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BLJS Newsletter



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Autumn 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,

We have reached the end of a very busy and successful first half term! I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the pupils, who have shown superb attitudes in both their learning and behaviour. It has been a pleasure to walk round the school and see the fantastic learning going on in classrooms. The children's books demonstrate the high standards we strive for, particularly in English where we have been following our new scheme, 'The Write Stuff'. The quality of the writing produced is excellent so far and we have had brilliant feedback from the children about how much they are enjoying it.

It has been an exciting half term for the School Parliament, as we have now elected our new House of Lords and House of Commons representatives. Well done and thank you to all of the candidates who took part; you have shown yourselves to be superb role models, and we are proud that you will all be representing the school as part of our Parliament.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in collecting items for Rugby Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations; all donations were very gratefully received. The children also produced some outstanding poetry in celebration of Harvest- please see page 7 for some examples from our year 6 pupils.

I wish you all a safe and restful half term break, and look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Monday 1st November.

Kind Regards
Mrs Duynstee
(Headteacher)

Parliament & Forest School

We have just had our elections for the House of Lords and have elected new Head Girl and Boy as well as secretaries and deputies. The children had to campaign for the positions and this year we used video presentations; a huge thank you has to go out to the TV crew for filming these! Well done to all of the candidates who worked hard to prepare and deliver fantastic presentations, and a special congratulations to our new House of Lords!



Head Girl & Boy

Ethan
&
Eliana



**Deputy Head
Girl & Boy**

Alex
&
Isla



Secretaries to the house: Rushna & Harley

Mr Trezise would like to thank everyone who has put their empty crisp packets in the crisp packet recycle bin. We have managed to recycle over 10kg of packets this time. He unfortunately couldn't recycle the 2 chip batches, 5 plastic bottles, half dozen cereal bar wrappers, 1 rotten banana and various used tissues that were also placed in the bin! A reminder! CRISP PACKETS ONLY... please!



Hello Yellow!

We celebrated World Mental Health day by wearing yellow to school in support of Young Minds. Wearing yellow is a symbol to show people they are not alone with their mental health. We reminded ourselves of how we can help our own mental health by exercising, eating healthily, sleeping well and talking to friends and family.

THRIVE

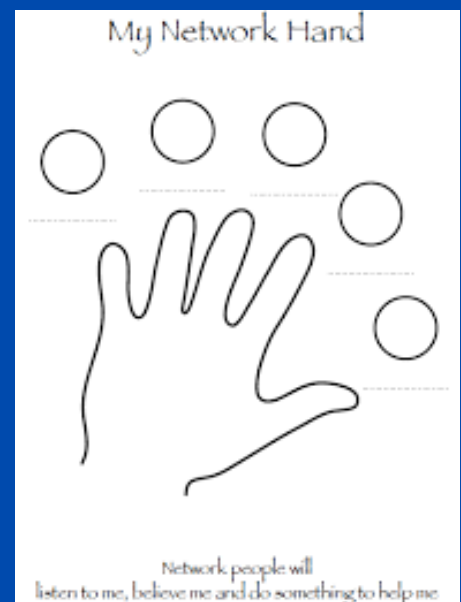


Taking Care Project

In PSHE, all classes have completed the Taking Care Project this half term. This is a sequence of lessons based on the following 2 themes:

The children have explored these themes and developed their understanding of early warning signs and how to ask for help. They have also developed a network of support, consisting of trusted adults who they can talk to.

It would be great to chat with your child and discuss who would be on their network in the school holidays, in place of the school adults they have chosen.





