



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 11th March, 2022

Staffing

After 7 years of teaching at John Bunyan, Mrs Whittaker will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her commitment to many children over the years and I am sure that you would all like to join us in wishing her all the very best for the future. We are also saying farewell to Mrs Roel at the end of term. Mrs Roel has supported children at John Bunyan for over 19 years. Again I am sure that you join us in thanking her for her commitment to our community and we all wish her well in her retirement.

Ukraine

As we have watched the atrocities unfold over the recent weeks in Ukraine, staff have had many conversations with children, as I am sure you have had at home. It is so very difficult to know what we can do to help but last Friday an opportunity unfolded which our year 5 and 6 children were keen to take up. Mrs Quinn, one of our Governors works with schools all around the world and during her visit to us, she shared with me the story of Mr Cole, a Headteacher, originally from Yorkshire whose school was in Kyiv. She had visited the school in Ukraine last year and said that the children there were very welcoming, friendly and keen to learn, just like ours. However, the school was now closed, families were hiding from potential bombing and Mr Cole, the Headteacher, was communicating from a bunker below his home. The children have been learning a beautiful song and they recorded it for Mr Cole, his teachers and pupils to share; it is on our website under class blogs - A message for Ukraine. The words are poignant and our children wanted to let the children in Ukraine know that we are all thinking of them at this most terrible time.

Trips and Activities now booking

- Home School Agreement for all pupils (if not yet completed)
- Residential trip arrangements
- Yr 4 swimming
- Yr 6 swimming



Cross-Country Running event

Well done to all our Key Stage 2 cross-country runners! They showed incredible determination. We have several pupils through to the cross-country finals on Wednesday 23rd March.

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 14th March – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 21st March – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 28th March – Week 3

Copies of the school dinner menu are always available to view on our website www.johnbunyan.co.uk and paper copies are available from the school office.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

To celebrate Red Nose Day this year, children are invited to wear odd socks to school. Donations to Comic Relief can be made online at www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday



On the same day we will also be showing our support for the people of Ukraine by wearing blue and yellow. The children have had an age-appropriate assembly regarding the conflict.

Donations can be made to the appeal at www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal

Non-Pupil Day

Our next Non-Pupil Day will be on Tuesday 19th April, immediately after the Easter holidays. Pupils come back to school after the holidays on Wednesday 20th April.

Year 2 Victorian Day

We are delighted that we have been able to rearrange our Year 2 trip to Braintree Museum for Monday 14th March. The children should come to school in their Victorian costumes on that day.

The ZONES of Regulation[®]

This term Years 2 - 6 have been learning about "The Zones of Regulation". The Zones provide us all with a common language to discuss our emotions and teach healthy coping and self regulation strategies. If you would like to find out more, please take a look on our website www.johnbunyan.co.uk



Active Families Together work to get families engaged in doing fun, active, healthy things together to promote stronger relationships, increase positive family time, strengthen ties, build resilience and confidence to gently improve the physical/emotional/mental health, connection, and well-being of family members.

The Martial Arts Centre Braintree is a fully equipped Martial Arts/fitness Centre dedicated to providing a high standard of Karate, Kickboxing and Self-Defence to the local community as an independent business but also as an advocate for positive physical activity and community inclusion in association with the Active Essex Network AFT in Partnership with TMAC are looking for families in Braintree that would like to attend a free weekly after school club for 12 weeks, 3:45pm to 4:45pm – Wednesday afternoons. Parents, Guardians or Carers will be taking part with children (minimum age 5 years).

The sessions will focus on inclusive games and fun fitness activities. Snacks and drinks will be provided

A family group can be as small as two people or could include extended family and older relatives too!

Starting in April 2022 at TMAC - 5 Springwood Drive, Springwood Industrial Estate, Braintree CM7 2GB

If you'd like to be involved, or find out more, please call:

Richard on 07730911569 e-mail: richard.moss@childrenssociety.org.uk

or Kurt on 07850501151 e-mail: kurt.hasanally@childrenssociety.org.uk



Active Families Together

After-School Clubs

The KS2 after-school clubs will finish on 31st March. New clubs will start for the Summer Term when we return from the Easter holidays and we will notify you when these are available for children to choose.

Bikeability Courses

Please see attached a poster showing details of the Bikeability courses being delivered across Essex over the Easter holidays.

You can also find information at <https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

World Book Day

Thank you all for your support, the children looked fabulous and we all enjoyed a wonderful day.



Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to all the children who are completing their Mathletics homework and using the TTRockstars at home to practise their times tables. The high scorers for 21st February to 6th March were:

<u>Mathletics – most points earned</u>	<u>TTRockstars – most coins earned</u>
1st Erika, Rowans – 83,987	1st Jake, Rowans – 80,039
2nd Daniel, Poplars – 42,000	2nd Jayden, Chestnuts – 49,325
3rd Emily, Rowans – 35,535	3rd Jake, Chestnuts – 41,335

Keep up the good work!

Diary Dates

Monday 14th March – Year 2 Victorian Day (trip to Braintree Museum)
Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day (wear odd socks or dress in blue and yellow)
Monday 21st March – Living Eggs arrive in school – We will be able to watch our chicks hatch
Monday 21st March – Last swimming for existing Year 4 swimmers (Rowans class and half of Poplars class)
Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th March – Year 6 Residential Trip to West Runton, Norfolk
Wednesday 23rd March – Some Key Stage 2 pupils to cross-country running finals
Friday 1st April - Last day of term, break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 19th April – Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 20th April – Back to School – Start of the Summer Term
Monday 25th April – Class photos – details to follow
Monday 25th April – Swimming starts for Junipers class and half of Poplars
Thursday 26th May – Queen’s Jubilee celebration

Term Dates for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Spring Term: **Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Friday 1st April 2022**
Half Term Holiday Monday 14th – Friday 18th February 2022

Summer Term: **Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Thursday 21st July 2022**
Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Non-Pupil Days: Tuesday 19th April 2022, Thursday 21st July 2022

[The term dates for the academic year 2022-23 are now on our website](#)