



BLJS Newsletter



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The End of Academic Year

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!



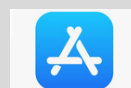
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Message from Mrs Duynstee

Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it! It is fair to say that this has been a challenging 12 months or more for all but with due credit to staff, pupils and our families we have arrived at the school year having suffered minimal disruption considering the size of the school. A huge thank you particularly to the staff and children for adapting procedures to ensure everyone's safety. I am pleased to say that during this term we have got pretty much back on track as we are able to return to normal practices. A gentle reminder that when we return to school in September things will be running as they are now for at least the first two weeks to give us time to see what the summer brings.

The term has finished on a high with yet again full praise from the school county moderators to year 6 - this year Miss Hobday - for outstanding writing and teacher judgement. All of her judgements were deemed accurate and her pupil's books were used as examples of 'greater depth' writing. Further to this in terms of books being used as exemplification to other schools our advisory inspector was in school on Tuesday and was blown away by Iliana and Seth's books which he is now taking around the country to show other schools as examples of good practice.

Please do have a fantastic summer holiday, information regarding COVID can be found later in this newsletter as ever we will be in touch regarding return to school news for September.

Kind Regards
Mrs Duynstee
(Headteacher)





SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

Parliament & Forest School



Tadpole Tony and Dolphin Danny, ably assisted by children from all year groups - in particular Year 6 - have been busy working around the grounds to enrich the school environment. Decking and new trellising has been fitted in the Y6 quad along with new plants and a thorough tidy up to make the area a relaxing, beautiful outdoor working space. The wildlife area at the front of the school has also been managed with seeds planted and regular watering. The fruits of this labour will be seen in the coming months.

Mr T and Danny would like to say a special thank you to the year 6 as they move on to secondary. Their help in looking after and maintaining the forest school has been essential and their enthusiasm contagious!



We are still recycling batteries and crisp packets

The Launchpad @BLJS



We love our funky new logo!

Cooking Therapy



Social Interaction and Communication



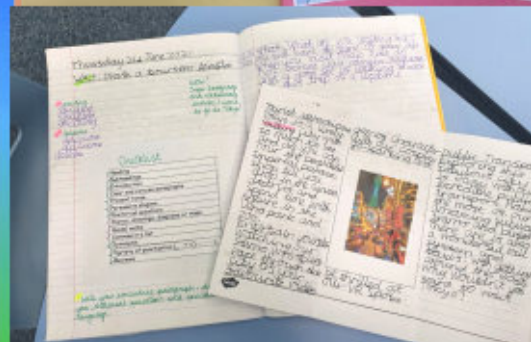
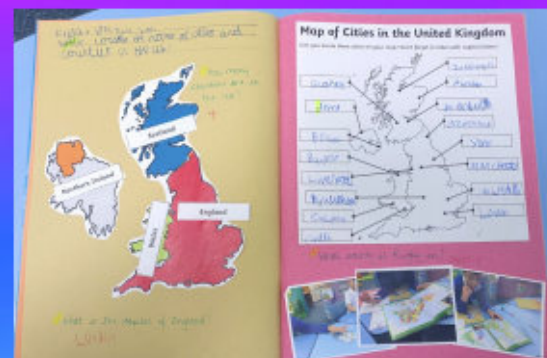
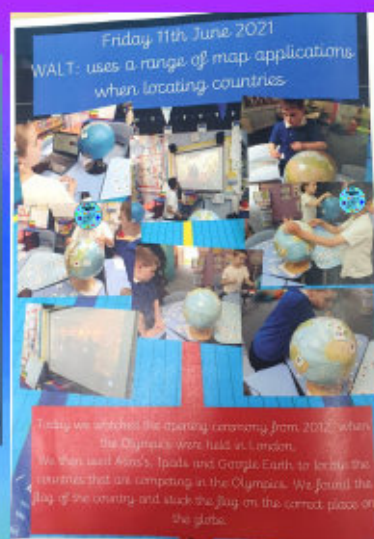
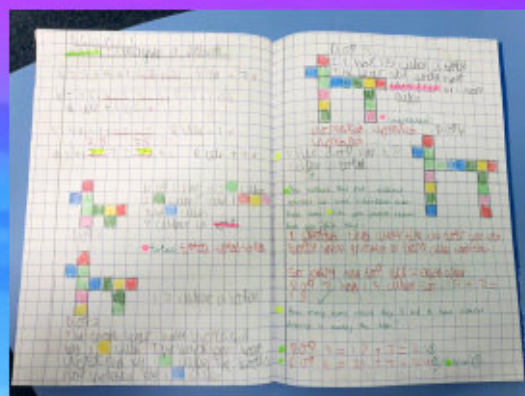
Flexibility of Thought



