



Boughton Leigh Junior School

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Summer Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

It would be difficult to start any Summer 1 newsletter without congratulating our year 6 children on their fantastic attitude and determination during SATs week. We really hope that the results will reflect their hard work, and position them well for secondary school.

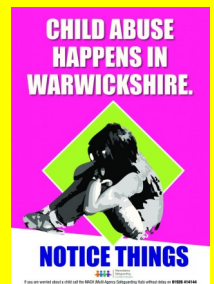
Year 4 have enjoyed a sleepover at the Sealife Centre, which was an amazing experience! Please see the 'Life at BLJS' page for further details on this. We are looking forward to the impending year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Wight and the year 5 sleepover, which is here at last!

We have had some visits from senior leaders of other schools, from whom we have received praiseworthy comments regarding environment and pupil behaviour. Some of our middle leaders have also worked collaboratively with both Consortia schools, and others within Warwickshire, to develop our curriculum, which we look forward to launching in September.

We are always so proud of our pupils behaviour, and their ability to take responsibility for themselves and their environment. As such, they have been rewarded with a new toy shack, which they run themselves at play time. A huge thank you to Mrs Boaler and the School Parliament for getting this up and running.

Please have a fantastic half term and we'll see you on 3rd June.

Kind regards, Mrs Duynstee—Head Teacher



Attendance:

A polite reminder that our attendance to date is 95.7% and our target is 97%.

Please can we remind parents and carers to contact the school office on 01788 577914 to report **each day of absence**.

Please can we also remind you that if a child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Please note that in line with our Attendance Policy and feeder schools, term time holidays will not be authorised.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Half term fun!

Come along to the free Brownsover Meet 'N' Eat for fun, food and activities. The next session will be held on **Wednesday 29th May** from 11.30am-1.15pm at Christ Church, Helvellyn Way.

To book, please call or text Aqeel on: 07881 258573 or email: aqeelkapasi@warwickshire.gov.uk

Cooking up a storm in the BLJS Kitchen!

On Tuesday 14th May, our school kitchen had a special visitor! Last year, we were awarded the title of 'Kitchen of Excellence,' and have been delivering a skills training course as a result.

BBC Coventry and Warwickshire radio came to see the kitchen in action and interview the trainees about their experiences. The course is open to all employees of Educaterers, to give them the opportunity to learn new techniques and ensure that we all deliver a high standard to our customers.



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School Parliament

House of Lords

Deputy Head Boy:



Ollie

Deputy Head Girl:



Ellexie

Head Boy:
Theo



Head Girl:
Daisy



Secretaries:
Emmi



Jacob



House of Commons

Year 3: Niya, Olivia, Dexter, Beau.

Year 4: Jazmin, Logan, Roseanna, Macey.

Year 5: Maria, Michael, Mary-Anne, Amani.

Year 6: George, Ivan, Khyree, Shontaye, Lili-Mae.

A Message from the House of Lords:

This has been an exciting half term with the official opening of the toy shack! Children from every class have now had the opportunity to use the new equipment and play on the tyre area at break times. The House of Commons children have been helping us to run the toy shack and have done an excellent job as monitors. Lots of the teachers have commented on how lovely it has been to see everyone playing with the toys, and how responsibly all the children have behaved. Well done everyone- let's hope we get lots of sunny weather so we can enjoy our time outside even more next half term!

Have a fantastic holiday!

A Message from the House of Commons:



This half term we have been working on keeping fit and healthy!

It was official 'Walk to School Week' from 20th-24th May, and we have been encouraging as many children to walk to school as possible. We also kept a tally of how many children from each class walked every day. Every child who walked to school on all 5 days will receive a certificate! Well done to everyone who took part.

We hope you enjoy the half term break!

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Message Board

This Half Term's School Priorities Update:

RAP 1: Developing mastery and reasoning in Maths

Year 4 teachers will be completing their training later this term, ready to deliver Maths Mastery to the new year 4 from September. Across the school, children have been consolidating their Maths knowledge from the year and applying it to solve higher level problems, explaining their reasoning.

RAP 2: Close the gap between vulnerable learners and their peers

Pupil Progress Meetings have shown that staff continue to be held to account over the progress of vulnerable learners. As such, clear plans are in place to get the most out of the children for the remainder of the year. Support from Teaching Assistants is to be re-organised from September in order to maximise progress for vulnerable learners through targeted interventions.

