



BLJS Newsletter



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The New Look Newsletter

By BLJS Staff & Pupils

Welcome to our new look half termly newsletter. In it you'll find everything from messages from staff and celebrations of the children's work to key dates and important information. Any links on here will be live just click on them to visit the page!



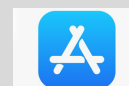
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Message from Mrs Duynstee

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the academic Year 2020-21. The children have settled into school well and we are proud of what they have achieved. They clearly know the task in hand and seem to be getting on with business as usual.

This term, alongside the regular curriculum, the children have been working on catch up from the summer term and have just completed their assessments so that we can look further in to what additional catch up learning they need. On this note, we are pleased to invite Mrs Marsay back into Yr6 to support the delivery of Catch Up intervention. We are currently looking into additional resources for home and will be in touch with parents as soon as we can. In the meantime, please check the website for work that can be completed at home.

Congratulations goes to Mrs McGrath, for achieving her 25yr service to Warwickshire LA as teaching assistant to Boughton Leigh Junior School. A huge thank you goes to her from the pupils, staff and parents of our fabulous community.

Poppy Appeal will run in year groups to maintain bubble integrity. Please ensure that children have the correct money that they wish to donate as change cannot be given.

Harvest: A huge thank you to those of you who are dropping food items at your local supermarket on behalf of our school.

Open Information for Year 3 intake 2021 will be online via the school website.

Information will go live after half term.

Thank you for your continued support and for observing social distancing/ wearing masks on site.

Mrs Duynstee, Headteacher

Key dates:
Parent's evening 22nd
October 2020: Interim reports and DOJO.
Half term starts
Monday 26th October.
Term restarts:
Monday 2nd November.

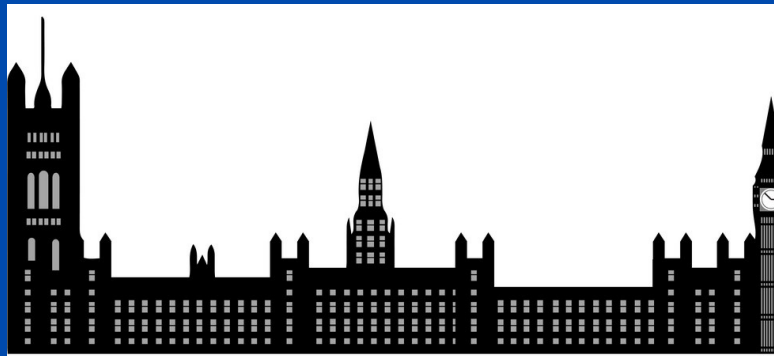
School Parliament

Inspiring the Minds of the Next Generation.

Parliament will not be running this year in its usual format due to restrictions in place due to COVID 19.

As such we sadly announce that we are not able to run any campaigns the House of Lords and there will be no Head Boy, Head Girl or Deputy Head positions.

Instead the House of Commons will run as usual within the relevant bubbles. The classes will be going through the process of voting councilors in this term and they will soon be setting the goals for this year. We are proud of all pupils that put themselves forward and look forward to seeing what they manage to achieve.





Friday 9th October was #HelloYellow this is an annual event to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health. We discussed that it is ok not to feel ok and what you can do to help yourself when you are feeling down. On #HelloYellow day we spent the morning expressing our feelings through art to help Year 6 relax.

Year 5



Year 5 have had a brilliant start to the new academic year and have demonstrated fantastic learning behaviours.

In Maths, the children have been developing their knowledge of place value and reasoning skills. As a result, the children are now able to use Mathematical language to show a deeper understanding of their learning.

The children have successfully applied their English skills across the curriculum. From letters to our local MP, poems to celebrate Harvest and diary entries to write in role and express a character's feeling to reading and discussing a variety of texts, the children have really enjoyed their learning.

Our Topic "Water world" has given the children the opportunity to locate the world's famous rivers on a map and learn all about the water cycle. Our Science "Living Things and their habitats" has enabled the children to look at different life cycles and make comparisons. Everyone has really enjoyed taking cuttings from a plant and observing these over time.

As artists, Year 5 have been working with colour, exploring blending, sketching figures in movement and exploring mark making.

In DT, the children have been building bridges and designing a carnival costume as part of celebrating Black History month.

Year 5 have really enjoyed outdoor learning opportunities, taking part in "Walking to school week" and wear a splash of yellow to acknowledge World Mental Health Day and voting for the House of Commons representatives.

