



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,

Congratulations to all of our BLJS pupils for completing their academic year 2022-23. Special praise to our year 6 pupils, and good luck to them of course, as they start on their next journey in life.

I welcome Beth Hales, Tracey Seymour, Mel Haynes and Sophie Magdij, who are joining the team from September 2023.

As we approach the long summer holiday, please do keep in mind that there are plenty of learning opportunities on our school website.

Finally, I'd like to thank the pupils, staff, governors and parents of BLJS for giving me the opportunity to be the Headteacher of your school. The last 13 years as Deputy Head, and subsequently Headteacher, have been a pleasure. I am so lucky and grateful to have experienced the highs, the lows, the challenges and the celebrations, and I truly wish Boughton Leigh Junior School and its current and future community, continued success in future years.

Kind Regards
Mrs Duynstee
(Headteacher)



Mrs Hunter



Hello everyone,

I am Mrs Hunter and from September 2023 I will be the acting headteacher at BLJS.

I have been a teacher for 17 years and a deputy headteacher for the last 10 years at BLJS and another local primary school. In my spare time I enjoy baking, reading and spending time with Mr Hunter, my two children and new puppy called Bingo. I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to working with as many children and parents as possible.



School Prospectus

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This half term, we have been discussing the jobs and careers we would like when we are older and learning how to manage money. We have also been spending a lot of time talking about our feelings and emotions and how we can prepare for change as the children get ready to move into new classes.

This half term, Year 4 took part in a 'Money Sense' workshop with Natwest. They had lots of fun designing and budgeting for a party!

Year 3 were very lucky to have a visit from the police as part of our learning in PSHE. The children loved the opportunity to dress up in the uniform and sit in the police car. There was great excitement when they were allowed to put the siren on!



Parent PSHE meeting

This half term we had our first parents PSHE meeting. Many thanks to the parents who came along. It was great to discuss the PSHE curriculum and to gain different views and opinions. As a result of the meeting, an overview for the year will be provided to parents at the beginning of September so look out for this in the first few weeks back! It would be great to have more parents join us for our next meeting which will be in the first half of the Autumn term. If you are interested, please email me at: cox.c2@welearn365.com.

PSHE now has an updated section on the school website where you can find all the objectives covered for each year group and examples of work. Just follow this link: <https://www.boughtonleigh-juniorschool.co.uk/learning-zone/phse> If you would like to see any of the resources we use, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Cox (PSHE lead).

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

Inspiring the Minds of the
Next Generation.

House of Lords

The House of Lords have been busy making a video to recruit a new parent governor. It is still a work in progress, but we are looking forward to completing it as part of the TV crew next term! We have also been creating a file for each classroom's book corner to keep copies of the school newsletter- we designed our own front covers and will continue to keep them up to date with the latest copies next year! We have had such a great year in the House of Lords! Highlights have included: running our own campaigns for election, meeting local MPs and Councillors and visiting the emergency services. We would like to wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and good luck for the next school year.



Deputy Head Girl & Boy
Hannah & Harry

Head Girl & Boy
Layla & Isaac

Secretaries to the House of Lords
Sofia, Paddy, Emili & Malachy

House of Commons

Year 3: This year we have most enjoyed going to meetings and helping to lead assemblies.

Year 4: The year 4 House of Commons have been composting. They have enjoyed collecting the fruit and vegetable scrapings from school meals to feed the insects and bugs in the composter.

Year 5: Our favourite activity from this year was making posters to promote becoming a more eco-friendly school.

Year 6: Our highlights of the year have included representing the School Parliament on visits to the church and the emergency services, and conducting tours of the school for visitors.



**YOUR SCHOOL
NEEDS YOU!**

We are looking for Parent Governors

Our fantastic children are looking for someone who is willing to be an active part of our school, talking to children and teachers, attending events and putting across the children's views at half termly meetings!

If you feel this is something you would like to do please contact:

admin2590@welearn365.com for more details!

It was all about the Rule of Law and Democracy this half term!

We have had the pleasure of two very important visitors to BLJS. Mark Pawsey (the Member of Parliament for Rugby) came to discuss his role as our MP. He spoke to all the classes during assembly time. He also visited the Launchpad. We had a very informative Q&A with the House of Commons and Parliament children. He was very impressed with the questions!

The local Brownsover and Newbold Councillor, Nooriya Sayani accepted our invitation to share her role as our local Labour Councillor. The children were very interested in what she does or will do for the local people.

She was fascinated by our House of Commons and Houses of Parliament members. We have been invited to the Mayor's Parlour for tea and treats!



The House of Commons and House of Lords with Nooriya Sayani.



The House of Commons and House of Lords with Mark Pawsey.



We have had the loveliest Summer Term in the Launchpad! We took part in WOW sports day which was brilliant; we really enjoyed the varied activities that were on offer. Who knew the hurdles would be a favourite? We also visited Houlton school for a sports morning with other schools. We had a visit from the local MP and even went on a trip to CEMEX- the view was incredible from the top!

In our PSHE lessons, we have thought about our futures and the kind of jobs we would like to do. We discussed how anything is possible! We have also enjoyed making tasty treats in our cooking therapy sessions. Our Year 6's have had a fabulous final half term, taking part in activities inside and outside of school. The bird-boxes they created were fantastic.

Here are some of the highlights of our year:



Laila-Mae: 'On the 1st November 2022 in our Topic lesson in Launchpad, we were learning about 'the role of a space explorer.' I wrote a letter to the famous Anna Kikina, a cosmonaut. (Russian Astronaut). Just 7 months later, I got a very special letter in the post. She had replied to me! I was so excited and shocked that she had taken the time to read and reply to my letter. I will never forget the day I received her reply, it was a dream come true!



"My name is Meeka and I do Irish dancing. I have been doing it for about 4 years. I recently took part in the England National Championship and I came first out of 20 people. I also performed my dance in front of the school. They were all so happy and supportive, especially Launchpad. As I came first I can now keep this big trophy at home forever. Hopefully there will be many more are to come!"



Cemex



WOW Sports Day!



Sports day at Houlton!



