Mrs Dedman.

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 Harry, who has won a trophy in football, Nikita has been awarded a belt in karate and Georgia has achieved a badge for her gymnastics skills. In Year 4 AJ has achieved well in her horse riding, Fahad has won a trophy for his achievement in cricket, Icee-Lyn has gained an award in gymnastics and Ryzard had won an award for boxing. In Year 5 Archie has been achieving well in his basket ball. In year 6 Lexie has got a part in a production of Cats, Cain has been awarded 3 awards for his gymnastics and Natalie has moved up a level in her swimming club.

We continue to be full of pride for what our pupils achieve both in and outside of school. They are all little stars.



True or False?

A flock of crows is known as a Murder.

True or False?

When an elephant is angry its eyes turn red.

True or False?

A shrimp's heart is in its head.

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Key Dates this Half term

16th April	Children return to school
20th April	Year 3 and 4 Mixed Football
25th April	Group leavers photos
27th April	Change for Life Festival
4th May	Year 5 Gifted & Talented PE day.
8th May	Year 5 Multisports Festival.
9th May	Year 3 and 4 Mixed Mini Tennis.
14-17th May	SATs Week
25th May	School breaks up for half term.
4th June	The children return to school.

Answer Page

Guess the teacher :

1. Mrs Marsay
2. Mrs Arnold
3. Miss Coulson

True of False :

1. True
2. False:
3. True

Teacher quiz:

1. Mrs Rudd
2. Miss Mushing
3. Miss Timpson
4. Mrs Eggleston
5. Miss Goode
6. Miss Hobday
7. Mrs Beck
8. Ms Ormaston
9. Mrs Campbell
10. Mrs Lindstrom
11. Miss Rhodes

Safeguarding.

CHILD ABUSE HAPPENS IN WARWICKSHIRE.



NOTICE THINGS



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Children Board

If you are worried about a child call the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) without delay on **01926 414144**

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