



Buckminster Bites

Newsletter



21ST MARCH 2024



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Dear parents and carers,

It may have only been 4 weeks, but what a busy busy half term we have had!

Firstly, a massive well done to everyone who entered the Easter competition this week – we had some amazing bonnets and very creative eggs! Well done to all the winners, who received a little prize in our celebration assembly.

Our open morning on Wednesday was a huge success with some lovely Easter craft made in each class. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us- we will be holding another one next term so please look out for the date in our weekly Buckminster Bites.

This term, we invited parents into school to watch our class assemblies – it means so much to the children to have you in school to share what they are learning, and we have had some lovely feedback about these events. We are looking forward to holding them more regularly.

I was so proud to watch our children perform in the Sky Dance Challenge at the Melton Theatre. They really were incredible, as was Miss Shepherd who worked incredibly hard to plan the routine, organise the music mash up, buy costumes and build up the children's confidence to go out there and shine! Which they absolutely did.

You may not be aware, but Miss Shepherd is about to complete her level 4 Sports Apprenticeship at Buckminster Primary school. Miss Shepherd has been a real asset to our school over the past two years and I am really pleased to inform you that as of next term, Miss Shepherd will be employed as a Learning Support Assistant in the EYFS/Yr1 class. A massive congratulations to Miss Shepherd on her appointment- I know she is going to be a fantastic LSA and the children are very lucky to have her supporting them! Please look out for the new clubs next term, as Miss Shepherd is going to be running a new cheerleading club after school on a Friday.

Next term we have planned and are very much looking forward to a whole school trip to the space centre, another (free) PGL trip for Yr3-6, a faith visit in Leicester, a visit to the Warning Zone for Yr6, Mini Olympics for Yr3-6, our choir joining the MET massed choir event and another Pre-School/EYFS/Yr1/2 trip (TBC)

Lastly, it is with real sadness that today is Mrs. Bagshaw's last day at Buckminster with the children. Mrs. Bagshaw has been a teacher here for an incredible 18 Years, teaching literally hundreds of children from Buckminster and the surrounding area. This is a massive achievement, and she will be dearly missed by not only the children, but myself, the staff and the whole community. We had a lovely assembly yesterday where we celebrated and said thank you with cards, presents, cake and a lovely, framed gift made by the children. I would very much like you to join us at the end of the day today to say goodbye, thank you and good luck for her next adventures in life.

I hope everyone has a lovely, restful break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 8th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Orridge



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Dates for your diary.

Friday 22nd March

- Inset Day - School closed to children.

Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April

- Easter Holiday.

Monday 8th April

- Children back to School.
- New three choice, three week rolling lunch menu launched.

Tuesday 9th April

- Tempest photography - whole class photographs

Tuesday 10th April

- Police visit.

Wednesday 10th April

- Pre-School Little Movers with Inspire+

Monday 15th April

- Year 2/3 Swimming

Tuesday 16th April

- Space Centre Visit.

Wednesday 17th April

- Jonathan Broom-Edwards Inspire+ Assembly
- Pre-School Inspire+ Little Movers session.

Wednesday 24th April

- Pre-School Inspire+ Little Movers session.

Monday 29th April

- Year 2/3 Swimming
- Year 4/5/6 Mental Health Workshop.

Wednesday 1st May

- Pre-School Inspire+ Little Movers session.

Friday 3rd May

- Library Bus for Year 3-6

Monday 6th May

- Bank Holiday - School closed.

Wednesday 8th May

- Whole School open morning.
- Pre-School Inspire+ Little Movers session.

Thursday 9th May

- Ambulance visit

Monday 13th May

- Year 2/3 Swimming.
- Year 6 SATS week.

Wednesday 15th May

- Pre-School Inspire+ Little Movers session.

Thursday 16th May

- School Census Day - change of lunch menu.

Wednesday 22nd May

- Pre-School Inspire+ Little Movers session.

Thursday 23rd May

- Global Leicester Faith Day trip.

Monday 3rd June

- Year 2/3 Swimming.
- Year 6 Warning Zone trip.

Wednesday 5th June

- Year 4/5/6 Inspire+ Session

Friday 7th June

- Library Bus for Year 3-6.





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Attendance

The Whole school attendance for this week was 91.5%.

We aim for our attendance to be 97% so we look forward to your support in achieving this.

Weekly Certificates

Star

Mathematician

5Rs

Dinner

R & 1 -	Alfred	Everly	Emilia
2&3 -	Isla	Ebony	Erin
4, 5 & 6 -	Charleigh	Henley	Rohan

Well done to everyone who received a certificate today.





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#LeicsGetTheBus

FREE bus travel FOR UNDER 16s

Get on board with free* buses this Easter when you start your bus journey in Leicestershire

*Participating operators include:

arriva Centrebus DIAMOND First Kinchbus Nottingham City Transport Stagecoach

A scheme brought to you by the Leicestershire Enhanced Bus Partnership

Scan the QR code to check participating operators' age restrictions and remember, bring your student or college ID to board for free.

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www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk

Free off-peak travel for children and young people this Easter

This pilot is brought to you by the Leicestershire Enhanced Bus Partnership

- WHEN** - From Saturday 23rd March – Sunday 7th April 2024 inclusive children and young people can travel for free Mon – Fri 09:30 – 11pm and all day at weekends and bank holidays.
- WHO** - Age eligibility: children and young people under 16 can travel by bus for free with participating operators. Operators apply their prevailing young person age criteria, please check local bus operators for age restrictions.
- HOW** - Proof of eligibility: Users will be expected to travel with their school or college ID to demonstrate eligibility if asked.
- WHAT** - Types of journey included: Single journeys (and return journeys where applicable) where a passenger boards in Leicestershire. *Tap on, tap off will be excluded.

Check participating bus operators for further details on your specific journey. Arriva Centrebus, Diamond Bus East Midlands, First, Kinchbus, Nottingham City Transport and Stagecoach have confirmed participation for more information scan the QR code or visit <https://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/free-child-and-youth-fares-this-easter/>

Healthy Together | WWW.HEALTHFORKIDS.CO.UK | Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

STRESS AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2024

April marks the start of Stress Awareness Month 2024, and at Healthy Together we wanted to share with you some resources that can support children who may be experiencing stress and worry.

SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

One of the most common concerns for children in primary school as we approach the end of the academic year is the transition to secondary school for those in Year 6.

To support children, teachers and parents/carers during this time, we have a number of resources that provide support, advice and information:

Click on the images to take a closer look

Lots more advice on feelings, stress and worries can be found on [Health For Kids](#)

Our animation designed specifically for children who are starting secondary school in the new academic year

Our animation for parents/carers of children who are starting secondary school in the new academic year

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HELP YOUR CHILD LET THEIR FEELINGS, WORRIES AND STRESS FLOAT AWAY

It can be hard for children to open up about any stress they are feeling or worries they might have. Our lanterns game is designed to help with this as it encourages children to write down how they are feeling and then watch them float away into the distance on one of our lanterns. This can show them the benefit of opening up and expressing how they are feeling, and the weight that can be lifted from doing so.

CLICK HERE TO PLAY OUR LANTERNS GAME

CONTACTING THE HEALTHY TOGETHER TEAM FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you would like to speak to a health professional about any concerns you have about your child, including problems they might be experiencing with stress or worry, you can get in touch via the following methods:

CONTACT A SCHOOL NURSE BY TEXT MESSAGE

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

07520 615 382

CALL THE HEALTHY TOGETHER HELPLINE

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.

CALL 0300 300 3001

Calls are answered from 9am – 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.