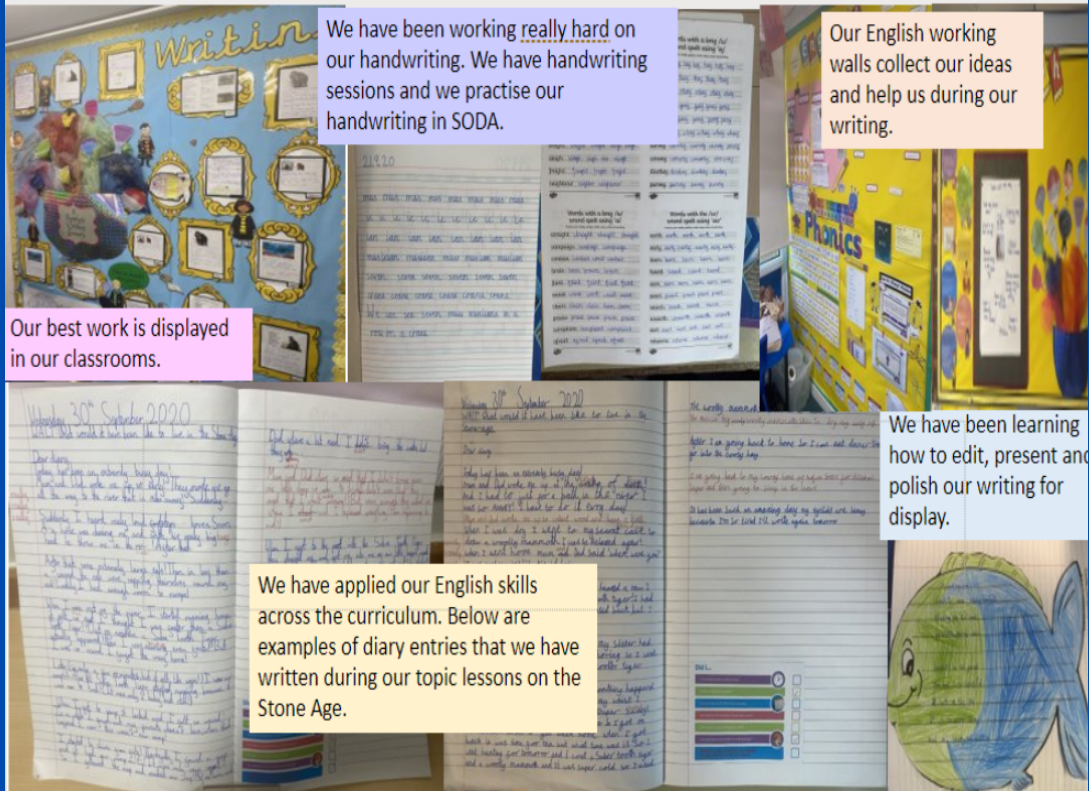
It has been a successful start to the year and we already look forward to Autumn 2.



We have made Greek patterns using styrafoam block and used different coloured inks to decorate our own vase. We also decorated and built model Trojan Horses!

(Holly)

As part of our celebration of Black History Month we looked at the journey taken by those on the Windrush.



