



Boughton Leigh Junior School

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Autumn Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a great start to the year in school and all of the children have settled really well into their new classes, especially year 3. Thank you for supporting our Sports Day earlier this half term; the children had a fantastic day and it was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance.

Our harvest celebrations were also a great success, and the children enjoyed the opportunity to share their creative learning with you. Once again, we were overwhelmed by your generous donations; sincere thanks to all of you. The contributions were very gratefully received by Rugby Food Bank.

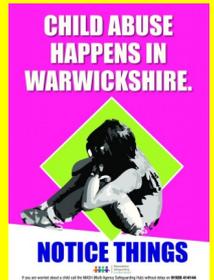
It has been lovely to see lots of parents joining us for our celebration assemblies this half term. Please remember that you are always welcome to attend the coffee morning after assembly, even if your child has not received an award that week.

We had a fantastic response to our first 'Hats for Headway' fundraising event on Friday 18th October; there were many inventive hat designs which the children had clearly put a lot of time and effort into. An extra-special well done to the competition winners: George R (3 King-Smith), Robert (4 Deary), Jessica (5 Horowitz), Summer (6 Tolkien) and overall winner, Harley (3 King-Smith). We raised a total of £302.57 which will go towards supporting families and services in our local area. Many thanks for all your support.

We are currently developing our strategic vision in school. If you missed the opportunity to comment on parents' evening, please email your views on Curriculum and Partnership work to admin2590@welearn365.com.

I wish you all a restful half term break.

Kind regards, Mrs Duynstee—Head Teacher



Attendance:

A polite reminder that our attendance to date is 96.6% and our target is 97%. Thank you for your support.

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



Morning drop-offs

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

Thank you.



Macmillan coffee morning



Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Macmillan coffee morning, and sent in donations of cakes or money. **We raised a fantastic total of £356.64!**

It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves whilst raising money for such a worthy cause. Thank you to Lexie in year 5 for this lovely photo of her enjoying a cake with her baby sister, which really captured the spirit of the event!

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School Parliament

House of Lords

Deputy
Head
Boy:
Aaron



Deputy
Head
Girl:
Grace



Head Boy:
Oscar



Head Girl:
Mary-Anne

Secretaries to The
House of Lords:

Year 6:

Sam D and Olivia

Year 5:

Tia and Sam S

House of Commons

Year 3: Chaise, Daisy, William, Isaac.

Year 4: Alice, Eliana, Sahul, Jack.

Year 5: Eva, Rhea, Zoha, Mia.

Year 6: Lili, Llianna, Ben, Ryan.

A Message from the House of Lords:

Hello from the brand new House of Lords! We are so excited to have been chosen to represent BLJS for this academic year.

Over this half term, we have been very busy campaigning and taking part in the selection process for the House of Lords. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and well done to all the children that applied; Mrs Duynstee, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Boaler had an extremely difficult choice selecting the final winners from such a strong field! All the children who took part will be helping to lead different initiatives in school across the year and we are looking forward to all working together on new projects.

A Message from the House of Commons:

It has been a busy and exciting half term for the House of Commons! We are all very proud to have been selected to represent our classes for this year, and are looking forward to getting your views on what we can do to make BLJS the best it can be!

Our first project this term was to help organise and run the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 27th September. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support the event, or sent in donations. Next, we are going to be setting up an Eco-Warriors team with the help of Mr Tresize and Mrs Campbell—look out for more information coming soon!

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Message Board

This Half Term's School Priorities Update:

RAP 1: Developing our teaching pedagogy and curriculum

Rationale: Under the new Ofsted framework 2019, the school leaders will be developing a broad and balanced curriculum. Part of this will be considering the role of the subject leader and the quality of teaching and learning.

RAP 2: Improving outcomes for vulnerable learners

Rationale: The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will continue to drive the outcomes for vulnerable learners, particularly in relation to SEND, lower attaining pupils and those in receipt of pupil premium funding.

RAP 3: Raising achievement in reading

Rationale: Despite the continued raise in attainment for reading, the SLT are more than aware of the need to maintain and strengthen the skills of the children in reading, and as such giving them the best opportunities for the next stage in their learning.

RAP 4: Mastering Maths

Rationale: Building on the amazing achievements of the pupils in school, and the success of the Maths Mastery programme, the school is striving to continue to improve the Maths skills of all pupils, particularly in relation to depth of learning and times tables.

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 that any food sent into school, such as snack bars or sandwich spreads, do not contain nuts of any kind.

Jolly Brollies

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.

Ordering school uniform online

Please note that school uniform is no longer available from Myclothing.com. It can now be purchased from Loopwear.co.uk.

Forest Schools



A big thank you and well done to Mr Tresize for achieving the Green Trees School Bronze Award for our Forest Schools work.

The children have really been enjoying these fantastic sessions in school!

Healthy Minds

If you are looking for help or advice on young people's mental wellbeing, you may find the following resources helpful:

Helpful resources for young people's mental health

**#HandsUp4
#HealthyMinds**

Here are some trustworthy sources of support, guidance, advice and training around young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Action for Happiness actionforhappiness.org

A not-for-profit providing resources and evidence-based ideas for actions we can take to feel happier and help to reduce and prevent mental ill health - personally, in our communities, workplaces and schools.

Anna Freud Centre annafreud.org | Tel: 0207 794 2313 | Email: info@annafreud.org

A children's mental health charity providing specialist help, research and training for children, young people, families and schools.