As we reach the end of the school year, we reflect on what has been a brilliant final term in The Launchpad. The children have continued to make us exceedingly proud of how much they have tried their best in everything they do. Our favourite moments from this term include a visit from Julio and Janna the Alpacas, and Mrs Allen, who taught us how to play the trumpet, we are looking forward to having more music lessons in September! We have had an amazing year in The Launchpad, and are thrilled with what we have achieved. As a team we are very excited to see what a new school year will bring.



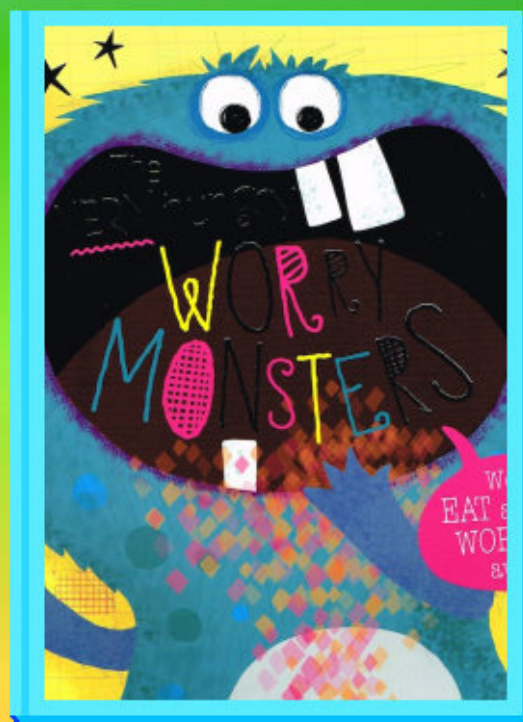
We continue to be blown away by the amazing pieces of work produced in The Launchpad. Here are a few of our favourites from this half term:



Our Favourite book in The Launchpad this term is
The Very Hungry Worry Monsters by
Rosie Greening

The Very Hungry Worry Monsters is a book about different monsters who eat your worries and make them disappear. We now have our own Worry Monster in The Launchpad who can eat our worries, just like in the book!

We love that all the monsters look different. Worried about calling your teacher Mum monster makes us laugh!



We want to thank you for all of your support this year, and wish you a happy summer break. We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to in the new school year.



The Launchpad Team.



BLJS Learning Mentors

Hello, we are BLJS Pupil and Family Mentors. We form a big part of the pastoral support in school. Together we support children and families with issues or concerns they have and work towards strengthening and creating better outcomes for families. We are able to offer advice on areas such as children's well-being, routines and will refer/signpost to other services, who can offer more specialised support where appropriate. These services may be bereavement specialists, Family Support Workers and/or housing and financial support. We also encourage and support parents/carers to be proactive for themselves in seeking support and making positive changes.

We would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of Warwickshire's Family Information Service (FIS). They provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0-25 across Warwickshire on issues such as:

-family relationships -finance -Housing -parenting support -special education needs and disabilities -childcare -health and wellbeing

More information can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis>



The Family Information Service (FIS) is a helpful friendly service which supports families with a wide range of needs including childcare, finance, housing, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and family relationships. Not sure who can help? give the team a call, and they can offer advice and support.

