



# BLJS Newsletter



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## The Summer 1 Newsletter

By BLJS Staff & Pupils

Welcome to our 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,

Despite the recent stormy weather, everything in school has been very calm and running smoothly. As ever the pupils' attitude to learning is a credit to them.

Staff are all busy writing reports which will be out at the end of the term and staff are currently planning for County Transition Day on July 7th - more details to follow. Staff have met this term with County Attendance Officers who have given high praise to the management of our attendance - thanks go to Mrs Bramley (Attendance Officer). With the holiday season starting, please can I remind you that term time holidays are not authorised.

Finally, we have been in liaison with Councillor Wayne Rabin this week who is hoping to support us with parking outside of school. Please do help us by giving thought to pupils crossing the road at both ends of the school day.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Duynstee  
(Headteacher)



## Parliament & Forest School



More news from Mr Trezise and the Eco Warriors of our School Parliament. We've been busy recycling everything we can. Each class has a recycling box for all the waste paper and card and the Eco Warriors come around each week to empty them and remind the pupils what can and can't be recycled.

On top of this we are also recycling any old crisp packets. The most recent count saw 67kg of packets recycled instead of being sent to land fill. We have a large red bin on site where you can drop your families packets in but please don't use it for anything else. If the packets are contaminated with other food stuffs (who drops a half eaten croissant into a crisp packet recycle bin?) then they can't be recycled.

We've also become part of the Duracell big battery recycling team. Outside the school door is a large Battery bin where you can place any domestic batteries that are no longer working.

Mr T and the Eco Warriors are hoping to announce more recycling schemes soon.





# The Thrive Approach @ BLJS

Thrive@BLJS this term  
Mental Health Awareness Week

To celebrate the importance of mental health awareness week, we took a day off our usual timetables to spend in the great outdoors! We took part in a very exciting day of Thrive activities and linked this to our art by completing some pieces inspired by nature. As part of this day, we also carried out mindfulness tasks similar to those that the children are used to participating in daily. It was a fun, relaxed and mindful day despite the weather trying to dampen our spirits!

In Summer 2, we will be making the most of this during our lunchtimes too and getting the children to have picnic lunches outside where we can. You can't beat the fresh air for clearing the mind.



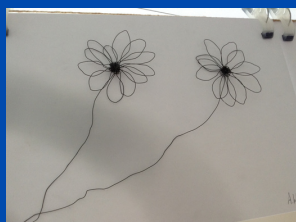
## Thrive Therapeutic Cookery

As part of our sessions, we have made potato wedges and worked on how to safely and carefully use a knife. They were absolutely delicious. These sessions have helped with following simple instructions, listening skills, self-confidence and have just been good fun!





# Year 6



Wednesday 10 May 2017  
 W.A.d.T: Describe characters, settings and atmosphere choosing vocabulary to reflect (opening).  
 As her heart pounded like a drum in her chest, Lana sprinted through the remains of what she called home. A tsunami of sand cut through her skin as she scraped it until it was raw. The low beep of her oxygen tank rung like in her ears telling her to run! She was almost gave up hope when she suddenly a green light flashing like an emerald in the distance. Inching her way closer closer her hands finally gripped the cold air lock and the door. Using all her might Lana swung open the door as a wave of relief washed over her. Almost As he rushed under her skin clamped pulled the door shut and snuffing a large wire to the wall. A blow of fresh air seeped through the rusting vents as dawn to her knees. She was finally safe. She up With a sense of relief, she ripped off her gas mask and breathed in the sweet, sweet taste of safety at last.  
 Bang! Bang! Bang! The loud, echoing footsteps of Lana's leather boots echoed the dull, narrow halls of their bunker. Pushing open a wide, stiff door Lana was as she was tightly hugged by her younger brother, Theo. "What did you find? Show me!" Theo nagged impatiently.  
 Sighing slightly, Lana replied "Oh, alright then, you are an impatient little monster aren't you!" Pulling her old, peeling necklace onto a large, steel desk she began unloading various items when something caught Theo's eye.  
 "Now what is that?" Theo asked, eyes wide. Passing it to him with a grin she continued to unpack her bag. Reaching to the bottom, she pulled out a tape cassette player. Confused, she pressed a large button and it began to play.  
 "Will you play with us?" crackled a young girl's voice from inside the cassette again.  
 "Please play it again!"

One of Us Is Lying  
 Author: Karen M. McManus  
 Genre: Murder Mystery  
 British Date: 29th May 2017  
 Age recommendation: 11+

This is the story of 4 students in their last year at Bayview High School in modern times. At an American High School, students are terrified of their secrets being shared on social media. playground can be outside Simon.

