



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 25th March, 2022

Abberton Rural Training

Can you spare a Tuesday morning to help us make our school look better? With the help of Abberton Rural Training we hope to improve our garden areas, bringing colour to our outdoor spaces. No prior knowledge needed. Learn new skills, make new friends and have fun! If you are able to help, please meet outside the Key Stage 2 entrance at 9.15am on a Tuesday morning in term time, commencing after the Easter holidays.

Many thanks.

Living Eggs

Our eggs arrived on Monday and had started to hatch by Wednesday. All children will have the chance to meet the chicks and many of the classes are learning about our chicks as part of their curriculum.

Trips and Activities now booking

- Year 5 Performances
- Year 3 Performances
- Home School Agreement for all pupils (if not yet completed)
- Yr 4 swimming
- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)



Cross-Country Running event

Well done to our cross-country runners who competed in the district finals on Wednesday. We had a number of top 8 finishes including Keeley – 2nd, Emilia – 3rd and Gracie – 4th in their age groups. Some will progress through to the county final once we receive the results.



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.

Attendance Matters

Attending school is essential for students to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better life chances.

Every student is expected by the **Government** to maintain at least 96.1% attendance.

Below are examples of how attendance impacts on learning over a year and five year period:

One year:

98% - approximately 4 days absent.

95% - approximately 10 days absent.

90% - approximately 4 weeks absent.

85% - approximately 5 ½ weeks absent.

80% - approximately 7 ½ weeks absent

Over a five year period:

85-90% is similar to half a year off school.

80% is similar to having a whole year off school

Please inform the school if your child will be absent or late for any reason.

The school gates will return to being closed at 8.55am after the Easter break and all pupils should be in school by that time. If a pupil is late or at an appointment and needs to come in via the school office then a parent will need to accompany the child and sign them in as late.

Collection times remain as they have been:

Foundation Stage: 2.55pm

Lower School: 3.05pm

Middle School: 3.10pm

Upper School: 3.15pm

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 28th March – Week 3

Easter Holidays

Week commencing Wednesday 20th April – Week 1

Week commencing Monday 25th April – Week 2

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.

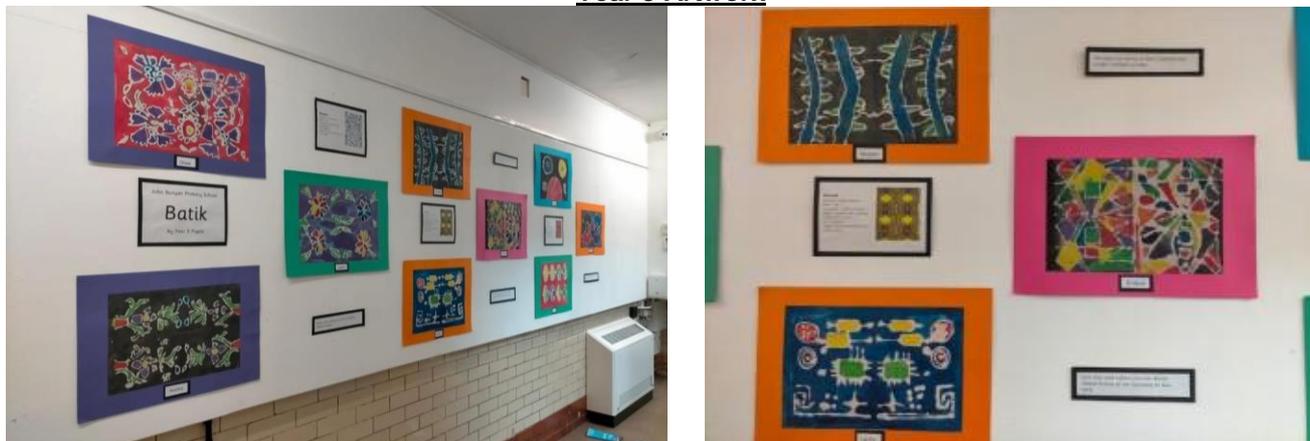
After-School Clubs

The Key Stage 2 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.

Year 4 Swimming

Swimming for Year 4 has now finished for this term. The other group of Year 4 swimmers will start on Monday 25th April, the first Monday after the Easter holidays.

Year 5 Artwork



We are delighted to display our latest textile work by Year 5 at Braintree Museum this week. The children's batiks are based upon several pieces of work from the Warner Textile Archive. We hope parents and the community will enjoy viewing them as much as we have enjoyed making them!



Free Books!

Look at all these wonderful books which just arrived from @PuffinBooks – they're itching to get out of their boxes and into our pupils' hands! @literacy_trust #WorldofStories

Happy reading everyone!

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 Monday 12th March - Sunday 20th March were:

<u>Mathletics – most points earned</u>	<u>TTRockstars – most coins earned</u>
1 st Erika, Rowans - 10,035	1 st Jayden, Chestnuts - 74,075
2 nd Daniel, Poplars – 4,570	2 nd Emilia, Chestnuts - 56,618
3 rd Bianca, Elders – 3,150	3 rd Jake, Rowans - 35,550

Keep up the good work everyone!

Diary Dates

Monday 28th March – Year 5 end of term celebration and performance
 Thursday 31st March and Friday 1st April - Year 3 end of term celebration and performance
 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
 Monday 25th April – Swimming starts for Junipers class and half of Poplars
 Monday 2nd May – May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
 Thursday 26th May – Queen's Jubilee celebration
 Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half Term holiday

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