Visit from the MP.



Making fruit Kebabs.



Year 6 bird boxes..

Here are some examples of the work we are proud of this half term:

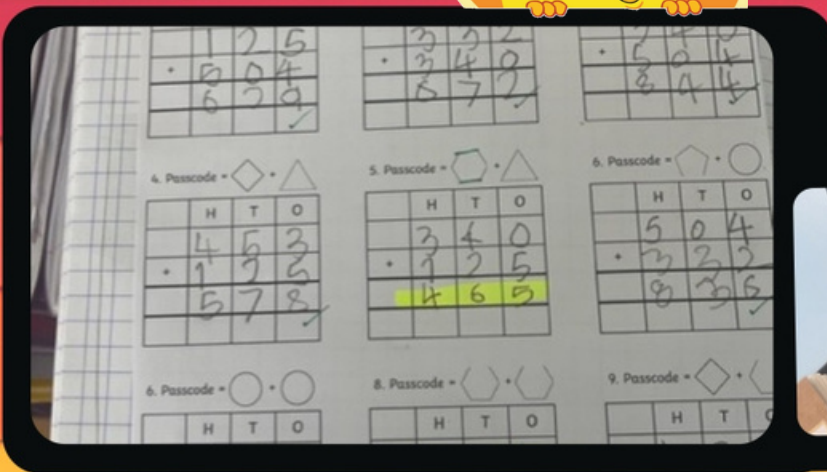
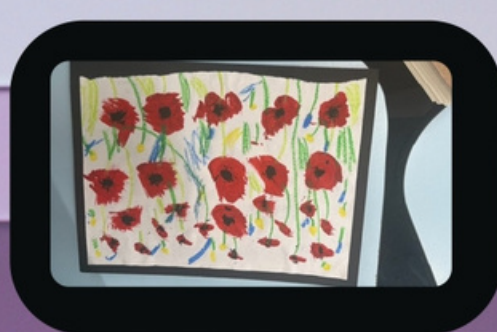
WW2 Poppy art and Peg soldiers.

Clay fossils - following learning from Mary Anning.

Long addition in Maths.

Year 6 bird boxes.

PSHE - Jobs/ goals.



Something we're proud of:

We have really enjoyed spending time going to the classes in school and showing them our Makaton Sing and Sign. We even did one year group at the same time in the hall! We use Makaton Choir and Singing Hands. Please take a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SingitSignit>

<https://www.youtube.com/@SingingHandsUK>



Sam said, 'I have liked it, my favourite song is "This is me" by Makaton Choir.'



Jake said, 'Going to the classes has really boosted my confidence.'

We have had an amazing year in the Launchpad and we couldn't be more proud of all of the children and their hard work. We cannot wait to see them all in the Autumn term! We especially want to say a huge, 'good luck' to our Year 6 children- have a wonderful summer and we wish you all the best in your new schools! Make sure you come back to visit.



Raising Achievement Plans:

RAP 1: Further develop our teaching pedagogy and curriculum

We are really pleased with our curriculum development throughout 2022-23. Writing has been a key strength. Children's knowledge across the curriculum is increasing and pupils engage well in tasks.

RAP 2: Standards in Maths to match the high outcomes in English

Mr Gordon has worked extremely hard to fulfil the role of Acting Maths Lead. He has worked to support year 4 through their times table tests, and has engaged in Ofsted deep dive preparation. Books demonstrate a range of coverage.

RAP 3: Enhance Leadership Accountability at all levels

Our subject leaders have really taken on board the challenges set for them this year. They have taken part in subject deep dives and delivered INSET throughout the year. Governors have challenged senior leaders through rigorous monitoring.

Additional priority: Times tables

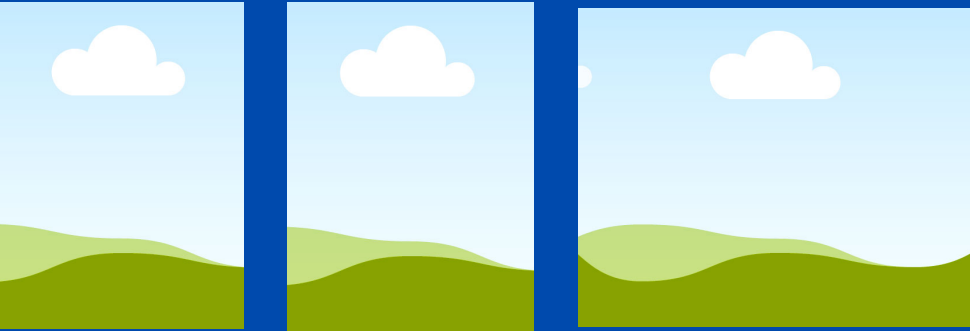
Year 4 achieved well in their times table tests. Outcomes indicate that we are consistent as a school in our year-on-year knowledge.



Class of 2023

We would like to congratulate Year 6 for all they have achieved during their time at Boughton Leigh Junior School. We are really proud of the children and we wish you all the best for the future.

YEAR 6



Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed *WOW Week* making lots of memories with their class mates before moving onto the next adventure.

Awards

Hazel Bell Award (Academic achievement):

Trisha Maharjan and Sofia Ahmed

Ellis - Jones (Inclusion)

Bobby Rozic and Jeremiah Oyibo

Marsay Sports Personality of the Year:

Isla Brown and Dylan Rankin

Outstanding Maths Progress:

Saulo Tessarolo Des Santos and Kabisna Sivakumar

Outstanding Reading Progress:

Fabian Keplin and Aleksandra Lagowska

Outstanding Writing Progress:

Daisy Hands and Charleson Cheung

Outstanding Contribution:

Millie Morgan -Jones and Muna Nkemakonam

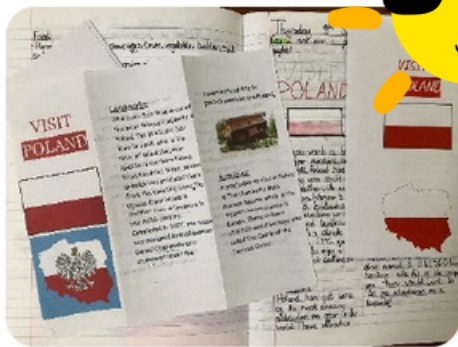
To celebrate our time at BLJS, we have performed two songs that you may recognise, however we have made them our own to fit the memories that we have. [CLICK HERE](#) to have a listen to us singing live!