Simon and 4 other students: Penelope, extremely smart and Yale hopeful; Cooper, star on the varsity football field; Addy, a pop queen having a crush on a single mother; and Nate, rulebreaker who's always getting in trouble. Simon dies in an allergic reaction but in an accident with the police involved, she must invade their privacy, these 4 students must team up to solve the case of Simon's death.

My copy is 4.5 stars

I highly recommend this book for middle school. It's got all the action, mystery, and a twist!

By DAISY CLARK

Year 6 have been busy this half term working hard in all aspects of their learning. Some highlights include a study of Macbeth, where children took the witches spell, performed it as a rap to a Dr Dre backing track and then worked in small groups to compose and perform their own raps (Click on the microphone to have a listen!). They also created some fantastic newspaper articles written to a high standard, where they exposed Macbeth as a murderer! Some of the children were surprised to learn that the famous writer of Macbeth - William Shakespeare - is a local legend, born in Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Thrive Thursday's and Thrive morning settling activities are now well established in our weekly routines and are a real hit in Y6. As well as these weekly sessions, we celebrated the launch of our Thrive day, where children created sculptures of plants and animals out of wire and clay. As part of our music lessons we have been practicing our leavers song, which as a year group we are really excited for everyone to hear!

Our PE sessions have focused on developing our athletic skills - both track and field - as well as our rounders skills.





# YEAR 5



Year 5 have enjoyed Tennis and Hockey this term. Children understand the importance of warm up exercises and how physical activity contributes to their health and wellbeing.

Children had the opportunity to practise their vocabulary, ask and answer simple questions in French.



They have enjoyed performing poetry in front of an audience, using tone and volume.

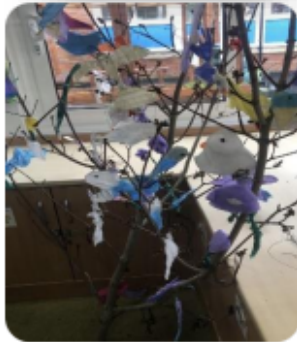


Pupils have explored mixed messages in the media about substances.



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Everyone in Year 5 has enjoyed THRIVE day!

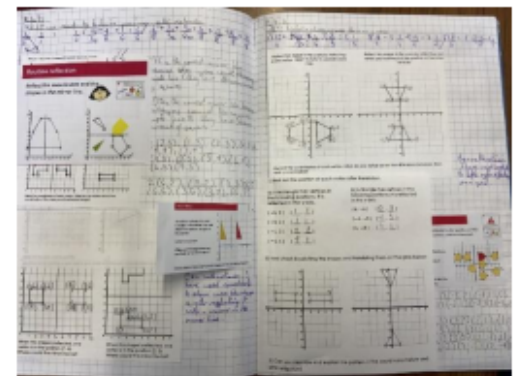


As Artists, Year 5 have worked on replicating the style of Romero Britto.

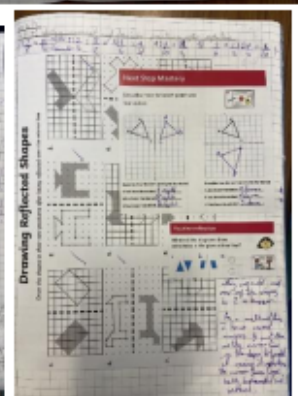
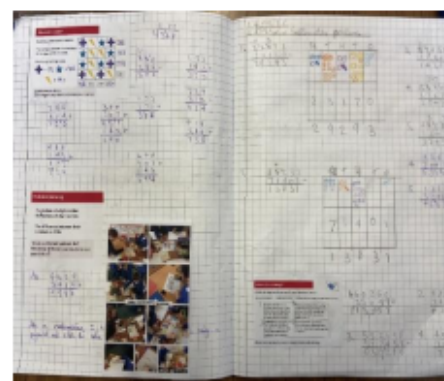
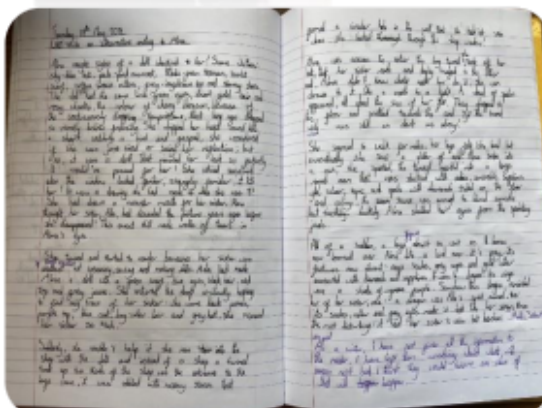


As part of Art and Design/Design and Technology, pupils have explored cushions and textile.