RAP 3: Raising Achievement in Reading

Summer term assessments for the Accelerated Reading programme have been completed with all classes, showing good progress overall across all year groups. A range of new books have been purchased to support the next academic year. The children have really enjoyed the quizzes and using the library.

RAP 4: Measuring the Impact of Intervention Strategies and Evaluating Effectively

Senior Leaders are currently in the process of reviewing interventions; some have worked better than others. This knowledge has been used to purchase new programmes, which includes training staff to use Thrive (an exciting programme to support social and emotional wellbeing).

Messages from the office

Payments

Please ensure that any payments sent into school are clearly labelled with your child's name, class and what the payment is for. Please can we also ask that separate cheques are sent in for each payment as it is difficult to split them. Thank you.

Allergies

Please note that we are a NUT FREE school due to students with severe nut allergies. Please ensure snack bars and sandwich spreads do not contain nuts (e.g. peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds etc).

Morning drop-offs

When dropping children off for Jolly Brollies, or a before school club such as Hotshots basketball, please escort your children into the reception area before leaving them.

The **Jolly Brollies** team would like to remind parents that the school office phone line closes at 4.30pm. To contact Jolly Brollies, the direct line is 07817 229057. Jollies Brollies closes at 6pm—on the dot. **Thank you.**

Wellies wanted!



The children have really been enjoying the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning sessions as part of forest schools.

If you have any unwanted waterproof clothing or wellies you would be happy to donate for the children to wear during these sessions, please bring them in to the school office.

Thank you!

School uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform, coats, bags, P.E. kits and lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Official BLJS school uniforms can be purchased from:

<http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/schools/>

Or

<https://myclothing.com/>

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This half term's stars of the week and class role models!

Supportive

Year 3 Stars of the week:

3 Murphy: Coby T-K, Marianna P, Amy H, Luiza K.
3 King-Smith: Lily G, Maya P, Adam D.
3 Eliot: Luca K, Chloe H, Dexter R, Barnaby B.
3 Strong: Maicie B, Bailey S, Robert K.

Tolerant

Year 4 Stars of the week:

4 Deary: Zimo L, Lena M, Logan C.
4 Nimmo: Harry S, Bethany C, Ryley T.
4 Dickens: Stanley D, Miley S, Georgia J-B, Fearne P.
4 Tomlinson: Daisy C, Finley B, Zack L, Lachlan T, J. Lawson.

Aspirational

Year 5 Stars of the week:

5 Pullman: Taio W, Eryk, Ellis K, Daniel E, Michelle M.
5 Horowitz: Matthew L, Jayden R, Leticia F, Gabriela B.
5 Rowling: Magda G, Kyra G, Ellexie B, Jack Y.
5 Morpurgo: Bethany L, Leah-Paige T, Lacey L, Theo W, Shontai B, Warick J, Kayleigh T.

Respectful

Year 6 Stars of the week:

6 Lewis: Jenifer W, Ivan V, Dade N, whole class (for SATs week).
6 Kipling: Sarah A, whole class (for SATs week).
6 Tolkien: Rebeka L, whole class (for SATs week).
6 Fine: Alex N, Patrick C, Rowan W-C, whole class (for SATs week).

Successful

Class role models:

The final class role models of this year will be announced after half term.

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Life at BLJS

Engineers of the future!

To celebrate Science and Engineering Week earlier this term, children at BLJS took part in a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities.

These included live Q&A sessions with a range of structural and mechanical engineers. As a result of this, some of the children took part in a competition which encouraged them to design an invention that would benefit the local community. As a school, we particularly focused on encouraging girls to apply, after being inspired by the live sessions with female engineers.

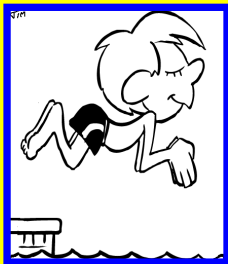
Currently, **two children** from our school have successfully reached the **final round of the competition for the central region!** We wish them the very best of luck.



Eleanor and Tamikka from 3 Murphy working on a STEM activity with engineer Brian Jones from Parker Hannifin in Warwick.

Swimming Gala Success!