Scan or click on the QR code:



Year 5



As Writers, we have written leaflets about Poland, which is linked to our geography topic "Hello Poland!"

We have used a range of punctuation and persuasive devices to ensure the writing meets the Year 5 standard.



Masters of Mathematics.



As Geographers, we have explored the physical and human features of England and Poland, making comparisons.

Exploring the past.

Art and Design, Design and Technology-Team Work: Making cushions



As Scientists, we have explored materials and their properties.

Leading and explaining our learning.

As Linguists, we have further developed our pronunciation in French, when describing our holidays and where we live.



As Mathematicians, we have developed our knowledge of shapes and their properties.

We have also solved a variety of problems involving decimal numbers.



All the Year 5 staff are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by the children, and the progress they have made this year. We would like to thank all parents for their continued support.

We wish you all a lovely summer and best of luck to all the children next academic year!

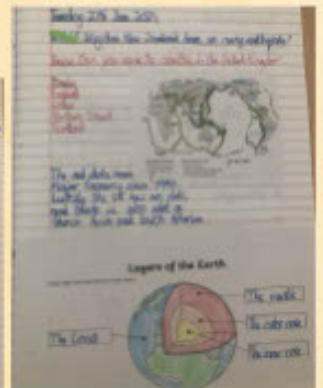
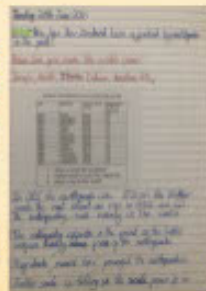
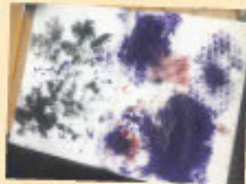
Good Luck!



As artists, the children have been experimenting with different printing techniques and collage. They have used a range of objects, natural and man made, to print different patterns. After experimenting, the children designed their own tile to print with and incorporated this into a final piece with collage.



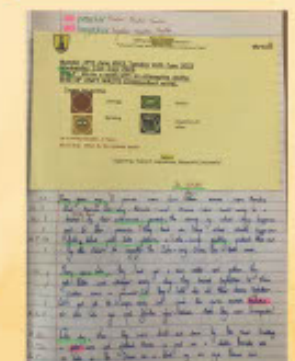
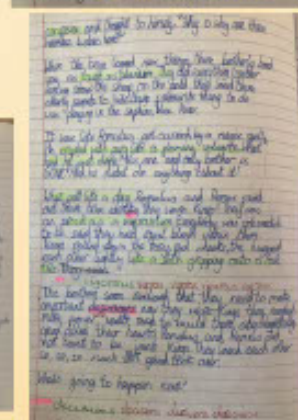
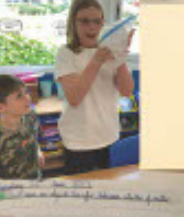
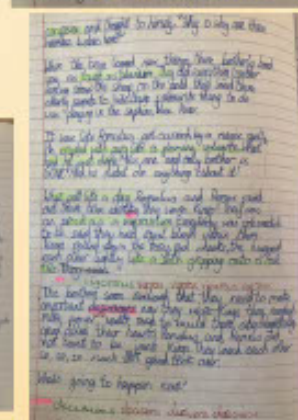
As geographers, Year 4 have been learning all about earthquakes and volcanoes. They have been analysing sources based on people's lived experiences in the Christchurch earthquakes in New Zealand. As well as this, pupils have been empathising with the effects it has had on the environment and people's lives.



As mathematicians, Year 4 have been learning about angles, 2D shapes, in particular quadrilaterals, and coordinates. In addition to this, they have been investigating a range of mathematical problems that they have solved and used their reasoning skills to explain their thinking.



As writers, Year 4 have been learning about Roman myths, specifically the story of Romulus and Remus. The children have then had the opportunity to write their own alternative ending to a myth. In addition to this, the children have read the story 'Pebble in My Pocket' and written a recount about its journey from volcano to pebble.



As scientists, the children have been learning all about the states of matter. They have explained the properties of each state and discussed the process of how each state can change. They have used their scientific enquiry skills to investigate 'how can something be a liquid and a solid?' They have also learnt about the water cycle and the different ways water changes state.



I enjoyed learning about volcanoes. Especially when we learnt about the different layers of the Earth.

-Kaiden, 4 Regency

I have enjoyed Maths lessons because I learned the Roman numerals.

-Pratish, 4 Georgien

I loved our trip to Rugby School. We even got to decorate a Roman coin!

-Remy, 4 Windsor

I enjoyed Sports Day because I liked competing in the running races and the laser quest in forest school.

-Charlie, 4 Stuarts



This term, I have enjoyed...

Year 3

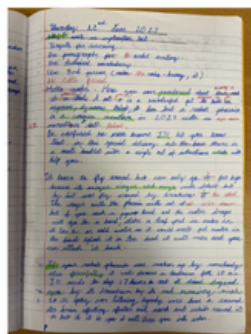
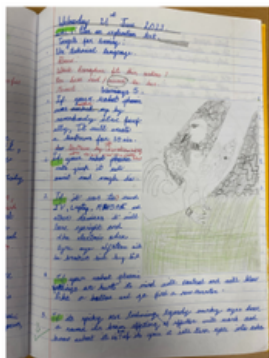
We cannot believe how quickly the year has gone! We are so incredibly proud of the progress you have all made this year. We have loved watching you grow academically, form new friendships, face challenges and learn new skills. There have been so many memorable moments this year. We know that you are ready for the challenges of Year 4 and you will all shine like the stars you are.

For now, please enjoy looking at the outstanding work from this half term.