In Mathematics, children have mastered calculations and translations.



Year 5 pupils have developed their abilities to edit and improve writing.





Year 4 studied The Romans this half term. They have used their knowledge of Roman armour and DT skills to design, create and evaluate their own Roman Scutum.



Year 4 studied examples of portraits in the style of Chuck Close. They focused on colouring squares mixing light and dark tones to create an overall portrait.

# Year 4



Check out the news page to read about members of year 4 raising funds for the Children's Air Ambulance!





# Year 3



## Our 'Royal Scribes!'

In Year 3, we have introduced the daily Royal scribe! Any children that display fantastic effort and progress in joining up their handwriting gets to wear a crown for the day!



## Pyjamarama Day!

Everyone in year 3 really enjoyed taking part in Pyjamarama day!



## Making magnifying glasses in Science!

Our Science topic this half term has been light. The children really enjoyed making their own magnifying glasses! Every Science lesson this half term has had an experiment within it!



## Mummification!

All of the children really enjoyed bringing in their dolls and teddies to mummify!



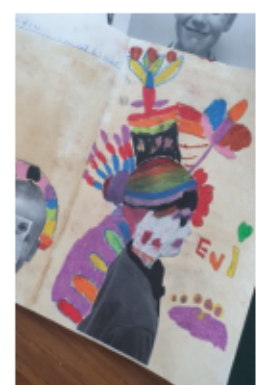
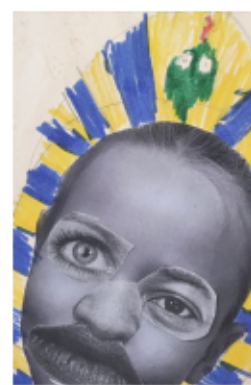
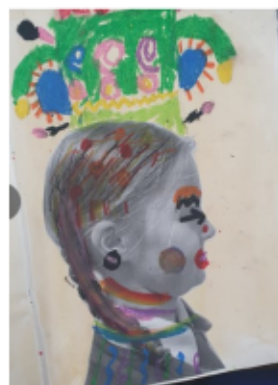
## Fraction Maths!

The children have enjoyed using a range of resources to explore fractions and have applied this when completing work in their books.



## Art

In Art this half term, year 3 have been combining digital imagery with their artwork!



**School Closes  
for half term  
Friday  
28th  
May**

**School opens  
after half term  
Monday  
7th  
June**

# **KEY DATES**

**Individual and  
class  
photographs  
16th June**

**Transition Day  
Wednesday  
7th  
July**

**School closes  
for Summer  
Break  
Friday  
16th  
July**

# Notes from the Office



## Attendance –

School attendance is 94%, which considering COVID we feel is quite good. However, we do need to be getting back on track and push to our target which has been set by County as 97%. We have invested heavily in tutors this term to catch pupils up on learning. Please support us in making this effective, by having all pupils in school for summer 2.

Reminder to Parents/Carers to ring in if a pupil is off absent from school for any reason. When ringing in please give details of the symptoms not a message saying that they are not in or just unwell during this current time we need exact symptoms to keep us all safe and well.

## Dinner Money/Money –

Boughton Leigh Junior School are still operating a zero-debt policy on School Dinners – Please make sure that you pay in advance for all school meals.

Any money coming into the school office needs to be in a clearly marked envelope with Pupil name, Class, amount enclosed and what the money is for.

Covid – Over half term – please contact school on [admin2590@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2590@welearn365.com) if your child tests positive for COVID within 2 days of being in school.  
Please do not contact after midnight on Sunday 30th May.

## Returning to school after absence:

Please ensure that your child is well before returning from any illness or bubble close. We request that your child has an LFD (via Home Testing) on the morning of return.

Thanks from the office ladies



# E-SAFETY



Click above to check age restrictions  
on the most popular social media platforms

As the Computing lead and E-safety officer at school I am always looking for helpful leaflets and sites for parents and children to help them keep safe! Here are 3 simple posters with helpful links offering guidance about key areas of E-safety - just click on them to see the full sized version!

Mr Gaskell

### Online safety at home

Family Activity Sheet – Watching online videos

This activity sheet has been created to help you to learn more about what your child watches online, take some actions to stay safe, and have some fun together exploring the Internet.

#### Conversation starters

Here are some questions you can ask to start a conversation:

- What videos have you watched online recently? Do you have a favourite?
- Apparently most children and young people watch videos online now, on TV – is this true for your friends?
- Do you have a favourite YouTuber or online creator? What do you like about videos?