Stars of the Week

3 Frank

Gracie Leeland Amos Noah Lena Francesca Kaitlyn

3 Victoria

Liliana Owen Freddie Lily Ella

3 Luther-King

Junior Holly Emily Sam Kristine Nico

3 Armstrong

Thomas Lucie Bethany Lilly-Mae Nathan Isla

4 Windsor

Eliza Arthur Emily Jairam Elana Robert

4 Regency

Lena David Anna Ehsaan Afsheen

4 Stuarts

Hannah Noah Hollie Masha Krystal Kyara

4 Georgian

Akua Rocco Jamal Harry B Kate Harry T

5 Spielberg

Maddie Mia Holly Jack Fabian

5 Mozart

Aayyan Shaziah Brooklynn Kabisna Saulo

5 Wren

Anastasia Ryley Aleksandra Ryan Mason

5 Constable

Isabelle Tyrone Paddy Georgina Sofia George

6 Einstein

Amy Brydon Thai Ethan Martin Maicie

6 Brunel

Chloe Imogen Sophia Amelia Dexter Seth

6 Newton

Liam F Harini Liam R Kingsley David

6 Edison

Megan Harley Remy Coby Lacie

Launchpad

Sam Blake Laila-Mae Henry Theo

Class Role Model

3 Frank

Amos

3 Victoria

Abigail

3 Luther-King

Holly

3 Armstrong

Thomas

4 Windsor

Sophie

4 Regency

Leo

4 Stuarts

Adam

4 Georgian

Harry

5 Spielberg

Jamie

5 Mozart

Isaac

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Isabelle

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6 Brunel

Jude

6 Newton

Anastasia

6 Edison

Tanisha



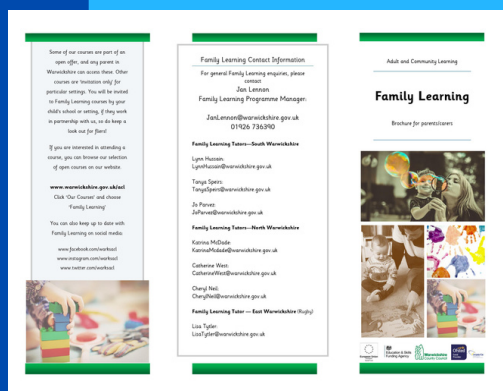
BLJS Learning Mentors

Hello, I am the BLJS Pupil and Family Mentor. I form a big part of the pastoral support in school. Together I support children and families with issues or concerns they have and work towards strengthening and creating better outcomes for families. I am 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. I also encourage and support parents/carer to be proactive for themselves in seeking support and making positive changes.

I 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>



Family Learning Brochure
(click image)



Mrs Micklewright



Family Learning open offer
(click image)

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



In year 6 this half term, we have celebrated Harvest by creating our own poems and putting them to music; this became a house competition across the year group and was judged by Mr G. Well done to 6 Edison who came up with their own original song. Please scan our QR codes to listen to what we produced.

We are really proud to have our new and improved outdoor learning quad area this year where we are gardening and also plan to start growing some plants next year. As part of our caring for the environment initiative in Year 6, we have a team who collect left over food for the compost, collect the recycling bins and crisp packets and our 'Eco club' are litter picking.



[Click Here to hear our songs](#)

YEAR 5



Exploring the outdoor environment has inspired our Year 5 learners.

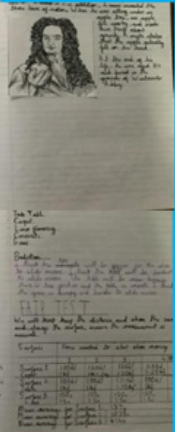
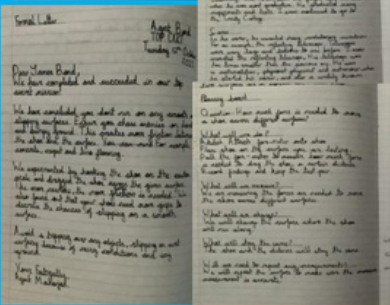
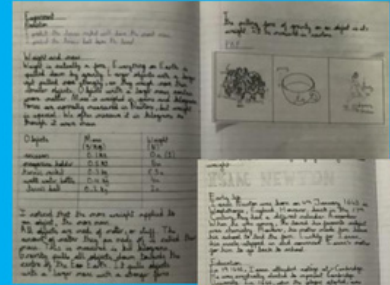
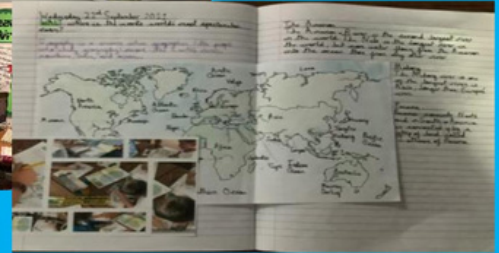
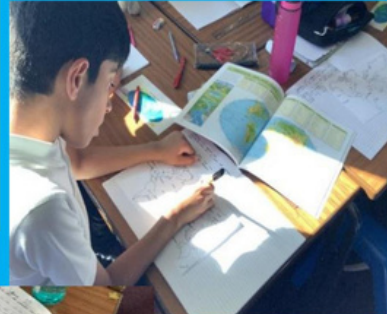
As Scientists, the children have **experimented** and learned about different forces such as **gravity, friction, water and air resistance**.