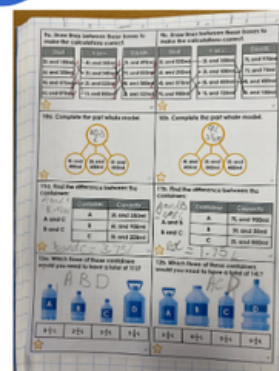
We hope you have a restful summer!

The Year 3 Team.

As writers, we have been looking at 'How a robo-dog works'. The children created their own robo-pets, wrote an explanation text about it and produced a persuasive poster. We have really focused on editing our work too.



As Mathematicians, we have been looking at measures. We have been estimating, comparing and converting mass, volume and capacity.



As Designers, we have been baking in our new school kitchen! We enjoyed baking flapjacks and creating our own packaging for this. To celebrate the end of the project, parents and carers were invited in to help evaluate by tasting our delicious bakes!



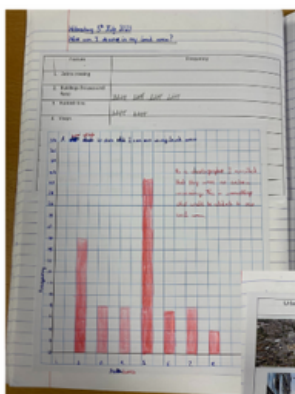
As Scientists, we have been learning about forces! We have all enjoyed using the different sized magnets and conducting experiments, especially the 'scrapyard challenge'!



Year 3 absolutely loved going on their trip to Rugby School!

The Festival on the Close was a truly successful day and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of different workshops; the Science sessions were particularly exciting!

As always, their behaviour was impeccable! Well done!



As Geographers, we have been looking at our local area. We enjoyed going out on a walk and producing graphs and sketch maps from our findings.



As Athletes, we enjoyed our WOW sports day! We took part in a range of different sessions in the morning, such as: archery, yoshi, dodgeball and laser tag!

In the afternoon, we enjoyed our traditional sports events, including sprint finals! Thanks to all of the parents for their support and for taking part in the parent event!



**School Closes
for the
Children
Friday 21st
July**



**School opens
for the
children
Tuesday
5th
Sept**

KEY DATES

**Individual
photographs
Wed
19th
October**

**INSET Day
School Closed
Fri
27th
Oct**

**Autumn Half
term break
30th Oct-
3rd Nov**



GOING FOR GOLD



Hello,
How are we at the end of another school year? It has gone by so quickly.

Children's manners have been impeccable, the atmosphere in school has been amazing, and children have been so engaged with their learning. Well done Boughton Leigh!

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of the year 6 pupils the best of luck for September in their new schools- we will miss you!

Have a fantastic summer everyone.

Best wishes,
Mr. Cripps

This half term's role models are:



Year 3
Oliver M
Krystian C
George T
Khadija

Year 4
Thomas W
Frederyk
Viktor K
Oliver P

Year 5
Jamal
ethan
Kimberly
Harry B

Year 6
Kabishna
Holly P
Ilana
Dylan R

Launchpad
Jake



All of the role models enjoyed a trip to the park as a special reward this half term!



Supportive

BLIS Stars

Respectful

Stars of the Week

3 Armstrong
Millie W, Jack H, Lorenzo, Calvin
3 Frank
Bella S, Aleema, Jack G, Tanvika
3 Luther King
Pip, Vard, Luca, Piper
3 Victoria
Amaya, Nikodem, Ruby-Mae, Khadija
4 Georgian
JJ, Lena P, Lucie, Petra
4 Regency
Hugo W, Mitchell, Matilda, Viktor
4 Stuart
Riley, Alyssya, Josh
4 Windsor
Enzo, Leeland, Amelia, Kittie-Rhi
5 Constable
Lucas K, Charlie F, Norah, Adela, Maggie
5 Mozart
Lena, Ehsaan, Theo, Anika
5 Spielberg
Lucas, Devon, Ruby, Iris, Gabriel
5 Wren
Alvaro, Elena, Oliver, Ellis
6 Brunel
Ryley, Aayyan, Jack, Chaise, Muna
6 Edison
Isla, Izzy, Gabby, Georgina, Jeremiah
6 Einstein
Ruby C, MMA, Kayla, Ryan R
6 Newton
Rosaya, Millie, Karolina, Oscar

Role Models

3 Armstrong
George T
3 Frank
Oliver M
3 Luther-King
Krystian G
3 Victoria
Khadija
4 Georgian
Thomas
4 Regency
Viktor
4 Stuart
Frederyk
4 Windsor
James T
5 Constable
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Ilana
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Dylan
6 Einstein
Kabishna
6 Newton
Holly P

Tolerant

Aspirational

Successful

Wellbeing Warriors



Congratulations to our new wellbeing warrior team:

Current year 3 (going into year 4): Tilly H, Amelia, Alise, Freddie, Amara, Alanah, Shiloh, Orla – Rose, Nandita and Tanvika

Current year 4 (going into year 5): Anastasia, Aoife, Kaitlyn, Gracie, Thomas, Christian, Petra, Abigail, Ohenewaa

Current year 5 (going into year 6): Kate, Malachy, Isabella, Phoebe, Gauransh, Isabelle, Lucrezia, Ruby, Haniya



Attendance

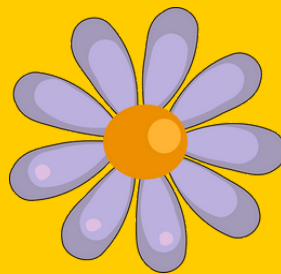
Punctuality update

This year across the school we have lost almost 11 weeks of learning time due to lateness! Those 5 or 10 minutes a day really do add up and can mean an anxious start to the day for your child.

Please support your child to be on time every day for school. If you are finding this challenging for any reason, please do speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to offer advice and/or liaise with other school staff for further support if necessary.

A few important reminders:

If your child is absent, please ensure that you telephone the school office as early as possible on each day of absence. It is an automated system which will ask you to leave an answerphone message, providing a reason for the absence. You can now also report your child's absence through Class Charts if you prefer.



**National
Attendance
(Primary):
93.8%**

**Whole school
attendance :
94.2%**

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





Perfect Attendance!