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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: Lily B, Issac Z, Ruben B, Sophia N, Adriana B, Jacob B, Kyla B.
3 King-Smith: Jhya A, Tyrone B, Joel A, Dylan R, Emma C, Isla B, Paddy N.
3 Eliot: Holly P, Abeera S, Sophie L, Alex L, Mia A, Layla Mc, Alisa K.
3 Strong: Shylei-Mai W, Vadims L, Anastasia G, Arsenijs L, Michael S, Oscar P, Jack B.

Tolerant

Year 4 Stars of the week:

4 Deary: Keisa G, Konrad K, Bianca C, Chloe M-S, Mariana P, Joseph N.
4 Nimmo: Sienna-Rose R, Harrijis G, Jack R, Remmy S, Megan A, Simao F, Emilia J.
4 Dickens: Dexter R, Augusta A, Elliana T, Shamus O'H, Mollie P, Jude C, Lillie-Marie A.
4 Tomlinson: Thai E, Kingsley S, Martin B, Eleanor B, Kyra W, Noah G, Amy H.

Aspirational

Year 5 Stars of the week:

5 Pullman: Nauris S, Miley S, Issac G, Sam S, Summer B, Rhea D, Logan C.
5 Horowitz: Eva M, Aaron T, Grace S, Bailey C, Jazmin M, Zimo L, Emily.
5 Rowling: Dalton Mc, Izzie G, Humaira N, Thomas C, Callum N.
5 Morpurgo: Tia W, Rosanna N, Maneesh P, Anna Z, Olly B.

Respectful

Year 6 Stars of the week:

6 Lewis: Daniel S, Ben O, Skye McG, Lucy A, Zinedine H, Anna K, Milosz.
6 Kipling: Lacey B, Szymon P, Luca G, Maria-Eleni T, Emily A, Jack Y, Tristan B, Liwia W.
6 Tolkien: Summer G, Sam F, Kayleigh T, Taylor A.
6 Fine: Ayana C, Ryan O, Leticia F, Hugo P, Lucia C, Magda G, Leah T.

Successful

Class role models:

Year 3: Holly P, Anastasia Z, Pranusha P, Adriana B.
Year 4: Beau P-W, Jack R, Mollie P, Eleanor B.
Year 5: Laniah S, Isabelle C, Thomas C, Daisy C.
Year 6: Lucy A, Fahad S, Charlie M, Matthew L.

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Life at BLJS

Super Rugby skills on show!

Some of the Year 6 pupils attended a Rugby tournament in celebration of the World Cup in Japan. It was held at Saint Andrew's Rugby Club and organised by the WASPs.

Our school represented Tonga. We had to take work that we completed on the country and show it off to everyone else for an opening ceremony. (If you would like to see our work, it is on display in the main entrance).

In our group, we played 4 different teams and won 2 of our games. In every game there had to be 3 girls on the pitch. Lacey B won a rugby ball for her skill and honesty when playing. We all had a great time and would love to go again!



Well done year 6 - fantastic teamwork!

Radio stars of the future!

Recently, some of our year 5 pupils took on the DJs at Gem Radio to play 'Kids Tell Fibs!' Here's what Jazmine had to say:

I went on to the radio with Jo and Sparky on kids tell fibs. We were told a fib or a fact to tell to Jo and Sparky, who are the radio presenters, and they had to guess if it was a fib or fact. My fib or fact was, "Jo and Sparky did you know that spiders have blue blood." They replied with, "I think it is a fib," but unluckily for them, it was a fact! Five children played throughout the week, one each day. It was great fun and we won the week against them. A week later, we got certificates in assembly saying, 'I'm smarter than Jo and Sparky' which they had signed, and a fridge magnet from Gem radio. It was a fun experience, and I would love to do it again.

Well done to all the children who took part!

Race for Life!

During the Summer term, Miss Hobday arranged for the children to take part in the Race for Life in aid of Cancer Research. The children spent a long time fundraising; this included a non-uniform day.

Monday 9th July was the day when all children went out onto the field in their year groups and ran as many laps as they could in 30 minutes - there are some incredibly fast runners in the school!

The following week, a Cancer Research official, Mrs Gaskell (Mr Gaskell's Mum), came into school to talk to the children about the event and how their money raises vital funds to support those who have been affected by cancer. During the assembly we were also able to announce the grand total raised for Cancer Research.

We are so proud to announce that this year, we raised a phenomenal amount of money, totalling £3031.19!



Well done to all of the children, and a huge thank you to our whole school community, for taking part and supporting this fantastic cause!

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Key Dates (Please download our APP)

Thursday 24th Oct	Parents' Evening
Friday 25th Oct	INSET day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 28th Oct-Friday 1st Nov	Half Term
Monday 4th Nov	Pupils return to school Anti-bullying workshop (Year 3)
Tuesday 5th Nov	Anti-bullying workshop (Year 4)
Wednesday 6th Nov	Open Day for Year 2 parents
Thursday 7th Nov	Open Day for Year 2 parents
Friday 8th Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation (All year groups)
Wednesday 20th Nov	Humanist speaker to visit Year 6 pupils
Friday 29th Nov	Year 3 celebration event for parents
Thursday 12th Dec	Year 4 Christmas play performance to children
Friday 13th Dec	Christmas dinner day
Monday 16th Dec	Year 4 Christmas play performance to children
Tuesday 17th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Play performance to parents (Matinee and evening)
Wednesday 18th Dec	West End pantomime performance (all year groups)
Thursday 19th Dec	Year 6 celebration event for parents
Friday 20th Dec	Last day of term
	Looking ahead...
Monday 6th Jan	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 7th Jan	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 15th Jan	Young Voices
Thursday 16th Jan	Year 5 fire safety talk (2 classes)
Friday 17th Jan	Year 5 fire safety talk (2 classes)
Monday 17th - Friday 21st Feb	Half Term

Next newsletter due: End of Autumn 2

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