Do you know who discovered gravity?

The children have been celebrating our **British Values**, learning about the **Parliament** and voted for the Head and Deputy Head boy and girl at BLJS.



As Geographers, the children **located rivers on a world map**, researched and presented information about the **most famous rivers in the world**, represented the **top 10 longest rivers in the world** using bar graphs, used their **enquiry skills** to identify the **causes and effects of flooding and water pollution**. A representative of **Severn Trent** met with Year 5 discussing the **water cycle** and **clean water**.



Art work inspired by the **French painter and founder of impressionist painting, Claude Monet**.

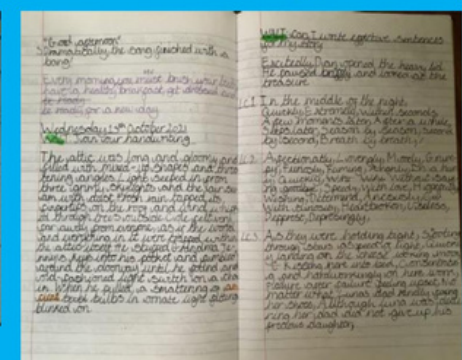
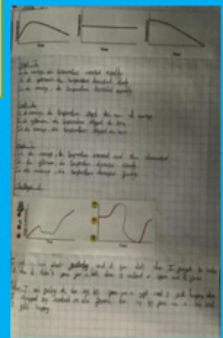
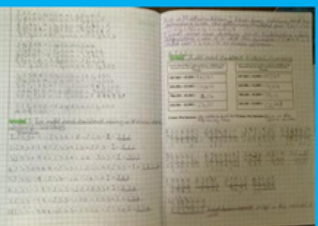
Above, River Thames and the Palace of Westminster.



Race for life!



Tag Rugby



As **Mathematicians**, the children **developed their calculation, reasoning and problem solving skills**, as well as their ability to **read and interpret information from line graphs**.

This term, our English lessons were inspired by the **history of Rugby** and the film "**One small step**" by Taiko Studios. The children wrote leaflets and short narratives.

Clubs:

This half term, the children in Year 4 have been taking part in Maths, football club and Outdoor Explorers.

The children in the Outdoor Explorers club have been learning all about Geocaching! The children have designed their own Geocache, decided where to place their Geocache in the school grounds and began to make it. We have hunted for materials outdoors that we could use to make our Geocache as camouflaged as possible. Once the Geocaches are complete, they will be hidden by the children for the rest of the school to find using coordinates! We are very much looking forward to completing them and seeing the rest of the school find the treasure!

In Maths Club this half term, the children have developed their recall of times tables by playing a Hit The Button tournament. We had so much fun, especially because it was against the clock. Our overall winner was Anika! - Well done. We have also loved spending some time on Times Table Rockstars and being able to play against one another and other children in the WORLD. It's really brought out the competitiveness in us. Over the next couple of weeks, we are working on creating a fabulous Roman Numerals booklet, which we'll use to quiz each other. Maths Club has been a BLAST.

Science:

In science, the children have been learning all about electricity! The children have learnt about the different components that are needed to create a circuit and how to identify when a circuit is incomplete. They have had the opportunity to use a range of equipment to create their own circuits as well as testing them after adding new components. Using knowledge gained from previous lessons, the children were able to make predictions about whether their circuit would be successful and explain their thinking.