YEAR 3

3 Frank: Subhan A, Katrina L, Bella S.

3 Luther-King: Alanah C, Luca T, Libby B.

3 Victoria: Alise L, Rory W, Scarlett S, Alisa V.

3 Armstrong: Dayal G, Ethan T, George V,
Alaina J.

YEAR 4

4 Stuarts: George R, Samuel R, Riley G.

4 Windsor: Gracie F, Jackson N.

4 Regency: Ohenewaa B-A.

4 Georgian: Petra W.

YEAR 5

5 Constable: Tristan D-L, Phoebe C.

5 Mozart: Rocco W, Alishba A, Annabelle G,
Ewan B.

5 Wren: Akua A, Harry B

5 Spielberg: Hannah K, Lucas W.

YEAR 6

6 Edison: Elza G, Zara I, Isabelle R.

6 Newton: Holly P, Adaeze S, Millie M-
J, Vadims L.





Mrs Micklewright

Pupil & Family Mentor



Mrs Speed

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to wish you all a wonderful summer. We have had another fantastic year in school getting to support lots of new and existing families.

Whilst we are closed over the summer, we appreciate some families may still require some additional support in a variety of ways.

Please see some useful links and information below.

For Cost of Living Advice:

<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/>

To View HAF summer activities list for eligible families:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/46/haf-summer-activities>

List of Mental Health services for Children and parents within Warwickshire:

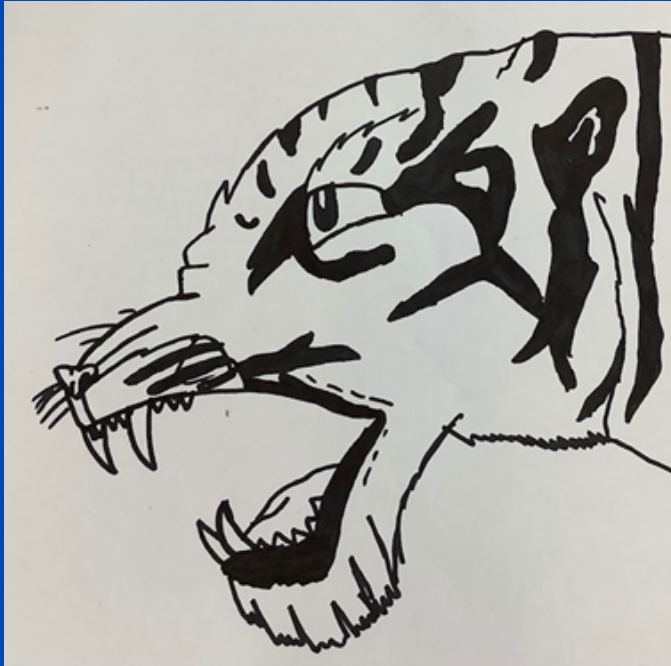
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/emotional-wellbeing-mental-health-support-young-people>

Parenting Programme Rugby Summer Workshops

Understanding Children's Behaviour workshop	Wednesday Evening	26th July	5pm – 7pm	Virtual https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668135841287
Routine and Boundaries Workshop	Monday	31st July	9.30 – 11.30	Virtual https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668138549387
Understanding Children's Behaviour workshop	Wednesday AM	2nd Aug	9.15-11.15	Claremont CFC https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668142601507
Boundaries and Rules workshop	Wednesday AM	9th Aug	9.15 – 11.15	Claremont CFC https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668143895377
Understanding Your Teenager Workshop	Thursday AM	10th Aug	12:15 – 14:15	Hill St https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668145510207
Drop-in Parenting Workshop	Wednesday AM	16th Aug	9.15 – 11.15	Long Lawford Primary school
Drop-in Parenting Workshop	Tuesday AM	22nd Aug	9.15 – 11.15	Long Lawford Primary school
Boundaries and Rules workshop	Thursday AM	24th Aug	12:15 – 14:15	Hill St https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668156121947
Solihull Programme	Tuesday AM	12th September - Novemer	10am – 12	Boughton Leigh CFC Fully booked
Solihull Programme	Tuesday AM	28th November – 6th Feb	10am – 12noon	Long Lawford Primary School https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/672094160727



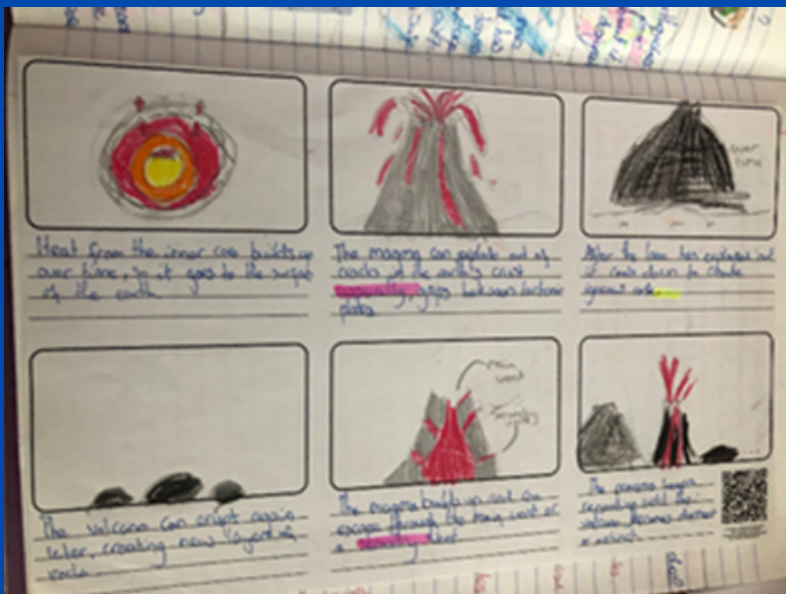
GIFTED & TALENTED



Year 3

Thomas Horrobin - 3Frank

Thomas is an exceptional artist and amazes us daily with his incredible drawings. This is Thomas's fantastic line drawing of a saber-toothed tiger which linked to our topic of the Stone Age. His eye for detail, use of tone and precision is fantastic!



