

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

Please park with neighbours! Thank you

Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, a huge well done to our year 6 pupils on the completion of their SATS exams. All of the children tried their best and showed a great attitude- we are very proud of you all!

Year 3 enjoyed a fabulous day at Cadbury World and represented the school well. The year 4 Boughton Band also had a lovely time at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham, demonstrating their fantastic musical talent. A big thank you to Mrs Allen for all of her hard work organising this opportunity for the children.

Mr Gordon has returned from his paternity leave; congratulations to the family on the safe arrival of baby Gordon: Grace. Mrs Campbell has now started her maternity leave and the children and staff have enjoyed welcoming Mrs Arrowsmith to the Launchpad team.

Please do have a lovely half term break, and enjoy any Jubilee celebrations you may have planned! We look forward to seeing you at the BLJS Jubilee Fayre on Thursday 16th June.

Kind regards, Mrs Duynstee. Headteacher







Answering your child's questions!

This half term, children have been completing their second health unit comprising of the following topics: Year 3, Physical and Mental health; Year 4, Growing and changing; Year 5, drugs and substances and the associated risks; Year 6, puberty and reproduction. We want to encourage openness and for children to feel able to talk about their emotions and changing bodies, as this has been proven to safeguard them and lower their risk of experiencing any form of abuse. However, we appreciate that this can be daunting for some parents so here are some pointers and top tips for responding to your child's questions.

If a child ask a question, they deserve an answer.

If a question is ignored then it can build an unnecessary barrier, making the child think they have done something wrong. They are therefore unlikely to ask it again and are instead left to seek out the answer from less reliable or child friendly sources.

Embedded throughout our curriculum is the promotion of the protected characteristics.



As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, the children explored the topic of loneliness and how that can affect our mental health.

question, the thought is already in the child's head. Therefore, it is much better that we, as safe adults, take responsibility and answer the question in a safe and ageappropriate manner.

Praise your child for asking the question - we want to encourage them to seek answers from safe adults.

We are supporting Tourettes Syndrome Awareness Month which runs from 15th May to 15th June. To help raise the awareness of tourettes we would like to share this video with you:

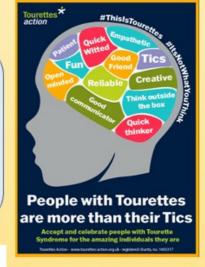
https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=fGtW64w8Acg

However uncomfortable the

If you don't know the answer or are not sure how to answer it, then be honest and say so.

You could say: "That is a fantastic question and I want to give you an equally fantastic answer so let me have a think about it and once I know the best way to explain it, I will come back to you."

This gives you time to seek advice and think about how best to answer it. However. you must find out the answer (or decide how to answer it) and come back to your child with an answer.



The children thought about what they can do if they are ever feeling lonely and how to support each other in times of loneliness.



Every week, each class has a Picture News discussion session. These are some of the questions (linked to recent news stories) that we have been discussing.







School Parliament

Elliana (Head Girl)



Inspiring the Minds of the Next Generation.



HOUSE OF LORDS:

This half term has been a busy one for us with the year 6 SATS exams. We would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the children in year 6 for their hard work and to thank all of the staff for supporting us to do our very best!

Our focus this half term has been to help with the 'big clean up' around school as part of our Eco-schools application. We have been out litter picking around the school grounds, and have also been reminding classes to ensure that their coat pegs and classrooms are tidy. We have been really impressed with how much pride the children are taking in their learning environment!

We have also been supporting with the introduction of our new behaviour scheme, 'Going for Gold,' and asking the pupils for their feedback. We are pleased to report that this is going well and that the children have described it as, 'motivational and supportive.'

Next half term we are looking forward to producing our own school magazineplease do let us know if you have any ideas for features that you would like us to include!

We hope you all have a fantastic half term and enjoy the Jubilee celebrations!