#### Online safety action

Pick one of these actions to do as a family:

- Visit our [Thinkuknow website](#) and look for tips on how to be safe when watching videos online.
- Watch BBC Own It video [Use something online, a friend you?](#) Talk through it together if they come across content that is not OK.
- Visit [Internet Matters Parental Controls](#). Pick a device to set up the safety together.

#### Fun family task

Ask each family member to write their favourite video (which would be suitable for everyone to watch) on a piece of paper. Fold the paper up and put it in a box. Choose a time to pick one, and watch together.

Or  
Ask each family member for a favourite subject or something they want to learn about. Together, search YouTube for a suitable video about the topic, you can watch it together. Remember to set up YouTube in safe mode if you have children and

#### More information for parents and carers

For more information about viewing online, the risks and what you can do to help your child, you can visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents).

You can also read our article [Parent's guide to watching online](#).



### Online safety at home

Family Activity Sheet – Sharing Images and videos

This activity sheet has been created to help you to learn more about sharing pictures and videos online and how to stay safer as a family.

#### Conversation starters

Here are some questions you can ask to start a conversation:

- Ask about the types of things they like to share online. Discuss what they think is safe to share and the things they think are not OK to share.
- Ask what advice they would give a friend if someone shared an image of them without asking permission.
- With teens you could discuss an example from a TV programme or an article about a celebrity who shared an image and something went wrong. What advice could you offer the person on how to share safely.

#### Online safety action

Pick one of these actions to do as a family:

- Visit our [Thinkuknow website](#) and search for tips on how to be safe when sharing for different ages, by typing 'sharing' into the search box.
- Together, look at the privacy settings for the apps, sites and games they use about how they can help them stay in control of what they share.
- Create a list of who they can talk to if they are worried about something they see or share online. This may include you, other trusted adults, or trusted organisations like [NSPCC's Childline](#).

#### Fun family task

Create a family meme!

Find a website or an app that lets you create a meme - your child will probably want to do this - if not search 'create a meme' in the safe search mode. Ask each family member to create a family meme. It might include a family motto or something to each other.

Don't forget to use this as an opportunity to talk about permission, if using a device, being kind and thinking about sharing with others.

#### More information for parents and carers

For more information about this and other ways to help your child stay safe online you can visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents).



### Online safety at home

Family Activity Sheet – Social media

This activity sheet has been created to help you to learn more about social media and how to help your child be safer when chatting and sharing online.

#### Conversation starters

Here are some questions you can ask to start a conversation:

- If they use social media:
  - Ask about their favourite app or site. What do they like about it?
  - What are the positive and negatives of social media? What advice would they give to one of their friends if they were experiencing something negative on social media?
- If they don't use social media:
  - Ask what social media sites they have heard of.
  - Ask about what it means to be a good friend online. How would they deal with disagreements or what they would do if one of their friends was mean to them?

#### Online safety action

Pick one of these actions to do as a family:

- Visit our [Thinkuknow website](#) and search for tips on how to be safe when playing games for different ages, by typing 'live stream' into the search box.
- If your child wants to sign up to a social media account, make sure you check it out together, including the age requirements. [Oz and NSPCC's Net Aware](#) can help with this.
- If you and your child are on social media already, take some time to check your friendships, privacy settings and the things you have posted. Are you happy that only the people you want to see your stuff – can see it, and have you asked permission from others if you have shared pictures of them?

#### Fun family task

Social media charades.

Act out things you can do on social media and the names of some of the most popular apps. The person who guesses the most – wins!

#### More information for parents and carers

For more information about this and other ways to help your child stay safe online, you can visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents).

You can also read our article: [Is your child ready for social media?](#)



Parents and carers

# PE NEWS!

It has been another great half term for PE.

It has been wonderful seeing all the children enjoying using the new outdoor gym equipment, they have all been so sensible and used it safely, a huge well done to them! Please can I remind you that children should not be going on the equipment before or after school, or when they are not being supervised by a member of staff.

This half term, the children have been enjoying learning lots of new and different skills in their PE lessons, this has included: scoring a goal in football, how to hit a ball in rounders and how to correctly pass a baton in a relay race.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you about PE kit in school.

PE kit should ideally be black or navy-blue shorts, joggers, gym leggings or skorts and a white t shirt.

Children should not be wearing brightly coloured kits or crop tops as they should be school appropriate.

Shorts/skorts need to be of a suitable length, appropriate for the physical activity that they are doing.