They are available every Monday to Friday (except bank holidays) 9am to 5pm by phone 01926 742274 or email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk. You can also message on Facebook WarwickshireFIS.

Remember FIS are available when school is closed over the summer break, so please don't hesitate to contact them if you need any sort of support.

Year 6



Year 6 having fun on their final day. Huge thanks to the school PTA for funding it!

Wow! What an amazing summer term the children in Year 6 have had!

The written work the children have produced is outstanding, they have edited, coded and uplevelled their writing, take a look! [\(Click here\)](#)

Normally, the children in Year 6 have the opportunity to go on a residential, unfortunately due to Covid this didn't happen. The staff arranged a fun-filled week of different activities for the children to do, they had the opportunity to make new memories and overcome fears! The children thoroughly enjoyed going on the climbing wall, doing archery, baking, tower and sports competitions, just to name a few.

This half term, the children have all taken part in sports day, 8 children from 6 Kipling supported at the sports days across the whole school, they led and demonstrated different activities, took scores and were truly outstanding role models. Well done to our young leaders.

Finally, the Year 6 Team would like to take this opportunity to thank the children in Year 6 for their hard work and determination this year, we are all so proud of your accomplishments and would like to wish you all the very best at secondary school. Remember to work hard, listen to the advice you are given and you will continue to shine!



Thanks to Mr T for cooking the burgers for Y6 leaving party



YEAR 5



Science has offered the children the opportunity to learn about animals and humans. They have explored the gestation periods of humans and animals, representing in a line graph. This has given the children the opportunity to successfully apply their mathematical skills across the curriculum.

The children found exploring the development of a foetus inside the womb and interesting learning experience which was beautifully recorded and presented in their books.



Maths has taught the children valuable life skills, conversion being one of the topics explored this term. They have worked hard to develop their understanding of converting length, mass and volume. They have also been investigating numbers with 3 decimal places using concrete objects to demonstrate their understanding.



Sewing



Jolly Brollies - KidZone taster sessions for all children



The children have learned all about the Olympics this term and had the opportunity to be creative with their learning, applying their Art, English, Maths, research and enquiry skills to develop their knowledge. They have also taken part in a variety of Olympic games.



The Fiver challenge



Year 5 staff would like to say that we are extremely proud of all children and their achievements so far. They have worked incredibly hard at school and from home, adapted to current circumstances well and continued to be the best they can be.

We would like to also say a massive thank you to all the parents for your continued support, understanding and encouragement, we really appreciate it all!

To all the children, we wish you all the best in the future and remember, you are all super stars! Always aspire to be the best you can be and never give up!

Enjoy your holiday and stay safe everyone!

Team 5

Mrs Murataj, Mr Gordon, Mrs Eggleston, Miss Ormston, Mrs Marsay, Mr Westmore, Mr Cripps, Mrs Warren, Mrs Barber, Mr Stonell, Mrs Love and Mr Farinka

We Are Unstoppable!

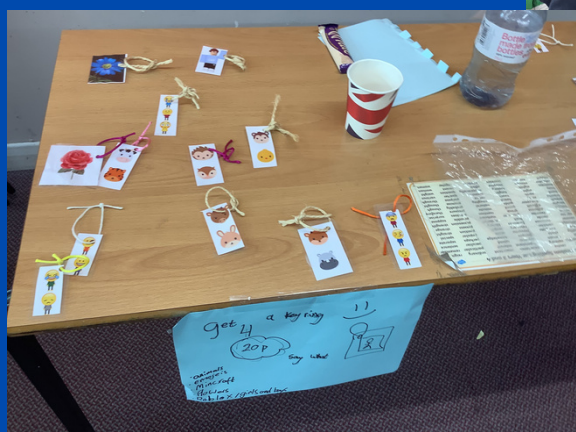
The children in year 4 spent lots of time practising for the Big Sing. Here they are in action! Mrs Allen commented on how fantastic they sounded and what a great attitude they had shown whilst practising for the event. They were very excited to have the opportunity to perform for some of their parents outdoors on the playground and share all of their hard work. Well done year 4! We are very proud of you.