Alex (Deputy Head Boy)





Isla (Deputy Head Girl)



House of Commons Update

Year 3

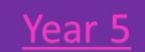
This half term we have been busy promoting healthy snacks for break time. We have made posters to advertise healthy, nut-free, snacks that children could bring to school, and we made a video to be shared with classes. You can view this video by scanning this QR code!





This half term we have continued working towards our Silver Award. We decided this term we would create a mini pond in our wild area, where we built the habitats. We have made a start, so look out in the next newsletter for the finished result!!

Yeah 5 have been busy creating road safety posters. We have discussed ways in which we can pass on the message of staying safe when travelling to and from school, as well as making parents aware of the dangers when dropping their children off close to school. After Easter, we hope to have the posters ready to print and distribute to the children across the school.



Year 6

We have been busy creating our scripts for the Forest School characters that we have created in order to achieve the gold Woodlands award. Through research, House of Commons discussions and our knowledge of the world, we have considered ways in which as can look after our school environment to ensure it is preserved for future generations.

This half term we have been promoting the Fundamental British Values through discussions in assemblies and picture news, which the children thoroughly engage in.
We have also been linking our British Value of Individual Liberty to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.







Individual Liberty

Everyone has their own responsibilities and duties. Part of these are how we choose to behave and act. We are all responsible for our own actions.





Fabulous Jubilee work by Laura in 3Frank







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Lots of children
entered the
competition and the
winner was
announced as
Pranusha from Year 5.
Pranusha's delicious
menu was served on
Wednesday 25th May!

All children had the opportunity to design a Jubilee menu that would be cooked by Miss Bunyard and the kitchen team.



Year 3 had a Jubilee Day, complete with a tea party in the afternoon!

Scan me to watch us enjoying our celebrations, including learning sign language for our National anthem and learning a 1950's popular dance.



Raising Achievement Plans:

RAP 1: Further develop our teaching pedagogy and curriculum

Year 6 have successfully completed their SATs and we hope that we will come
in line with NARE. Tutoring across upper school continues and the next focus
will be year 5, as they prepare for the move to their final year. Writing
stamina has improved and observations with a writing focus are taking place
this term.

RAP 2: Well-being and development

The school Parliament have gathered the views of the pupils to complete the Children's SEF. They have expressed how pleased they are that trips and events are now up and running again. The pupils have managed the transition back to full year group playtimes with ease; we will note the children's desire to mix up a little in class, which has been difficult due to addressing catch up for learning.

RAP 3: Enhance Leadership Accountability at all levels
Staff engaging in National College Qualifications are near to completing their next milestone. Already we can see the benefit of these qualifications on the whole school, with staff eager to apply new ideas and initiatives from their extensive reading and projects.

Additional priority: Handwriting

Pupil's continue to be trying really hard with their handwriting and presentation. Lots of pupils, despite having difficulties, are really trying to take pride and do their best. The focus on SEND and lower ability pupils continues this term.



Year 6

Art and DT

Thanks to Jewson's, who kindly donated wood, we are in the process of completing our cross curricular project creating bird boxes which will go up in the forest school area and will hopefully attract lots of birds to our school community.

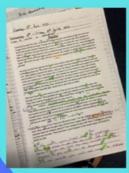






English and DT

This half term we have been studying a video text 'Replay'. We are really proud of what we have done and have worked hard to include all the year 6 standards. Here are some snippets of our writing.













Our Quad Area

We have been working hard in small teams to improve our quad area; revamping the seating area and planting seeds. We look forward to using this area and doing some outdoor learning in there.

Year 6 team message

We are incredibly proud of all our year 6 pupils who worked hard in the lead up to SATs but also during SATs week as well - they took everything in their stride. We are now looking towards the next chapter and preparing for transition to secondary school. Please keep an eye out for any information that your child's new school may be sending out in the coming weeks.

Year 5!

As Mathematicians, Year 5 have settled into their new maths groups!! In these groups they have been exploring how to convert units of measurement. Miss Asher's class had a great time estimating the mass of different fruits!





As Geographers, the children have been researching all about Germany. They are now experts on its land uses and mountainous regions. They have identified the regions in Germany and how these factors differ to that of the United Kingdom.