Year 4-

Petra has worked so hard in Topic lessons and shows a solid understanding of how volcanoes and earthquakes occur and the destruction and devastation it can bring to people and the environment. Within lessons, she always presents her work to the best of her ability and uses subject specific vocabulary. Petra is always willing to offer suggestions in class to deepen her knowledge and understanding. She has understood how volcanoes and earthquakes are formed, how much one of these natural disasters can affect developing countries more than others and famous eruptions from around the world. She has made good inferences from different sources and annotated diagrams to support her findings from these discussions.

**Year 5-
Emili Cela**

Emili has exceptional writing skills and has taken this above and beyond this year. From vocabulary to the correct punctuation to create atmosphere, Emili's talent as a writer stands out. Not only she is able to write to a high standard, Emili can read with tone, volume and expression, stimulating the reader's imagination.

The room was filled with endless explosions. The deadly sounds of war reverberated off the walls. Guns were firing, rifles were shooting whistling bullets and soldiers were letting out high-pitched screams. Crashes were heard as mammoth-sized tanks collided and grenades boomed in the sky. Boatfulls of bombs showered down and thudded onto the ground. Albert, whose eyes rarely diverted from the screen, was hugely addicted to video games. Albert, who had not seen sunlight in weeks, couldn't live without his precious computer. His whole entire world was electronics; the 11-year-old boy was completely hypnotised.



SAFETY

internet
matters.org

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?

35%
own a
smartphone

93%
are online almost
13.5 hours a week

74%
play games online for
nearly 10 hours a week

Nearly
8 out of 10
of 8-11s use YouTube to watch
cartoons, funny videos and
music videos

Source: Children's and Parents' Media Use and Attitudes Report 2019

What parents tell us

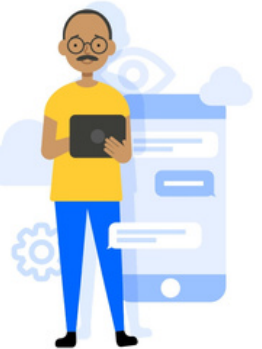
Screens are good for creativity
Nearly 7 out of 10 parents believe that using devices gives children another way of being creative for example a child who enjoys dancing, sharing a new routine online with family and friends.

Screens' impact on physical wellbeing
Nearly half of parents in the UK are worried 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.

Source: Internet Matters Look Both Ways campaign

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.

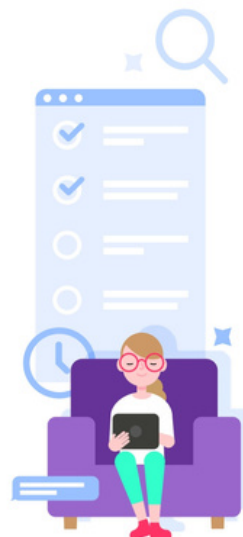
When you do give them their first device make sure that it is set up appropriately for them with the right parental controls in place. It's a good idea to introduce tech-free meal times and encourage them to keep phones out of the bedroom at night to help them build a healthy screen time balance.

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.



Click on the images to view

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!



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



SCIENCE SUMMARY



FIZZ POP SCIENCE

We have been so lucky this year to offer Fizz Pop After School Club. 16 outstanding Scientists joined 'Atomic Army' to learn about germs, slime and how we taste. Every session was hands on and the children got to take home everything they made.



We also had the Fizz Pop Science team in during British Science Week to run sessions for each class. Year 3 and 4 took part in 'Gross Guts' while year 5 and 6 learnt about Darwin's Evolution.



STAR GAZING COMPETITION

The lucky winners of Mrs Pollard's Star Gazing Competition each won an astronaut ice-cream!



We have introduced half-termly Science Awards for outstanding effort in Science.



The
Ogden
Trust

BLJS is an Ogden Trust partnership school. The Trust supports schools, teachers, projects and programmes that are committed to enhancing physics teaching and learning.

WILD AREA

As you may have noticed, the Wildlife Area has been developed throughout the year. Mr Trezise has worked hard with children to plant seeds and Mrs Cox has worked with the House of Commons children to build bug hotels. This is an area of the school that is really enjoyed by the children and it is lovely to see them respect nature and put everything back where they found it. If you have any leftover gardening supplies or seeds we could use, please send them in with your child.

PE NEWS!

What a truly amazing year we have had for PE!

There have been some excellent sporting opportunities for our children and I have loved hearing about all of their successes!

The summer term always feels particularly busy for sport as we have our top up swimming happening in Years 5 and 6, as well as our sports days.

It has been excellent to see the children in upper key stage become much more water confident and they were more and more excited about swimming as the days went on!

A highlight for our school are the WOW sports days! The staff were all looking forward to this day for months, especially the prospect of being able to take part in laser tag again!

There was an amazing buzz in each year group when they got to take part in different sports in the morning and then compete against each other in the afternoon. The children all displayed so many of the sporting values, such as: team work, respect and determination.

At the end of the year, I always enjoy reflecting on our sporting achievements. To name a few this year:

- A successful indoor rowing competition.
- Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their gifted and talented PE day.
- The Launchpad were able to attend the Panathlon, which was incredibly successful!
- Coaching was provided for staff within the school to increase confidence.
- Another successful year for our Year 5 and 6 football team.
- Year 4 enjoyed their athletics festival, where 25 children were trained as young leaders.
- Year 5 all enjoyed attending their athletics festival.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in additional swimming to meet National Curriculum requirements.

I know that as a school we will continue to achieve greatness in sport, especially with the commitment displayed within lessons.

As always, as the end of each year we celebrate two students in Year 6 for their continued commitment to sport. These students are celebrated, not only for their outstanding sporting achievements and talent, but also their love for sport and dedication to continue to grow as sportspeople. These students continually display all of the sporting values, and I am incredibly proud this year to award the Marsay Sports Personality of the Year award to Isla B and Dylan R - well done both!