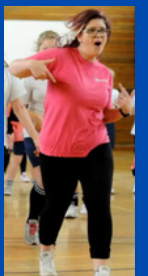
If children are wearing a jacket or jumper for PE, these need to be in school colours, without big designs and logos.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Hobday  
(PE Coordinator)

*Miss Hobday's  
PE Page*

Click above to visit our activities webpage



#misshobnobsarmy

# HERE'S THE NEWS



## Park and Stride?

As you may be aware we have had the support of our community Police and Cllr Wayne Rabin recently to assess parking outside school. Please do not use zig-zags as a drop off point - they are there for the safety of the children. Please do look for car parks and opportunities nearby where pupils can be safely dropped off and walk or be walked into school, and of course PLEASE be courteous and thoughtful to our neighbours by not blocking private driveways.

## COVID Update:

As we have previously informed parents and carers by letter, please be aware that despite further news on restrictions for COVID possibly being lifted on June 21st, we will not be making any rapid changes in school. We have our eye on pupil and staff safety, and the safety of our community. Following PHE advice to schools this week, we will be moving forward with caution and as such there will be no foreseeable change to the way that we do things. Our goal is to get through to summer and relaunch in September, where we can hopefully be a little more back to normal. Thank you for your support.



As a school we are always looking for feedback. The children have been completing a survey in school and we would like to ask you to do the same! Please click on the image and answer a few short questions! It



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

*Thank you!*





Thank you to everyone who encouraged and supported their child to walk to school last week. It was wonderful to see so many children had walked to school, despite the awful weather. Walking to school really does improve concentration and sets the children up ready for their day, boosting their mental health. It would be great if children can continue to walk even when it's not walk to school week.



Members of the Boughton Leigh Junior School team have been raising funds for a fantastic charity, the Children's Air Ambulance. Millie from Year 4 took part in a village garage sale and raised over £20. Meanwhile Mr Gaskell and his son Oliver took part in the CAA Super Hero Challenge completing a 13 mile bike ride raising over £200! You can donate to the charity, or become part of the fund raising Crew, by clicking on the link below



**HALF TERM - Fun Basketball Camps**  
The Collingwood Centre, Rugby School, Barby Road, CV22 5DZ

Session	Day	Time	Cost
Session 1	THURSDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> JUNE	9am - 12pm	Cost £15
Session 2	THURSDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> JUNE	1pm - 4pm	Cost £15

\*Please note if your child attends both sessions on the same day there will be **FREE** supervised lunch, no bring a sack lunch!  
There are limited places on these sessions. The places will be given on a first come first served basis. At the session the children will play for games, competitions and have the chance to win prizes such as basketballs, medals and other goodies. There will also be a mini tournament with awards at the end of the session.

Please complete and return the bottom of this slip to your basketball coach with payment to secure your place. Cash only payable to Hotshots. Any questions do not hesitate to contact your coach or call MARK on 07775 676775

I would like my child to attend the following session(s). ☐ 1 ☐ 2 Circle correct session(s) only

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Age: \_\_\_\_\_ year School: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**RUGBY FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE**  
**AT: HARRIS CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY**  
HARRIS DRIVE, OVERSLADE LANE, RUGBY, CV22 8EA  
**STARTING: THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021**

Thursday	Group	Time
1	School Years Reception and Year 1	5.00pm - 6.00pm
2	Group 2: School Years 2 & 3	6.00pm - 7.00pm
3	Group 3: School Years 4, 5, & 6	7.00pm - 8.00pm

Dear Parents,  
I am pleased to inform you that, thanks to the huge success of our football courses over the last 10 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in June 2021. The course will run for 5 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

**About the Course**

- The seven practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by a qualified coach, who is QMS checked, and holds an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building CONFIDENCE, improving FITNESS and providing the most important ingredient FUN!
- Children will be fully supervised at all times.
- Each child will be given full safety briefing for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an outdoor course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear, we also have outdoor pitches available to use in good weather.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Leicester City player Geoff Horsfield guides, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson guides, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

**We will all have to obviously adhere to government guidelines with regards to covid-19 to consider the safety of all children, parents and staff.**

**Representative of Hotshots and parent**

- On the first week of the course we hold a presentation, where **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY AND CERTIFICATE.**
- Children also have the chance to win other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'youngest player of the week' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £7.00 per week, payment is made in 5 instalments of £14.00 due on week 1. Please Note: Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Mark Frisk (parent coordinator)

**TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:**  
**RUGBY + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)**  
and receive confirmation by text to:  
**07827 322780**

Click on the images for information about Hotshots Basketball, Rugby football coaching and Allsorts events happening over half term and beyond.