As Scientists, we have been exploring different materials and their properties. Year 5 have been experimenting lots this term, finding out which materials are soluble or insoluble and which changes are reversible.







We also had a visit from the fire department about fire safety at home!



As Engineers and Artists, we have been exploring the idea of wells and how they are designed and made. The children have used their designs to create a well with a working pulley.





This half term, we have thoroughly enjoyed going swimming.

We have completed a 2 week intensive course where we have developed our underwater skills, become much more confident in our ability and most importantly, had fun!

We also got to ride in a double decker bus, which we thought was awesome!



As historians, we have been examining artefacts and replicas from the Roman era. We discussed what we thought each item was, whether there was an equivalent today and how it might have been used.



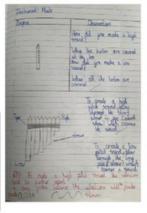
As scientists, we have been exploring sound. We have learnt all about sound waves (amplitude) and how vibrations impact what we hear. We have had fun making pan pipes and string telephones to test whether distance affects sound.

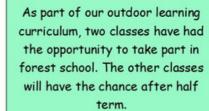




As historians, we have learnt about Julius Caesar and Emperor Claudius and their attempts to invade Britain. We have evaluated why they made so much effort to conqueror Britain and how the Romans have influenced our present day life.







Tadpole Tony has taught us many interesting things about our environment and enabled us to grow and work as a team.

















As Athletes...

All year 3 classes have had a yoga taster session this half term! All of the children thoroughly enjoyed this extra activity organised for them by our Mental health and wellbeing lead; Mrs Lindstrom.

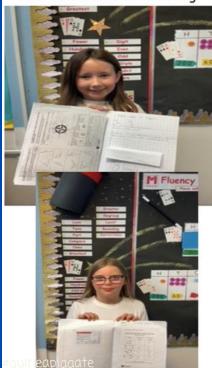


As Historians...

Year 3 have started their 'Hola Mexico!' topic and are really enjoying learning all about the Mayans and their love of chocolate... a definite highlight o the half term has been our visit Cadbury World! Pictures have be shared on Class Dojo!

As Mathematicians...

The children have been learning all about fractions and angles this half term and have really impressed their teachers with their hard work and reasoning





As Scientists...



Although this half term has been short, it has been jam-packed full of fun activities to enhance our learning! Well done Year 3!

The children have been learning all about 'light' this half term. The children have really enjoyed completing experiments. Here the girls are using a UV detecting bead to see the sun's UV index. They have put the bead on the scale. They then have put the sunglasses over the bead and observed the change. The sunglasses have blocked the UV rays and the UV index scale is lower.



As Artists and designers...

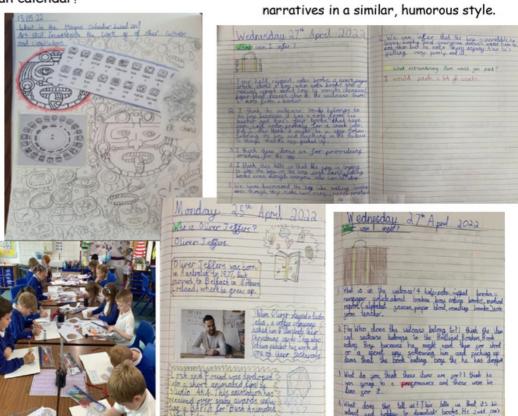
This half term, we have been completing cross-curricular Art/ History lessons.

Look at our art work replicating the Mayan calendar!



As Readers and Writers...

This half term, we have been reading the book; 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy!' The children loved reading this book and have written their own narratives in a similar, humorous style.