Culture and British Values:

On Parliament Day, the children were given the opportunity to learn about the structure of Parliament, where democracy was founded and what it looked like in the past. After valuable, in-depth discussions, the children could compare the similarities and differences of the structure of the Houses of Parliament today and in the Ancient Greek era. The children then focused specifically on learning about the different political parties we have in our country today. The children created some fantastic presentations which are linked down below on the QR codes. Please take a look at 4 Georgian and 4 Stuarts work!

English:

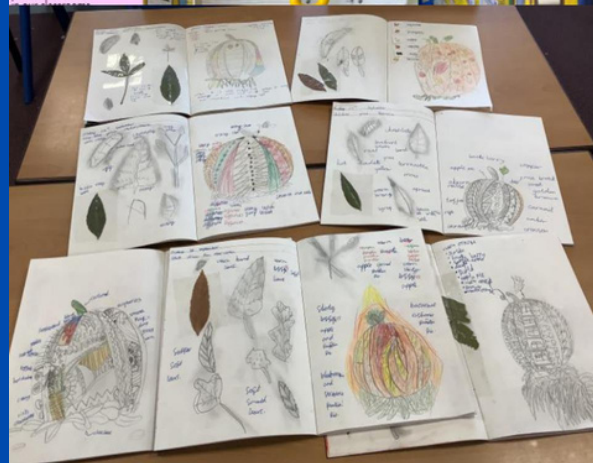
As part of an experience lesson within English, we had our fluffy friend George come to visit us! We studied his movements, noises, and behaviours. We used the words we generated to think of some fantastic descriptive vocabulary, which we have used to write an opening of a story.

We have been working really hard 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.

English

Our best work is displayed



Art

Benjamin Neger
The mountains are very tall and are all green, white, blue, black and red. I am very proud of my building.

Creating a picture of a city.

DT

Year 3

All of the year 3 teachers are exceptionally proud of how well the children have settled into life at Boughton Leigh Junior School. We have had a brilliant half term and the children have produced some amazing work.

Well done year 3!

DT DAY IN 3 LUTHER KING

PIC-COLLEGE

Maths

We take pride in our maths work!

Year 3 Our marvellous maths learning! Autumn 1

We make links to maths in science and topic!

We celebrate maths in our classrooms through our vibrant displays.

We use a range of manipulatives in our lessons to support and develop our understanding.

Maths Meeting

Maths is for everyone! They are learning how many dots there are.

We are getting really good at writing maths stories!

Amos has 48 cars and I had 26 cars. Altogether...

Topic

Today we were hunter gatherers. Using javelins as spears we hunted woolly mammoths, hares, horses and fish!

P.E

PIC-COLLEGE

Science

PIC-COLLEGE

PSHE

Hello Yellow Day 2021

1st Nov
School
re-opens

9th Nov
Photographs
day

29th Nov
Flu
vaccinations

KEY DATES

10th Dec
Christmas
dinner &
jumper day

17th Dec
School
closes for
Christmas

5th Jan
School
re-opens for
pupils



Notes from the Office



As COVID cases continue to occur, can we please remind you to keep us up to date with any test results. We have a robust system in place now aimed at maximising the safety of all our school community while minimising disruption.



The office staff would like to say a huge thank you for your support and patience during the start of the new year.

The systems we have in place are aimed at keeping everyone safe. Despite everything that has been happening we have maintained our attendance rate at 94.8%

A few gentle reminders: Please remember to send dinner money in envelopes with name and class clearly marked.

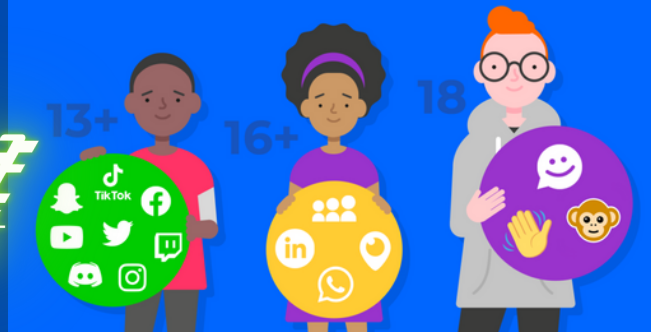
Also, please make sure that your contact details are accurate and up to date in case of emergencies. Finally, if your child suffers sickness or diarrhoea, please note that they are expected to be away from school for a minimum of 48 hrs.

