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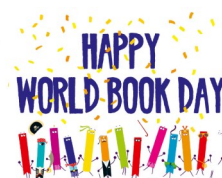


We are beginning to see lighter mornings and evenings emerging now indicating the approach of Spring and the midpoint of the school year and what a successful term and a half we have had at Bushbury Lane so far.



We have enjoyed a busy term of learning and have been immersed in clubs, trips, and exceptional opportunities. Year 1 have been to the Think Tank Museum, Year 3 are currently planning a field trip adventure and many other year groups have been working hard in the community completely one of our 11 before promises - 10 good deeds. Year 6 have taken part in a sponsored silence to raise money for Compton Care, Year 5 have brought in bundles of clothes from home for charity, Year 2 have been swapping toys and Nursery have been making dream catchers for a friend. What caring, fantastic children we have here at Bushbury Lane. Children have taken part in many clubs this term and we are ready to start of next set of exciting enrichment activities after half term. This term children have enjoyed Shakespeare club, Photography club, Book club, Choir club and many more. Next term the children are already getting excited for Netball Club, Science Club, Football club, Multiplication club, Spanish club and many more.

We have some exciting events to look forward to when we return. Don't forget our dress up day for World Book Day will be on Thursday 2nd March. Please see more information on our World Book Day celebrations as you flick through our newsletter.



The year is flying by so fast, and we now turn our thoughts and energies into supporting our Year 2 and 6 children to prepare for their upcoming SATs in May. There is so much work going into supporting the children in school and we hope the parent meetings that are due soon will give parents some insight into how you can also help and support at home. Whilst these tests don't measure all the great things about our children, it is important that they feel ready and confident when the time comes and will be proud of how hard they have worked, whatever the outcome.

Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents – Tuesday 7th March 2.45pm

Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents – Wednesday 8th March 2.45pm



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11 before 11

11 before 11 forms an essential part of our promise to pupils: to take them beyond the usual, to offer wider opportunities in life, and to inspire them to move forward and take charge of their own life's adventure. As part of this initiative, we aim to offer the pupils at Bushbury Lane Academy 11 exceptional opportunities for learning during their primary school education. Take a look at our 11 promises below!



So far this academic year, our pupils have already broken a REAch2 record by taking part in the largest Colour Run event the Trust has seen. This was a momentous day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils, who took part! Next on our agenda is the challenge, '10 good deeds', which is well underway in some year groups.



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10 Good Deeds



The 10 Good deeds challenge requires our pupils to perform an action for the betterment of another person or a community as a whole. Each year group has been assigned a good deed to carry out as well as some good deeds, that we are tackling as a whole school.

Nursery—Make a dreamcatcher for a friend.

Reception—Make a bird feeder for the environmental area.

Year 1—Make and hide a kindness stone in the grounds of Bushbury Lane for someone to find.

Year 2—Take part in a toy swap.

Year 3—Write and post thank you letters to emergency services.

Year 4—Litter pick in the local community.

Year 5—Donate unwanted clothes to a charity.

Year 6—Take part in a sponsored event and raise money for a local charity.

Some year groups have already made an excellent start!



Year 2 Toy Swap





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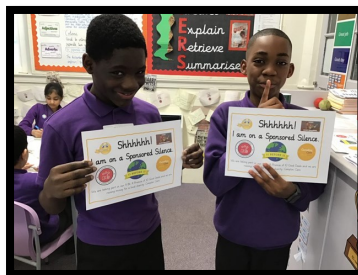


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Year 5 Clothes donation



Year 6 sponsored silence event





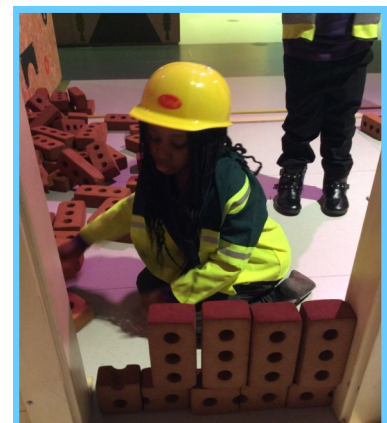
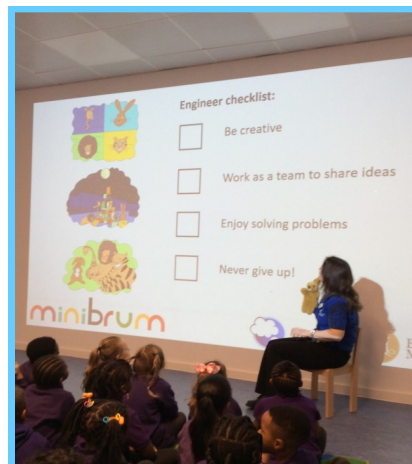
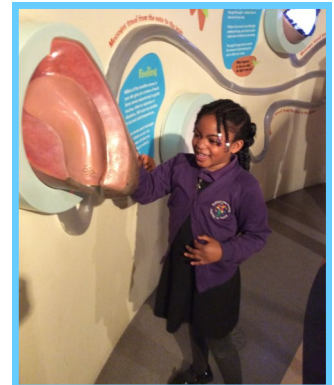
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Year 1 Trip to the Think Tank

This half term, our Year 1 children enjoyed a trip to the Think Tank. This learning consolidated and extended their learning of their project 'Bright lights, big city' as they learnt about things that were made in Birmingham and did some engineering of their own!