School
Closes for
Half Term
27th May



School Re-opens

6th June



Summer/
Jubilee
Fair
16th June

Onsite
Athletics
Year 4
17th June

Induction
Day
6th July

Last day of term for the children: 20th July School reopens Tues 6th Sept 2022



Training days for the 2022-23 academic year: Monday 5th September, Friday 21st October, Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 24th/Tuesday 25th July

Message from Mr Cripps:



Hello, I'm the school Behaviour Mentor. I've been really impressed with the behaviour in classes around school over the past few weeks. Over 100 children in school have received a gold card for outstanding behaviour this half term, which is a fantastic achievement! These are the children who have really stood out as role models for their class:



3 F: Gracie 3 LK: Alyssya 3A: Sofia 3V: Owen

4R: Yuktha 4W: Phoebe 4G: Emily 4S: Ruby













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5C: Pranusha 5M: Kabishna 5S: Ruby S 5W: Ruby C

6E: Dexter 6B: Seth 6N: Konrad 6E: Amy





BLJG Stars



Stars of the Week
3 Armstrong
Louie, Ralph, Riley, Bartek, Madina
3 Frank

Harriet, Kittie-Rhi, Remy, Chidera 3 Luther King

amelia, Junior, Stephanie, Poppy, James 3 Victoria

Kaidon, Abigail, Lily, Rehan, Oscar 4 Georgian

Natalia, Milita, emili, Nojous 4 Regency

Anika, Ehsaan, Lucas, Jude 4 Stuart

Faharn, Izzy, Kyle, Miah, Adela 4 Windsor

Arthur, Karthik, Emily, Izabelle, Freddie 5 Constable

Sofia, Matilda, Alex, L'Naiyah, Tyrone
5 Mozart

Shylei-Mai, Ruby, Lilly, Jacob, Oliver 5 Spielberg

Millie, Anastasi, Adaeze, Jaime 5 Wren

Haitham, Daisy, Wilson, Layla, Arsenijs 6 Brunel

Lillie, Whole Class, Joseph, Freya 6 Edison

Luiza, Simao, Whole Class, Antoni, Beau 6 Einstein

> Ethan, Whole Class, Maicie, Alfie 6 Newton Aditya, Whole Class, Alisha

Role Models

3 Armstrong Sofia

> 3 Frank Gracie

3 Luther-King
Alyssa

3 Victoria
Owen

4 Georgian Emili

4 Regency Yuktha

4 Stuart Ruby

4 Windsor Phoebe

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Attendance

A feu important reminders:

If your child is absent, please ensure that you telephone the school office as early as possible on the first day of absence and provide a reason.

If your child has sickness & diarrhoea, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout.

Lateness: It is vital that your child attends school on time- if a child is 15 minutes late every day, they will lose 9 days of learning by the end of the academic year! Please make every effort to ensure that your child is on time each day.

If you require support with any issues regarding lateness or attendance, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to discuss how we can support you in school.



Attendance

Highest attendance figures per year group: Year 3 - Zuther-King Year 4 - Georgian Year 5 - Constable Year 6 - Brunel



parenting support



If the current increasing financial pressures on families are making it difficult to manage, please also see the leaflet



Mrs Micklewright







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Summer 1 G&T Info

Maya 6 Newton

As part of our work in Year 6 to learn about the Platinum Jubilee, Maya has produced a fantastic portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. She used a photo of Queen Elizabeth from 1952, where she is dressed in a sleeveless and embellished blue dress, diamond earrings, necklace, and a bracelet—topped off with a sparkly diamond tiara to recreate her own work. She has carefully considered the mediums she has used.