At the end of last half term, children from years 4-6 competed in the Rugby Schools Swimming Gala. **Miss Hobday**, who took the team to the competition, had this to say:



"I couldn't have been prouder of the children who competed! They were fantastic in their events, but also really supportive towards the other schools, which is a great attribute to have. Well done to all of the children who competed, especially **Tillie from 4 Nimmo**, who came first in her heat! A **huge thank you** to the parents for bringing their children to the event, and for staying to support myself, Miss Goode and the children."

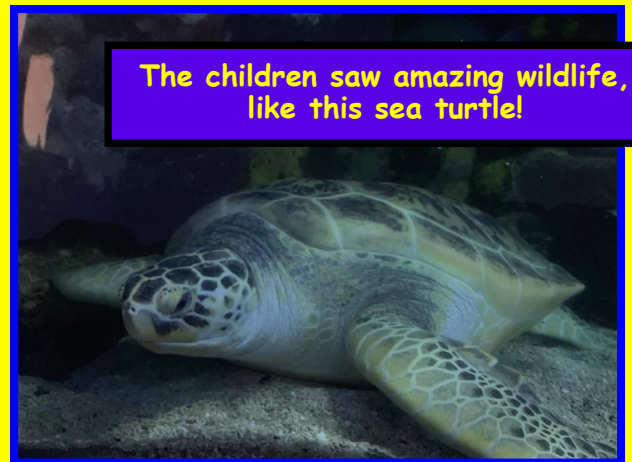
A Sleepover under the Sea!

On Thursday 2nd May, half of year 4 went to the Sealife Centre in Birmingham for a sleepover! The children were able to go on a private tour of the Centre, which included going behind the scenes. They also had the opportunity to watch a 4D film.

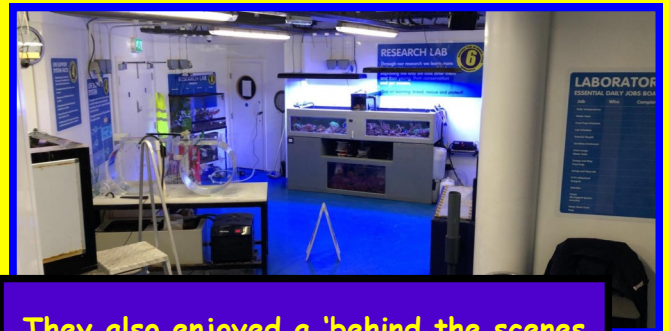
The most exciting part was being able to set up their beds in the tunnel under the fish and sharks, or in the alcove by the penguins. Needless to say, this was by far the best part of the experience; being able to settle down to 'sleep' with all of the marine life.

This is the first time year 4 has organised this trip, and all the staff who attended would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children on their exemplary behaviour throughout. **Well done year 4!**

What a truly magical experience, one that the children won't forget for a long time!



The children saw amazing wildlife, like this sea turtle!



They also enjoyed a 'behind the scenes tour' inside the research laboratories.

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Key Dates (Please download our APP)

Mon 27th- Fri 31st May	Half term.
Monday 3rd June	Pupils return to school.
Mon 3rd-Fri 7th June	All about me week.
Monday 3rd June	Year 5/6 Rounders competition at Rugby High School.
Wednesday 5th June	Year 5 Hockey competition at Bilton School.
Thursday 6th June	Transition visit to year 6 from Bilton School.
Friday 7th June	Pyjamarama Day (fundraising for The Book Trust). Level 2 School Games- Tri Golf (Years 3,4 and 5).
Mon 10th-Fri 14th June	Healthy eating week.
Monday 10th June	Forensic Science Day at Rugby High School (10 year 5 girls to attend).
Wednesday 12th June	STEM celebration event (6 children from 3 Murphy to attend). Year 5 School Games Day.
Thursday 13th June	Drayton Manor Science Trip (12 children from year 4 to attend).
Mon 17th-Fri 21st June	Year 6 residential to Isle of Wight.
Wednesday 19th June	Year 4 Kwik Cricket Festival at Bilton School.
Thursday 20th June	Year 5 Midsummer Night's Sleepover.
Thursday 27th June	Induction Day
June (TBA)	Sports Day.
Mon 1st-Fri 5th July	SMSC and Art Week
Friday 5th July	Summer Fair
Thursday 11th July	Year 5 Athletics event at Harris School.
Friday 12th July	Anticipated date for end of year reports to go home.
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 leavers' production to parents/carers (2 performances -more details to follow).
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 leavers' BBQ. Last day of Summer Term for pupils.

Next newsletter due: End of Summer 2

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