As we prepare for September, please may I remind you about the uniform required for PE: white top, black/navy bottoms (shorts, joggers or leggings), plain black/navy jumper/hoodie (this could be their school jumper/cardigan) and trainers. No logos on clothing please. Hair must be tied back and ALL jewellery must be removed, including earrings.

Children are welcome to bring in additional layers for PE, but these must only be worn for the duration of their PE lesson.

Thank you for your continued support this year,

Miss Hobday

PE NEWS!

*Miss Habnab's
PE Page*





Our Visit To The Hindu Temple by Anika Bhawe and Olivia Furniss.

On Thursday 18th May, a group of pupils who have shown special interest in RE lessons from Year 5 and 6 went on a thrilling trip to a local Hindu temple.

As Mrs Sinclair came to our classes to collect us, we swiftly got ready and stepped outside, only to discover a small AVS - Avon Valley School - minibus (with the wonderful Mr. T in the driver's seat). After a 10 minute drive, we were surprised to find out that the place of worship was inside what looked like an ordinary house.

As we exited the minibus, we grabbed our partners and headed into the temple, to be cheerfully greeted by Nila who, as a member of the Temple, would be giving us our tour of the humble abode.

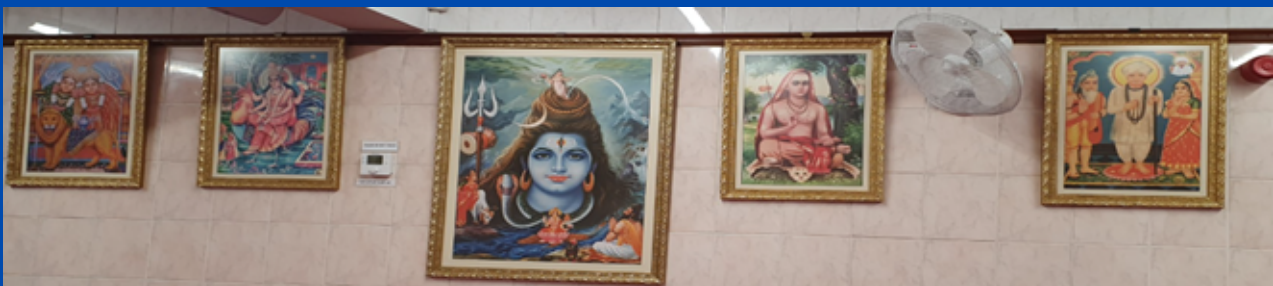
We removed our shoes and washed our hands as a mark of respect as we entered the temple building.

On the outside, the residence looked very small, however, on the inside, it opened out into two huge expanses. These were filled with statues and paintings of the many Hindu gods, which caught our eyes because they were so bright and colourful.

We all took our seats as the kind lady answered our questions about Hindu beliefs and she told us stories about the gods.

As she answered our questions, we couldn't help gazing in awe at the impressive shrine in front of us. As we looked around at the pictures of Lord Krishna, Ganesh, Hanuman and lots more, we listened intently to what we were being told. At the end, we were offered some fruit, known as 'Prasad', which is the name for offerings to the gods.

This was an exciting religious trip, and we hope that there will be more visits to come!



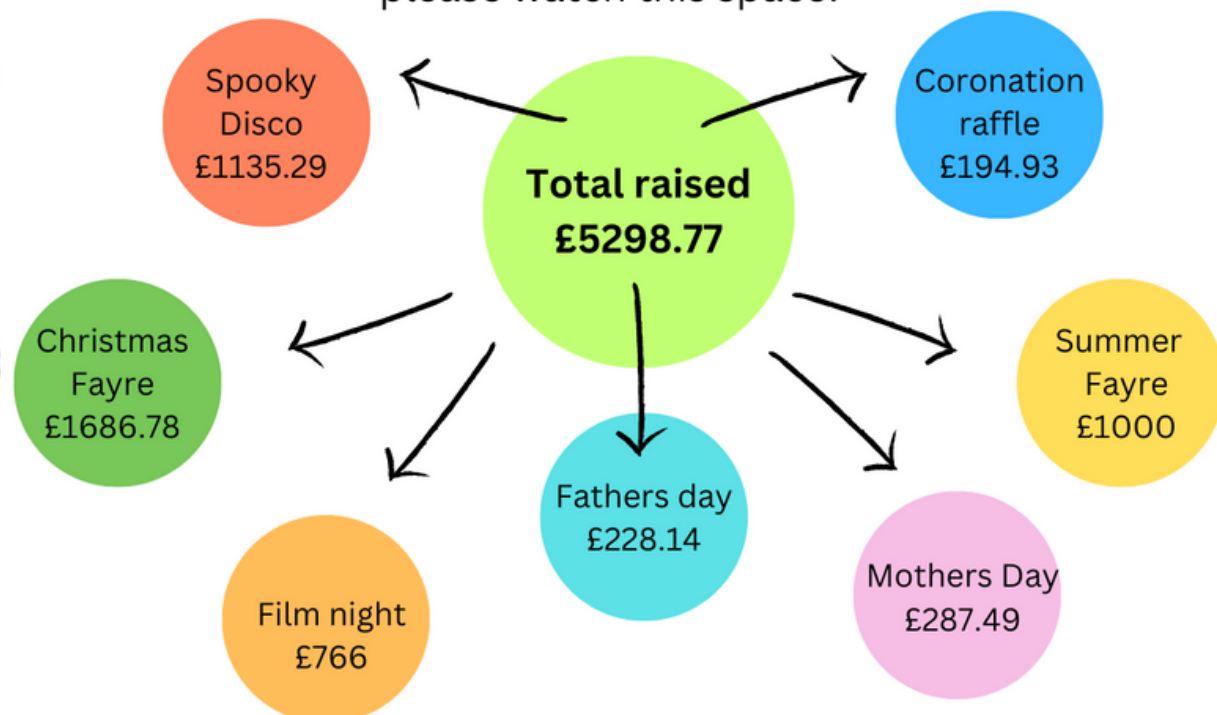
PTA News

It's hard to believe that the academic year is over already. It has been a very busy year for the PTA. We have had lots of events over the year and we also completed our special project: The Zen Garden (please see next page).