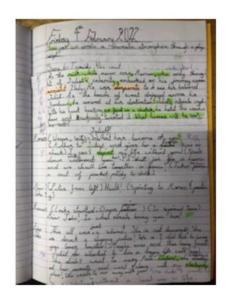


Sofia Ahmed 5 Constable - Writing

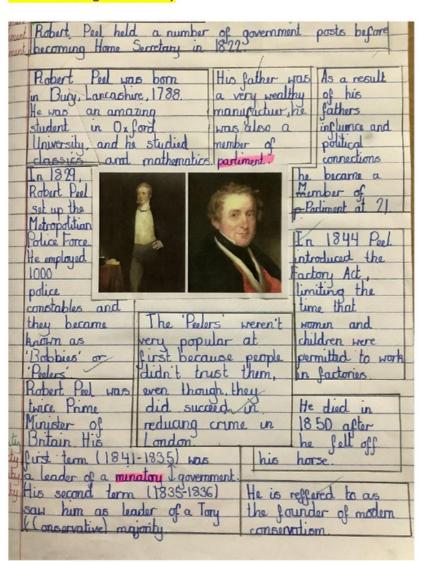
Sofia wrote an alternative ending of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' in the form of a playscript. She manages to capture the reader's attention with effective and emotive

vocabulary in her dialogue and stage directions for the actors and director. She has included the classic features in the layout of her script: title, scene and characters, as well as creating dialogue and a plot that illustrates conflict, resolution and convincing drama for the audience.





Lena - 4 Georgian - History

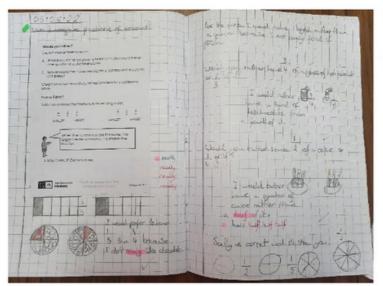


Lena has researched and written about a famous person in history. Read on to see why...





Alicia Crosby - 3 Armstrong



We played a game of 'would you rather?' today and chose our own pictorial representations to test out our theories!





PTA News



This half term I have started planning the main event coming up soon which is our summer fair. This is being held in celebration for the Queens Platinum Jubilee

It is being held on Thursday 16th June 3.30pm - 5.00pm on the school field.

We have got some great things lined up for you to enjoy.

Lots of great stalls being run by the classes and outside Business's,

Outside stalls, Tombola, BBQ and we will have our very own Performance area for you to sit and enjoy. Not forgetting the fancy dress competition and Afternoon Tea.

Its going to be a great event.

Also in June is Fathers day. We will be holding a Fathers day sale on Thursday 9th June. Presents will be available for all the children to choose from, priced at £3 each.

On Tuesday 7th June I will be holding a parents help morning. This will be to ticket up the Tombola items for the fair. If you are free between 10-11am and would like to help, we would love to see you. We will be looking for helpers for the fair. If you are free on the 7th we can give you more details then

Have a great half term.

Miss Warriner

Summer fair Fancy **Dress Competition**





Afternoon Tea at the summer fair

An afternoon tea box will be available for you to preorder, ready to eat and enjoy at the summer fair. Price is £3 Per person. A letter will be sent home with further deatails and order form



Raffle Prizes

If anyone has any raffle prizes they could donate for our summer fair raffle, they would be much appreciated. Drop into the school office.

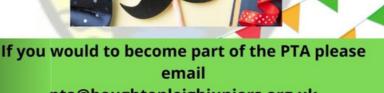
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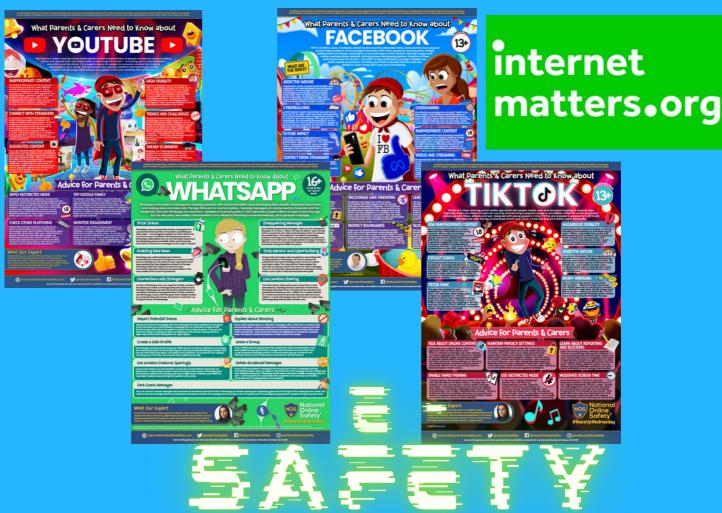
and will be available to buy on Thursday 9th June

All gifts will be gift wrapped ready for you to take home





pta@boughtonleighjuniors.org.uk Miss Warriner will give you a call and have a chat. We will notify you of the next meeting.