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Year 6 Revision sessions



We are pleased to be able to offer extra reading and maths support to all of our Year 6 children on the lead up to their SAT's in the form of morning booster sessions. These booster sessions will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8:15 till 8:45, before the official start to the normal school day. The aim of the session is to provide your child with extra support and challenge; enable pupils to revise previously learnt content as well as practise SAT's style questions. Although these sessions are not compulsory, they will be very beneficial and we highly recommend and encourage all Year 6 children to attend.

Parent Volunteers - CAN YOU HELP US? WE NEED YOU!

Reading is a key priority in our school! We want our pupils to read often, widely and with enjoyment. To support us in doing this, we would like to start a Parent Volunteering scheme. Reading regularly to an adult has been shown to significantly increase the rate of progress that children can make with their reading and as their parents, carers and grandparents we are hoping that there would be some of you who would enjoy coming into school to listen to some children read on a 1:1 basis.



Volunteering is such a rewarding experience and highly valued by the staff at Bushbury Lane Academy. If you are interested in volunteering at school, please email us at office@bushburylaneacademy.co.uk





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Extra curricular clubs

We are proud to have offered a wide range of clubs to the pupils at Bushbury Lane Academy during Spring 1 and are delighted that we continue this for Spring 2. We have worked collaboratively with our children and each class has had a say as to which clubs they would like on offer. It has been fantastic to observe the huge uptake for these clubs already and we know that the children are going to thoroughly enjoy getting involved in wider school life!

Please find the list of clubs on offer next half term!

Book **Choir** **Netball**

Shake it up **Shakespeare!**

Science **Story and role play**

Multiplication **Football**

Craft **Spanish**

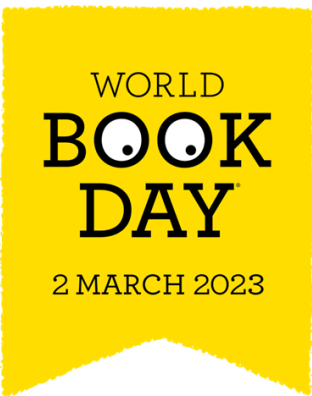


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World Book Day

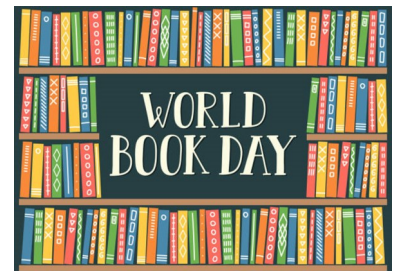


We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, a day in which pupils look forward to annually. On this special day, we encourage pupils to dress up as one of their favourite books characters and to bring a loved story in from home, to share with their friends.

The day is designed to increase the profile of all things reading across our school and to inspire pupils to keep reading!

Throughout the day, our children will be fully engrossed in all things

books and a number of special activities have been planned by our class teachers! In addition to this, our children will have the opportunity to enjoy a special 'reading themed' lunch made by our wonderful kitchen staff!





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Important Dates for your Diary

w/c 13th February 2023	Year 5: 11 before 11 Second-Hand Clothes Donation Week
Wednesday 15th February 2023	Year 1 Trip to Thinktank, Birmingham
Wednesday 15th February 2023	Year 2: 11 before 11 Toy Swap Day
Thursday 16th February 2023	Year 6: 11 before 11 Sponsored Silence
Friday 17th February 2023	Children break up for half term
<i>Monday 20th Feb—Friday 24th Feb 2023</i>	<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>
Monday 27th February 2023	Children return to school
Thursday 2nd March 2023	World Book Day
w/c 6th March 2023	Year 4: 11 before 11 Litter picking in the community
Friday 10th March 2023	Year 6 Dental Survey
Monday 13th March 2023	World Cultures Day
Friday 31st March 2023	Children break up for Easter Holidays
<i>Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April 2023</i>	<i>EASTER HOLIDAY</i>
<i>Monday 17th April 2023</i>	<i>INSET Day—School closed to Children</i>
Tuesday 18th April 2023	Children return to school
<i>Monday 1st May 2023</i>	<i>May Day Bank Holiday—School closed</i>
<i>Monday 8th May 2023</i>	<i>King Charles III's Coronation Bank Holiday—School closed</i>
Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May 2023	Year 6 SAT Tests
Friday 26th May 2023	Children break up for half term
<i>Monday 29th May —Friday 2nd June 2023</i>	<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>
Monday 5th June 2023	Children return to school
Monday 12th June—Friday 16th June 2023	Year 6 Residential Trip to Tregoyd House, Powys
Friday 21st July 2023 (2pm finish)	Children break up for Summer Holidays



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Leave During Term Time

Government guidelines state that from September 2022, all schools must issue parents with penalty notices if their child/children have holiday/leave of 5 days or more during term time.