Year 4

Fiver Challenge

We discovered some budding entrepreneurs in year 4 by taking part in the Fiver Challenge! The aim was to make as much profit from £5 as possible, by inventing a product or service to sell. The children in 4 Nimmo had some really creative ideas, including making their own key rings, painting portraits and performing magic tricks! The class made a total of £30 in profit, which they were really proud of. An outstanding effort!



Year 3

Dear Year 3,

Thank you so much for being such hardworking, dedicated and kind children. We have absolutely loved teaching you and will sincerely miss you all next year.

We are extremely proud of the progress you have made and know that you will continue to shine in year 4.

Have amazing Summer holidays! You all deserve it.

Love from,

Your Year 3 Teachers and Teaching Assistants.

We will Miss you

Fundraising for Birmingham

Children's Hospital raised a

staggering £220.99!



Well done!

Proud Teachers!

We are extremely proud of Anika in 3 King-Smith! Anika was selected as a runner-up in a competition. She had participated in 'School Number Heroes' competition run by National Numeracy.

The task was to draw and write about what she wants to become when she grows up and how she would use numeracy in her job. Anika's entry was selected as one of ten runners-up out of over 5800 entries across the UK.

Exploring magnets in Science!

We have been looking at Forces and Magnets in Science this half term.



Sports Day!

During Sports Day, the children demonstrated their school values by being extremely supportive of one another. They had a brilliant morning!



**School Closes
for the
Children
Friday
16th July**

**School opens
for the
children
Monday
6th
Sept**

KEY DATES

**Individual
photographs
Tues
9th
Nov**

**INSET Day
School Closed
Fri
22nd
Oct**

**Autumn Half
term break
25th -29th
Oct**



Notes from the Office



In order to support track and trace parents are reminded to email into admin2590@we-learn.com should they any confirmation of a positive PCR up until midnight on Sunday 18th July



The office staff would like to say a huge thank you for your support and patience during this year! Despite everything we ended the year with an attendance rate of 94.2%

A couple of gentle reminders for the new term. Please remember to send dinner money in envelopes with name and class clearly marked. Also making sure that your contact details are accurate and up to date is also a massive help!

Have a great summer. We will be in touch towards the end of the break with return to school news!

Uniform:

a reminder that full uniform is expected from September in the **correct colour**. This includes PE kit and Forest school.



SAFETY



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

With the Summer Break upon us we thought we would share a couple of documents that aim to guide parents through the prickly subject of 'Screen Time' and offer some general tips for supporting your child's exploration of the online world!

You can also click on the image above to find the age restrictions on Social Media platforms and why they are there so that conversations with your child about the online profiles can be better informed!
Keep safe!



Balancing screen time

Top tips to support children aged 7-11 (Key stage 2)

Typically at this age children will start to be more active online so it's important to equip them with the tools to strike a healthy balance between the time they spend on and offline, especially as they start to get their own devices.

How are children using screens?



What parents tell us

Screens are good for creativity
Nearly 7 out of 10 parents believe that using devices gives children another way of being creative for example a child who enjoys dancing, sharing a new routine online with family and friends.

Screens' impact on physical well
Nearly half of parents in the UK are their children are spending too much time online - with the majority believing it is causing their kids to lead a sedentary lifestyle lacking in physical exercise.

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

internet matters.org



Checklist:

Agree on boundaries

Be clear about what your child can and can't do online - where and when 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.

When you do give them their first device make sure that it is set up appropriately for them with the right parental controls in place. It's a good idea to **introduce tech-free meal times** and encourage them to **keep phones out of the bedroom at night** to help them build a healthy screen time balance.