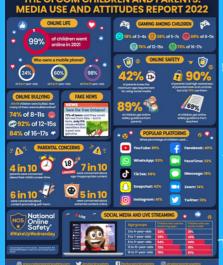
Social media. How did we live without it? Well, to be honest we were probably a lot more sociable! How often do you see people gathered in social locations all staring at their phone screens?

In school the perils of social media have once again reared their head.

We teach regularly about the need to keep yourself safe online and now once you have posted something on to the world wide web you not longer have control of it and it is there forever. And yet...

Children are aware that social media have age limits for a reason and that limit is generally at least 13 years old. However I understand their interest in the platforms and their desire to be part of this digital world so it is essential that they have an adult alongside them on this journey. I'd like to point you toward a fantastic article on the CEOP Think U Know website which offers guidance as to whether your child and you – are ready for social medial <u>Click here</u> to have a read and please also click on the images on this page for guides to some of most used social media platforms. Hopefully these will keep you informed and allow you to have conversations with your child about their social media use from an informed position.

All the best Mr Gaskell









PENEWS.

It has been another fantastic half term for PE. This students in Year 4 have all been accessing their swimming essons, always representing the school in a positive way, well done. 30 of our students in Year 4 also attending a Quadkids athletics festival at Riverside Academy, the event was incredibly well organised and our the behaviour our students displayed was outstanding!

We have also taken a Year 5/6 Rounders team to a festival, this is an event that we have thoroughly enjoyed over the years and are so glad that it has been able to return this year!

We have a couple more sporting events planning for the next half term too, I am very excited that all of these events are now taking place again, they are such great opportunities for the students at our school.

Again, we have had some more football matches played this half term, we have had matches against Paddox and Dunchurch, both of which we won 3-2. Our players of the matches were Noah G and Tyrone B - well done both!

VVe have arranged our final matches for just after the half term, good luck to our team for the rest of their season. Just a reminder that if you would like to come and support our team, you're more than welcome but children must be supervised.

It has been wonderful to celebrate the sporting successes within our school again this half term, some of our achievements are:

Daisy and Malachy who did 100 minutes of sparring to raise money for charity, well done

Millie for achieving a purple belt in kickboxing.

Jacob for completing hi taekwondo grading.

Dorothy and Isla for learning their forward and backward rolls in gymnastics

Juee's badminton team came third in their tournament.

Jack's football team, Hillmorton Clarets, won their football tournament.

This half term, the classes that have earned the most house points are:

Year 3 - Ennis-Hill

Year 4 - Bussel

Year 5 - Ennis-Hill

Year 6 - Rashford



We have a very exciting sports themed final half term, I'm sure the children will all enjoy what has been planned for them.

As always, many thanks for your continued support Miss Hobday

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Boughton Band - next stop THE WORLD (BLJS Summer Fayre)

Following our performance at the Youth Championships, Boughton Band had the very privileged opportunity to be the first performers (the opening act) at this year's European Brass Band Festival. The four-day event was held in Birmingham this year, at two venues - Symphony Hall and an outdoor stage in Centenary Square.

We got on our coach in the late morning and arrived in Birmingham having eaten our lunches on the move. It was important that we made sure that we kept moving so that we didn't get cold and blew warm air through our instruments to keep them warm before we started. It was a chilly day and we kept our coats on till the last minute before climbing the steps to the outdoor stage (that Thursday was definitely a bit nippy). We performed our pieces with such confidence and with clothes pegs securing our music to our stands.

