



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 21st January, 2022

Unfortunately this week has seen several new cases of Covid within school. Please continue to be vigilant, keep testing and seek medical advice if you or your children have any symptoms.

Termly Learning Conferences

Please remember to book a termly learning conference with your child's teacher. This can be either face-to-face, by telephone or on Teams. TLCs will take place during the week commencing 31st January.

Year 2 – Victorian Day

Year 2 will be visiting Braintree Museum for a Victorian Day on 21st February. We would like the children to dress up as Victorian children. We suggest that boys wear long trousers tucked into their socks or jogging bottoms, a plain shirt (perhaps an old shirt with the collar removed), possibly a waistcoat and a flat cap. We suggest that girls wear a long dress or skirt and perhaps an apron and a shawl. However, their outfit should be suitable for the weather as we will be walking to the museum so sensible shoes and a warm coat are essential.

Year 3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 enjoyed a fabulous day immersing themselves in Egyptian life!



From making amulets, shabtis and perfume cones in the morning to an Egyptian feast of food, dancing and acting in the afternoon - it was a wonderful experience!

Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge continues at Essex Libraries until 19th February. Please see the attached poster for further information.

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 24th January – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 31st January – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 7th February – 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.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Since we returned in January we have been talking to the children about ways in which they would like to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Their requests range from an extra 10 minutes on their playtime to the whole school visiting Buckingham Palace and having afternoon tea with the Queen!

At the moment we are trying to accommodate lots of their ideas and are hoping that on Thursday 26th

May we will be able to have an exciting event outside on the field, one to which children can invite their families. It would be lovely to have the whole school community together, something that we have all missed over the past two years.

We have already received 60 small trees which have been planted around the school site. We will keep you posted as plans evolve but do keep the afternoon of Thursday 26th May free.

ParentPay Items

96% of parents are on ParentPay which is essential for keeping up to date with all events, important dates, after-school clubs, trips etc. For those parents who haven't activated their accounts we have sent home an activation code for you to join ParentPay today.

Please remember to check your ParentPay items regularly to see if you need to add consent to any events.



Sports News

We have selected a team for a cross country running event on 28th February at Tabor Academy. Good luck to all our runners!

Green Team News



Our pen recycling scheme has proved successful. The Green Team members in each class make sure that when a pen has run out of ink it is placed in the collection bottle. This picture is the result of our Autumn term collection, with pens from across the whole school.

Miss Scrivener then takes them to a local collection point for stationery waste. To find out more about local recycling visit www.terracycle.co.uk

World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching and we are delighted to announce that we have arranged a visit from a local author this year. Her name is Catherine Emmett and we have already been enjoying some of her books in school – King of the Swamp and The Pet in Lower School. To further celebrate World Book Day, on Thursday 3rd March we are asking the children to dress up as one of their favourite book characters whilst enjoying a fun-filled day packed with lots of learning around books and authors.

Year 5 visit to Public Gardens

As part of their topic work, Year 5 will be going on a local walk to Braintree & Bocking Public Gardens on Tuesday 25th January. The children will be using measuring and mapping skills to produce a plan of the Gardens, which they will then use in the classroom to design their own theme park!

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the day: in school uniform, with comfortable footwear and a warm, waterproof coat.

On-line Safety

We are aware that some children may be able to access an on-line site called 'Huggy Wuggy' which contains inappropriate images and language. Due to its 'friendly' name it may bypass parental filters so please be particularly vigilant at this time.

Furthermore, we will be taking part in **Safer Internet Day 2022**, which is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

We are always talking to our children about keeping themselves safe online and being kind when they are engaging with others on social media. Every unit of our Computing Curriculum begins with a lesson on internet safety and there are lots of resources for parents at www.thinkuknow.co.uk, you can find a direct link on our website under Parents/E Safety. In school we have digital leaders who mentor pupils, lead assemblies and talk to the children about e-safety matters.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th January – Year 5 visit to Public Gardens
Week commencing 31st January – Termly Learning Conferences
Thursday 3rd February – Space Dome in school for Year 5
Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet Day, activities in school
Monday 14th – Friday 18th February – Half Term holiday
Monday 21st February – Year 2 Victorian Day trip to Braintree Museum
Monday 28th February – Some Key Stage 2 pupils to Tabor Academy for cross-country running event
Thursday 3rd March – Visit from an author for World Book Week, dress up as a book character
Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day – Details to follow
Friday 1st April - Last day of term, break up for Easter holidays

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