Put yourself in control

Set parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

Explore together

The best way to support your child online is to **talk to them about what they do online** and what sites and apps they like to use. Be inquisitive and ask them to show you their favourites to check they're suitable.

The Great Escape By Isabel Roberts

On Tuesday the 6th of July we had some special visitors. A brother and sister named Janet and Julio. They were alpacas. Janet is nearly one and Julio is 2 years old.

Some lucky children including me got to lead them round the field but this was not as easy as it sounds. While someone was walking them, something startled little Janet and she ran so Julio ran too.

Unfortunately the gate was open so they ran onto the car park, Mr Moorcroft and other teachers from the infant school came out to see the commotion. Mr Moorcroft offered to get Buddy the dog to help catch the runaways! Mrs Duynstee was watching everything from her office. The alpacas went straight to their van.

I helped the rescue and rounded them up. I had to hold out my arms and walk slowly towards Janet as if I was going to hug her. As soon as I got Janet, Julio happily followed us back into the field. When we came in Mr Farinha shut the gate. Everyone was relieved to see the alpacas back where they belonged. Their owner said alpacas don't normally run.

When everything calmed down we fed them some carrots and had a lovely time with our new furry friends. At the end we all got a sticker.



PE NEWS!

Wow! What an amazing year we have had for PE. Despite not having any sporting competitions taking place, the children have all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in year group sports days. All scores were collected in to still have an overall winning house, I am pleased to announce that this year we have had a draw - well done to both Bussell and Ennis-Hill House, both houses earned 396 points, well done to all of the children.

An extra special thank you goes to my group of young leaders who helped set up, organise and run sports day in all year groups - I am so incredibly proud of you all!

This year, I am also incredibly proud to be presenting the first 'Marsay Sports Personality of the Year Award'. This award was presented to Mrs Marsay when she left last year. Each year the award is presented to two students for their commitment to sport, being an outstanding role model, representing the school, demonstrating sporting values and being the best they can be. This year, I am proud to present the award to Olly Brown and Tillie Hebb. Well done to you both.



[Click to see larger image](#)



*Miss Hobnob's
PE Page*



#misshobnobarmy

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.



When she's not teaching music at Boughton Leigh Junior School, Mrs Allen is part of the @BrassFoundations Team for @BrassBandsEngland.

She made a particularly special visit to the Launchpad at BLJS on Thursday morning this week to share her love of brass instruments, demonstrating how they work, playing a few tunes and to give the children an opportunity to have a go themselves in a workshop.

Instruments courtesy of @Warwick Music.



Year 3 raised a whopping £220.99 for Birmingham Children's Hospital when completing their fiver challenge!

Wow! Well done year 3!

Science News from Mr Sawyer

Thank you to the children who sent their teachers the work they completed for their experiments.

Some excellent pieces of work was handed in, they should be very proud of themselves.



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

Thank you!

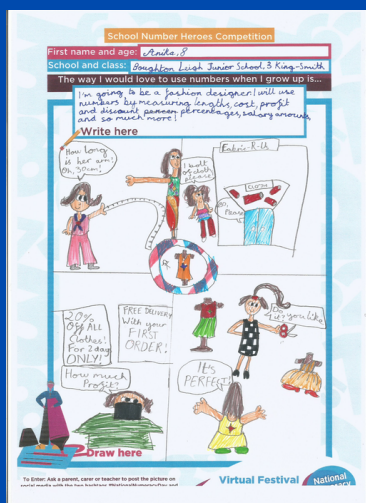
SUMMER



NEWS

Warwick Stonell

Many of you may know Warwick, he was a pupil here and returned recently as part of the site supervision team. This summer however he is moving on to bigger things as he has gained a Football Scholarship to attend Blackhawks Southern Community College, West Burlington, Iowa in the USA! Everyone at BLJS wishes him all the best. He is proof that if you work hard your dreams are achievable!



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allsorts
for parents and children

Compass



Click on the images for information on a variety of summer activities