When we'd finished, we got a huge round of applause and stood up to take a bow. We were then treated to a

workshop with a lady called
Mrs. Minshall who is a
brass enthusiast who taught
us to play two songs without
music. It was great fun.
Thanks to Miss Ormston,
Mr. Gaskell and Mrs.
Hadley, for supporting us
on our 'European' debut!

But it's not all about the brass. Over the last few months, children across the school have been invited to 'try out' on the flute and the clarinet from the woodwind family. I visited classes earlier this calendar year and asked children if they were interested in playing these instruments and if they were interested in learning in a group. The response was overwhelming and I had to choose a total of ten children (one for each of our instruments) very carefully. Those ten children had their first session this week and some interesting noises were heard coming from the

Super well done to the following children for fulfilling the items on my tick list and starting their musical journey.

From year 6; Panna and Bradley
From year 5: Mia, Paige and Olivia
From year 4: Renato, Marianna and
Norah

From year 3: Charlie and Allisya









#EBBF April 26th 2022







Boughton Leigh Junior School needs your

The music department is BUZZING at BLJS. So many children want to take part in our activities that we have run out of instruments to give to the children.

Maybe...

...You have an old cornet collecting dust?
...There's a trombone lurking in your loft?
...Your cupboards creak with the
cases of clarinets?
...You have a flute looking for a friend?

If you, your parents, grandparents, friends,
neighbours, work colleagues, cousins,
aunts, uncles or anyone else you know, have
instruments that are lonely and neglected in their cases,
we have children that want to play them!
You can donate them to
Boughton Leigh Junior School,
knowing that they will make music and be loved
once again.
Please spread the word.

Please contact us at school on 01788 577914 or admin2590@welearn365.com or bring your old instruments to the school office.















I would love to develop The Webb to make it into a space for children to read junior newspapers at breaktimes. (The Webb is the hut on the back/side playground).

To do this, I would like to create boxes of newspapers for each year group to take outside when it is their playtime. This is where we need your help!

If your child has a subscription to any junior newspapers or magazines (e..g first news, The week Junior, kids national geographic etc) and they no longer need past copies at home, we would greatly appreciate them being donated to school for the attention of Mrs Cox.



Many thanks in advance.









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If you are a parent/carer of a child in Year 5 who is a looked after child or has ever been in receipt of Free School Meals or the Service Premium, Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby High School and Ashlawn School welcome you to an 11+ familiarisation event. Come and have a cup of tea, a slice of cake and find out how we can support you and your child.

Saturday 18th June at Lawrence Sheriff School Arriving for an 11am start and finishing by 12.30pm

We would like to raise awareness of the upcoming 11+ test registration, which opens on May 9th 2022 and closes 30th June 2022.

Here at Lawrence Sheriff, Rugby High School and Ashlawn School we are proud to offer an inclusive educa-tion that is accessible to all students, regardless of economic circumstances.

Sheriff School where we will answer any questions you may have about the process. In particular, we will outline the support available for Pupil Premium students. This includes the reduced entry requirements at Lawrence Sheriff School and Rugby High School as well as additional support materials

Ashlawn School: Ashlawn School and look for the Admissions tab Lawrence Sheriff School: www.lawrencesheriffschool.net and look for the Admissions and then 11* tab, where you will find videos and familiarisation materials as well as the Frequently Asked Questions. This includes a video which will take you through the application process.

Rugby High School: Rugby High School - Home and look for the Admissions tab where you will find our 11+ brochure.

We look forward to meeting you.

Siobhan Evans

Mark Grady

Teresa Mpofu

If you will be attending, it would help with our planning arrangements if you are able to email Iss@lawrencesheriffschool.com to confirm this, but please do feel free to attend on the day regardless of whether you have been able to do this or not.

Christ Church

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Community Picnic

'Royal Crown Competition and Procession'

Saturday 4th June

Meet at Community Centre 1.00pm

1.15pm Process around shops

1.30pm Christ Church for judging

2.00pm Community Picnic

2.30-3.30 Fun and Games

7.00-9.00pm Pizza Party Year 7 and over.

Looking forward to great day.

Keep the date free!



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