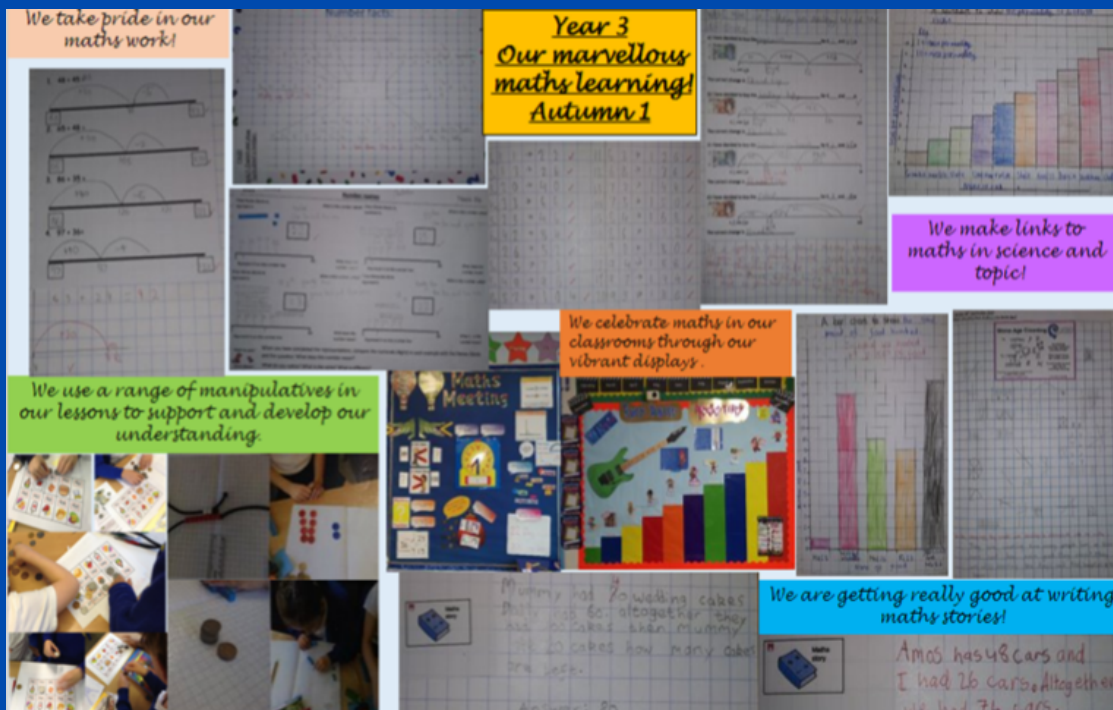
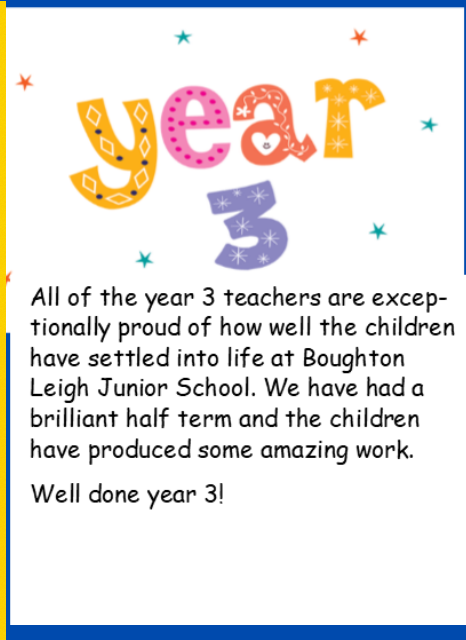
We have been working really well on our handwriting. We have handwriting sessions and we practise our handwriting in SODA.

Our English working walls collect our ideas and help us during our writing.

Our best work is displayed in our classrooms.

We have been learning how to edit, present and polish our writing for display.

We have applied our English skills across the curriculum. Below are examples of diary entries that we have written during our topic lessons on the Stone Age.



**School opens
after half term
break
2nd Nov**

**Virtual Open
Day for year 2
parents, carers
and children
November 3rd**

**Year 5
Bikeability
23rd-26th Nov
30th Nov - 3rd
Dec**

KEY DATES

**Annual Flu
Vaccinations
27th Nov**

**Christmas Dinner
& Christmas
Jumper
Day
December 11th**

**School Closes
for Christmas
break
18th Dec**

Spring Starts Tuesday 5 January 2021 (4 Jan is a Teacher Training Day)
Half term Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021
Ends Thursday 1 April 2021
Spring (Easter) holiday Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021

Summer Term Starts Monday 19 April 2021
Half term Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021
Ends Wednesday 21 July 2021

Notes from the Office

Attendance: A polite reminder that our attendance to date is 95.6% and our target is 97%.

Thank you for your support.

Please can we remind parents and carers to contact the school office on 01788 577914 to report each day of absence.

Please can we also remind you that if a child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Please note that in line with our Attendance Policy and feeder schools, term time holidays will not be authorised.

Covid symptoms – please update the school asap and keep in regular contact with the school office of updates regarding Covid tests and results. Please could test results be emailed into admin2590@welearn365.com

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Sally Bramley
Attendance Officer



Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

Checklist

✓ Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

✓ Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

✓ Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Over 65 % of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online*



✓ Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

✓ Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content
- Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use and judge the quality and reliability of online resources

Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
- Ask them about things online which might make them uncomfortable



Stay safe at secondary school

Exposure to some of these issues increases when children move up to secondary school so make sure your child is prepared - find out more with our pre-teens age guide at internetmatters.org/ageguide10-13

Deal with it

You can find out where to get help and advice on the Report it page of internetmatters.org, where we include information on how to report problems - and which relevant organisations and agencies to turn to.