Uniform:

A reminder that full school uniform should be worn 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 half term break here, we thought we would share a guide for parents on 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! There is also a guide about the popular Roblox program. Also, although the age limit for TikTok is 13, it continues to be popular amongst younger children. Please click on the images for more information and guidance.

Keep safe!



Screen time guide



Adding a PIN to your account

- Click the Gear icon in the upper right corner and click **Settings**
- Select **Security** in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen
- In the **Account PIN** section, press the **Toggle** button
- You will be asked to create and confirm the PIN
- When you're done, press **ADD**

All account settings are protected by the account PIN, which will need to be entered in order to make any changes.

Creating a PIN requires a verified email address. You will be prompted to add and verify your email if the account does not have one.

Roblox Premium

Roblox has a monthly subscription service called Roblox Premium (previously known as Builders Club). It gives you access to features including buying, selling, and trading items, as well as increased revenue share in all sales by your games. Roblox revenue generated from users' own creations that are not owned by Roblox can be converted into currency.

If you have Roblox Premium, you will receive a monthly Robux deposit and have the Robux below next to your account name.

What are Robux and how are they used?

Robux is Roblox's in-game currency and can be used to purchase in-game upgrades or avatar accessories. You can earn or purchase Robux by:

- Receiving a lump sum allowance as a Roblox Premium member
- Purchasing Robux from the Roblox page

Be careful making purchases, as they can quickly add up.

Beware of third-party sites that offer things like 'free' or 'cheap' Robux. These sites are attempts to hack your account and obtain personal information or Robux.

Useful resources

Roblox: To learn about safety features, please visit corp.roblox.com/safety or visit corp.roblox.com/parents

UK Safer Internet Centre: saferinternet.org.uk

Report harmful content: reportharmfulcontent.com

This checklist is for the desktop version of Roblox. Pick up a copy of this checklist along with other online safety materials on the SWGfL Store: swgfl.com

UK Safer Internet Centre | SWGfL | www.kidsinternet.org | www.kidsinternet.org

What is Roblox?

Roblox is an online marketplace for game creation. You can design and create your own games and share them with other Roblox users.

There are a wide variety of games hosted on the site, from racing and role-playing games to simulations and obstacle courses. Roblox has a community made up of players and developers of many ages. There are a number of reporting and parental controls.

Chat & interaction settings

- Click the Gear icon in the upper right corner and click **Settings**
- On the right-hand side of the settings page, click the **Privacy** option
- Here you can adjust the **Contact Settings** and **Other Settings**
- Players aged 12 and under can select other **Friends** or **Followers**, while players aged 13+ have additional interaction options
- Enabling account restrictions will limit the account to only curated games and disables the messaging and chat functions

Reporting a game

To report a game:

- Go to the **About** page for the game you wish to report

Reporting chat on the website

To report chat made by another user:

- Click the Gear icon in the upper right corner of the chat window
- Click the **three dots** next to the user's name and select **Report**
- Press the red **Report** button
- Fill in the report form
- Click the **Report Abuse** button to submit

Find your Roblox user history

Roblox keeps the history of certain account activities which can be viewed from their related sections:

- Create** - Creations such as games, items, sounds and avatars
- Messages** - Private messages
- Friends** - Friends and Followers
- My Transactions** - Purchases and trades
- Chat & Party** - From the bottom-right of the page, click on any user to view chat history with them

Gifting on TikTok

Users can purchase, receive and send coins and gifts with monetary value, such as diamonds and virtual items if they are aged 18+.

Coins and gifts are a virtual currency which cannot be redeemed, transferred or exchanged for currency. Coins can be used to purchase virtual items and gifts. Gifts can be used to purchase virtual items and gifts. Gifts can be used to purchase virtual items and gifts.

Diamonds give users the opportunity to earn real money for their creations and can be withdrawn in exchange for currency via a verified digital account once an account balance contains more than \$50.

Users having problems with any virtual currency should contact TikTok at transaction@tiktok.com

Limit the content you see

If you don't like a video, you can simply long press on that video and tap **Not interested** to see less of that sort of video in the future.