We recently held our Summer Fayre and although the weather wasn't on our side, we still had a great day.

The event raised £1000 which we are delighted with. We would like to thank the parents who came and helped out on the day, it was very much appreciated. A big thank you also to all of our hard working staff. It was great to see lots of families in school.

We have exciting plans for the big summer event next year so please watch this space!



The money raised has been used to fund the redevelopment of The Zen Garden for all of the children in school to enjoy at break times. We have also funded the year 6 leaver's BBQ and contributed towards school trips and workshops throughout the year. We would like to wish all of year 6 good luck at their next schools and hope that everyone has a wonderful summer holiday. See you in September!

ZEN Garden

Before



A tired worn out space with broken and unsafe ground. We had to completely close it off to the children.

During



Mr Trezise worked so hard on the development of the garden. He did all the ground work and even roped in his son to join him. Quite often he could be found working after school and during the school holidays. He took the tired old trellis and transformed it by fixing it and painting it. We can't thank Mr Trezise enough for all his hard work; it was very much appreciated by us all.



The finished result

Once the area was redeveloped and all ground work was complete, Miss Warriner then came in and added the final touches of the plants and decorations. The new furniture arrived and we installed a canopy and a duck water fountain.



We included an area dedicated to 2 of our pupils who have sadly passed away: Alfie Mercer and Jamie Clarke. We were honoured to have parents of both boys attend our opening ceremony.



It has been lovely to see our students enjoy the garden since. The area brings calm and it is truly a place to relax and reflect.

We are delighted with the end result and would like to thank everyone who played a part in the creation of the new Zen Garden.



Notes from the Office



Helping your child to get a place at school

A Guide for Parents and Carers

School is one of the most important parts of your child's life, and there is a lot to consider when deciding which school you'd like them to go to. As well as giving them a place to learn, school helps them to grow and prepare for adult life, and provides a safe place for them to spend time with friends under the supervision of trusted adults.

This guide will help you think about what matters most to you and your child when deciding where you'd like them to go to school.



You must apply by:
Secondary Apply by: **OCTOBER 31**
Reception and Junior Apply by: **JANUARY 15**

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Together Into School

Is your child starting pre-school or Reception this year?

Would you like to know how to support a smooth, happy transition into their new setting?

Come along to enjoy some play-based activities with your child. These are planned to support early mark-making, mathematical understanding and enjoyment of books.

We will share some tips for encouraging listening skills and how to develop children's independence too.

Thursday 28th July 2-3pm
At Claremont Children & Family Centre, 01788 579488

Thursday 11th August 10-11am
At Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre 01788 570347

Tuesday 16th August 2-3pm
At Long Lawford Children & Family Centre 01788 561313

Please phone the centre to book a place

Family Learning and Rugby Children and Families Centres

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CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

Wellbeing 4 Life Rugby

Wednesday 10th August, 10am-2pm
Claremont Children & Family Centre,
Claremont Road, Rugby CV21 3LU

Are you a parent or carer looking to lead a happier, healthier life for you and your family?

Come and join us to discover how you can improve your own wellbeing and help others to do the same.

We will be joined by:
Family Information Service, WCAVA, Claremont Youth Club Targeted Youth Support Team, Rugby Library, Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust (CWPT), CWPT RISE, Early Help Targeted Support Team, Everyone Health, Co-ordinate the Fitter Futures scheme, Coventry & Warwickshire MIND, Parenting Project, Health & Wellbeing specialist online training, and more ...

Rugby Children and Family Centre will be providing children's activities

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Warwickshire County Council

Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC) Summer Timetable, 25 July to 2 September 2022				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Walk-in Wardrobe Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9.30am to 11.30am and Tuesday's at 1.30pm to 3pm Claremont CFC	Baby Group From birth to mobile No need to book, just come along 10am to 11am Long Lawford CFC	Stay & Play 10am to 11.30am Long Lawford CFC Not on 10 & 31 August	Baby Group From birth to mobile No need to book, just come along 10am to 11am Boughton Leigh CFC	Stay & Play 10am to 11.30am Claremont CFC
Summer Sensory Messy & sensory activities for children 18 months to 5 years 25 July, 1 August, 8 August only 10am to 11am Long Lawford CFC	Summer Stay & Play 31st August only 10am to 11am Rogers Hall Hillmorton, CV21 4EN	Wellbeing4Life A special event in partnership with other organisations Children's activities, information & advice to help improve the wellbeing of you and your family. No need to book, just drop in. 10 August only 10am to 2pm Claremont CFC	Summer Stay & Play 18th August only 10am to 11am Cawston Community Hall, CV22 7GU	Saturday A stay and play session for dads, grandads and male carers. Once a month: 13 Aug 2022 10am to 11.30am Claremont CFC
Baby Group From birth to mobile No need to book, just come along 10am to 11am Claremont CFC	Stay & Play For young people 25 years and under, and their children. 30 August only 1.30pm to 3pm Venue tbc	Summer Stay & Play 24 August only 10am to 11am St Gabriel's CofE Academy, Houlton CV22 3JA	Support and Advice 1-2-1 advice & support available from the centres on a wide range of issues for families with children & young people 0-19 or up to 25 with SEND.	Don't forget to book! Booking is essential for all sessions unless otherwise stated. Please call one of our centres to book in advance.

Uniform:

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



HERE'S THE NEWS



This half term, BLJS held its first ever Spelling Bee!

After completing rounds 1 and 2 in class, 16 children were through to Thursday's final, where they were tested on the statutory spellings for their key stage and the spelling patterns they've learnt over the year.



After an intense and exciting 2 hours of competing, we had our Spelling Bee Champions from each year group. Congratulations to Ethan (3A), Bianca (4G), Anika (5M) and Harley (6Ed) on becoming BLJS's first ever Spelling Bee Champions!

Thank you to all pupils and staff for your participation too, especially our 16 finalists, who showed impressive skill, perseverance and sportsmanship throughout. Finally, a big thank you to one of our film crew members - Harry (5W) for recording most of the competition!

Keep practising your spellings!
Miss Asher



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

Thank you!



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