On this page, we also provide information on how to deal with any specific issues you may encounter with your child; such as finding inappropriate content and cyberbullying.

Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.

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*Source: Children's online safety in 2016 report. Commissioned by Internet Matters by Opinion Leader

Click on image to enlarge

E-SAFETY

In the current climate and with self isolating becoming the norm it is important that we keep an eye on what our children are doing online! Be it gaming, chatting or viewing there are a lot of harmful sites out there! The document above is one of many that can be found to advise you as parents & carers on how to help your child make good choices and keep themselves safe!

Below are links to two more excellent sites that give guidance to parents, carers and children on keeping themselves safe and making good choices online!

If you have any concerns about you or your child's online safety remember there is always the CEOP button (bottom middle) which will report the site you are on. You can also email our e-safety officer at esafety@boughtonleighjuniors.org.uk for guidance.



PE NEWS!

What a wonderful first half term we have had for PE!

During the summer term, we completed a healthy lives survey and we have achieved a Gold rating!

Mrs Lindstrom and I have worked incredibly hard to ensure that PE and wellbeing is at the forefront of all we do. Thank you to her for her continued support. It has also been great seeing the children coming into school in their PE kit on their PE days.

This half term the focus for PE has been fundamental skills and health related fitness, it has been lovely to see the children so engaged in their lessons and I am sure that their levels of fitness have really improved!

I have been able to see a few PE lessons taking place and it has been lovely seeing lots of smiley faces, from both pupils and staff!

Finally, just a gentle reminder about PE kit, please can you ensure that the children are dressed appropriately for their lessons, kit should be either black, grey or navy blue bottoms and a white top. As we head into colder weather, please can you make sure your child has a jacket for their lessons and maybe a spare pair of trainers or socks in the ground is damp - especially on the field! Long hair must be tied up and earrings must be removed for lessons. Once again, many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Hobday.





Supportive

Y3

**Hannah K
Ayden W
Lucas W
Ethan T-K
Noah W
Natalia
Lena
Phoebe C
Ronny V
Ruby P
Anna V
Jake
Kyle B-W
Harry B
Scarlett D
Jake H
Gauransh A
Gabriel S
Freddie G
Reuben M
Lena R
Ryan B
Ivy-Rose C**



Aspirational

**This is our
hall of fame
for this
half term!**



Respectful

Y4

**Emily F
Jacob S
Dylan R
Mohsin K
Vadims L
Holly P Olivia F
Willow M
Mia A
Ilana
Jude H
Ryan R
Lily B
Billy B
Jack B
Tyrone B
Layla B
Mille J
Adaeze
Georgina G
Emma C
Isaac Z
Bailey L
Chelsea C
Isla B
Eloise B**



BLJS Stars



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Respectful

Y5

**Isobel R
Viki L
Thai E
Lacie W
Konrad K
Erin W
Lacie W
David F
Eleanor B
Seth B
Amy H
Beau P-W
Marcus C
Lillie M
Dexter S
Holly K
Harry D
Jude C
Pheobe O
Simao F
Rooney F
Imogen G**

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Y6

**Maksim V
Jasmine A
Tommy C
Hayden R
Summer
Isla J
Laniah S
Logan C
Rhea D
Daisy C
Zimo L
Connor D
Nikita M
Cezary K
Cory D
Archie B
Sam S
Jodie L
Aayan
Georgina J B
Sam S
Rosanna N
Anna
Sayba M**



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OTHER NEWS

HEDGEHOG RESCUE

Our forest school lead Mr Trezise (also known as Tadpole Tony) has rescued not 1 but 2 hedgehogs over the past week. The photo shows one found in the drain by Year 5.

Both have gone to a local hedgehog sanctuary and are doing well. Hopefully they will be released back to the wild in the spring!



Reminder that if you are heading overseas during half term you must - by law - self isolate for 14 days upon return. Please regularly check:



Thinking far ahead of us now, but a reminder that school finishes for the pupils on Friday 16th July 2021.

19th to 21st is staff INSET in line with our feeder schools BCS and BLIS.



Please do not park on school site. Disabled access needs to be for essential visits into the school office (which can't be achieved over the phone), or for dropping off disabled pupils. Thank you.

Car registration:

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- please do not park within school grounds, thank you.



Click on the BBC logo for guidance on Covid symptoms.

Click on the DfE logo for guidance for visiting out of school settings



Click on the CGP logo for information about a great deal we have on their support books for all year groups!

Thank you!