Decide who can follow you

Even if you have a private account, you can manage who follows your account by removing followers or blocking users at any time, for any reason.

Set your messaging preferences

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What is TikTok?

After downloading the TikTok app, you can start making your own videos or watch content created by other users.

You can also participate in hashtag challenges by following the 'Discover' button. Creating and editing videos, along with different effects, filters and stickers to choose from.

How to stay safe on TikTok

Checklist to make your account private allows you to agree or deny followers and restrict your uploaded content to followers only.

How to make your account private:

- Tap on the profile tab
- Go to the three-dot menu in the top-right corner
- Tap on **Privacy and safety**
- Turn on **Private account**

What about parental controls?

Parents can use Digital Wellbeing to help manage their child's experience on TikTok. Screen Time Management allows you to set screen time limits for your child's phone or tablet. Restricted Mode will limit content that may not be appropriate for all audiences.

Go to the user's profile and tap the settings icon in the top right-hand corner

Tap **Digital Wellbeing** and then **Screen Time Management** to manage time spent on app or Restricted Mode (for age appropriate content) following the steps that follow

Notes: Both of these features are password protected.

How do I report a problem?

If you've found someone harassing you or someone being inappropriate, you can report them or a specific video to TikTok's moderation team.

To report a profile user:

- Access the user's profile
- Tap on the three-dot menu in the top-right corner
- An option saying **report** will come up
- Follow the on-screen instructions

To report a specific video:

- Tap the share icon
- Tap **report** and follow the on-screen instructions

Blocking users on TikTok

You can also block a user so they won't be able to view your videos or interact with you through direct messages, comments, follows, or likes.

- Go to the profile of the account you want to report
- Tap the settings icon
- Tap **block** and follow the steps in the app

Control your comment section

You have the power to decide whether you want to allow comments on videos from anyone, followers only or restrict them altogether.

It has come to our attention that children are playing games linked to and talking about watching the Netflix program Squid Games via Youtube. This program is rated 15 due to its violent nature. Youtube Kids is designed for children of primary school age and will ensure that content viewed is appropriate. There is an app available for mobile devices or you can follow the link shown for more information.





It's been a fun-filled few weeks in music for year 4. Two classes, 4 Stuart and 4 Regency, have begun their brass-playing journey with gusto and are making strides in understanding written notation, in playing the trumpet or the cornet, and some added bonus-side-lines such as self-discipline, ensemble skills and huge amounts of focus and concentration. We've also had a bit of a sing too.

Mr Cottrell and the Warwickshire Music Hub have delivered the lessons and supplied all the instruments, ably assisted by Mrs Allen who gets to un-stick mouthpieces and oil valves!

These two groups continue with their lessons until early February when the other two classes will have the same opportunity up to the end of the year.



[Musical Heritage
Questionnaire
\(click here\)](#)



PE NEWS!

Part One

What a great start for PE this academic year! It has been lovely seeing lots of pupils joining in with their PE lessons, across the school there has been a real focus on improving our fitness levels after the summer holidays.

This half term, we were very proud to host our own Race for Life. We had a non-uniform day and each year group went out to do their own event, raising vital funds for this worthy cause. I am incredibly proud to announce that as a school, we raised: £791.56 - thank you to all who donated!

Next half term, I am very excited to see the launch of weekly 30-minute fitness sessions to keep driving and improving the fitness of all within the school. This is alongside the current PE lessons the students will have, therefore, the children will need to be wearing their PE kit on the days of their PE and fitness lesson. Please ask your child's teacher if you are unsure of the days.

Please may I also take this opportunity to remind you that students must be appropriately dressed for their PE lesson, there is more information about this on the website, please follow this link - [Click Here](#).

It was also fantastic to relaunch our house point system again this year, all pupils spent time in their classes learning about their new house name, some fantastic work was produced! Children are still able to earn house points through our current system, Class Dojo. All house points link to our key habits: Supportive, Tolerant, Aspirational, Successful and Respectful. It has been lovely to hear the children demonstrating these key habits throughout school and earning house points.



*Miss Hobnob's
PE Page*



PE NEWS!

Part Two

Each class has a house captain, and I am very proud to announce that the house captains for each house are:

Bussell House: Amelia-Elena F-J, Daisy H, Lena R and Sofia W.

Ennis-Hill House: Sahil R, Billy B, Eliza C and Ethan H

Rashford House: Remmy S, Paddy N, Holly P-P and Abigail B

Redgrave House: Mma N, Harini K, Lucas W and Gracie F.

The houses that have earned the most house points this half term are:

Year 3 - Redgrave

Year 4 - Bussell

Year 5 - Rashford

Year 6 - Redgrave

Well done to these houses and I look forward to seeing which houses earn the most points next half term!

I am always looking to celebrate the sporting successes that many of our pupils have outside of school, so if your child has a fantastic sporting achievement, please let their class teacher know and maybe they could feature in my PE update next half term!

This half term, we are celebrating the following children:

- Joel A - Trophy for 'Player of the Match' for Rugby Borough football team (his football team is called Rugby Wolves Under 10s).
 - Paddy N - Most Improved Player for Hillmorton Football Club Under 10.
 - Medal for Player of the Match (Old Laureations RFC)
 - Isla B - Player of the Match for Rugby Borough football team (Coventry Academy)
 - Louie B - Plays for Hillmorton Clarets U8s and they have been on a 10 match winning streak.
 - Maxim U - 2 bronze and 1 silver medal for karate.
 - Enzo C - man of the match in football and a medal for a tournament win plus 3 certificates for martial arts.
 - Benjy C - A silver medal in his martial arts competition.
- Well done to you all!

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Hobday



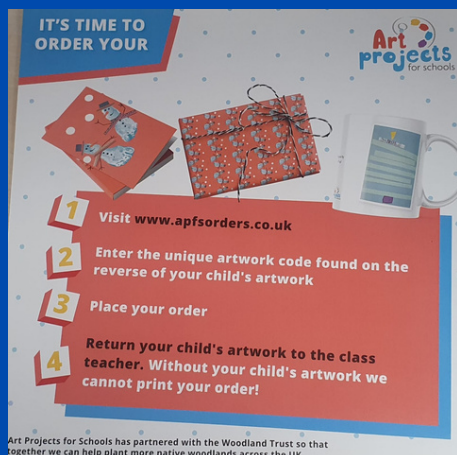
#misshobnobsarmy

HERE'S THE NEWS



Food News

Two pieces of food based news
Firstly the image to the right is a link to a letter from Warwickshire County Council about FSM provision during the half term. To the are 2 special menu choices that our wonderful kitchen is offering on November 5th & 10th.



Christmas Cards

If your child has brought home a Christmas card design this must be ordered by November 1st. Please remember to return your child's artwork to school as soon as they return. Click on the photo to the left for more information

Turquoise day raised £457 for the Azaylia Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Care in memory of Alfie Mercer.
A massive thank you to everyone who supported this!

Year 6 Leavers hoodies are available on the Loopwear website but the closing date is the 24th October!
[Click Here to order](#)



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



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

Boughton Leigh Radio is now back on air
You can listen live on a Thursday afternoon
or catch up on previous shows all through the Mixcloud app. Just follow the link!



Thank you!



Half Term Break Activities

If you are looking for something to do during the half term break why not click on one of the links below? We work alongside a number of external agencies to give children opportunities throughout the holiday periods.

AGES 5-11

October Half-Term Childcare

Bookings Open!

- ✓ Active Course
- ✓ Football Course
- ✓ Fun & Active Childcare!
- ✓ Based at Lawrence Sheriff School
- ✓ Flexible booking

25th - 29th OCTOBER 8.30am - 4pm

5 DAYS for only **£80**

Ofsted Registered
Full wraparound available
Paediatric first aid trained
Enhanced DBS checked

www.onsidecoaching.co.uk - East Warwickshire

Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre
Multi Sport Holiday Clubs

Summer Holidays | Autumn Half Term | Christmas Holidays | Spring Half Term | Easter Holidays | Summer/Half Term

Holiday Club 9am - 4pm
every weekday (excluding bank holidays)
Early drop off from 8am
Late pickup until 6pm
Discount available for early & late together
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