We will be now be referring **all** requests for leave of absences over 5 days to the Local Authority for penalty notices for any holiday/leave absences.

Please ensure you book all leave and holidays during the school holidays to avoid penalty notices being issued to you. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

After School Childcare Club

Our After School Childcare Club is available at a cost of £8.00 per session. The session starts when the school bell rings at 3:20pm and finishes at 5.15pm. There will be a small snack and drink provided to the children daily.

Due to staffing numbers and for health and safety reasons, children will not be able to attend if you haven't booked and paid for the place in advance. This can be done up until the morning of the day you wish your child to attend.

If you claim help with childcare fees, our School URN is **142823**. More information about this can be found here: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you would like to book your child/children into the club, you can book and pay for sessions via your Arbor account. If you need your log in details re-sending to you, please ask at the school office.



Nursery 30 Hour Eligibility

Nursery parents may be eligible for an additional free 15 hours Nursery place. More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>.

If you are eligible, please let us know as soon as possible as we will need the code given to you in order for you to access your free places.





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Attendance

We understand that some absences during the school year can not be helped, however, we find the need to stress to all our parents the importance of your child being at school every day if they are fit and well. Excellent attendance at school is crucial if your child is to achieve his/ her very best potential. We do not authorise absence during the school term, unless in exceptional circumstances or if sufficient medical evidence is provided. I would therefore seek your full support in aiming for your child to have 100% attendance during his/ her time at Bushbury Lane. **Please be aware that we will be sending letters out to those families where we are concerned about attendance and will have our Education Welfare Officer involved.**

Punctuality

We are thankful to those of our parents who get their children to school on time daily but are still concerned that some of our children are continuously arriving to school late every morning and need your support to help this improve. Please see below the significant amount of learning that your children are missing out on. For example, in Year 1—6, we start the school day with our spelling programme. If your child misses the first 15 minutes of school daily, they will never have spelling delivered to them at Bushbury Lane. Your child **deserves** to access these lessons.



Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Nursery	8.50am (12:20pm for pm Nursery)	11.45am (3.20pm for pm Nursery)
Reception—Year 6	8.50am	3.20pm

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Please note the school day for everyone starts at **8.50am** — not 9.00am. If your child arrives at 9.00am, they have missed the majority of their spelling lesson. We are seeing this having a huge, negative impact on some of our children.



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Collecting your children at the end of the day

It is very important that you are on time collecting your child at the end of the day. It can be very upsetting for children if parents are not there to collect them when they are expected to, and our teaching staff have other commitments after school so are unable to stay and look after any children who have not been collected on time.

We will now be closely monitoring all absences and late arrivals/collections. We have now implemented a charge of £8.00 for late collections, as your child will be placed in our after school childcare club.

Illness

If your child is too ill to attend school, please ensure that you inform us by phoning the school office before 9.15am on each day of illness.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot return to school until they have had 48 hours clear from the last episode of any vomiting or diarrhoea.

A reminder that your child should **NOT** have medication of any type in school with them. If your child needs to have any medicine whilst at school, you must sign it in at the school office and it will be kept safe until your child needs to have it administered. Please note that we can only administer prescribed medication. If you wish to come into school to give your child any other medication, please contact the school office.

PE Days

All children will have a PE lesson each week. The lessons will be led by our Sports Coaches from Soccer 2000.

In addition to their set PE lessons, classes will also have other PE activities throughout each week so **please ensure that every child brings their PE kit in each Monday morning and takes it home for washing each Friday.**

ALL pupils will need to follow the school's PE uniform requirements. This will be monitored closely and you will be informed if your child is not in the correct PE kit. Children who are not wearing the correct kit or unsuitable kit will not be allowed to take part in the lessons for health and safety reasons.

PE Kit for Boys and Girls is as follows:

- Purple or white tee shirt (plain or school logo)
- Plain black shorts/plain black jogging bottoms
- Plain black or purple sweatshirt/hoodie (purple hoodies with school logo are available to buy from Trutex)
- Black pumps/trainers

(Please note: Children should not be wearing named brand items (eg: Nike, Adidas etc))

******Don't forget to label all uniform with your child's name!******





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Uniform Policy

It is our expectation that all children come to school in the correct uniform. If any children are not wearing their full, correct uniform, we will be contacting parents.



A reminder of uniform requirements is below:

Girls

Grey/black skirt or trousers (No Leggings or Jeans)
Purple polo shirt (with or without logo)
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo)
Black shoes (No trainers)
Purple and white gingham dress for summer

Boys

Grey/black trousers (No Jeans)
Purple polo shirt (with or without logo)
Purple sweatshirt (with or without logo)
Black shoes (No trainers)



A warm coat and hat, scarf and gloves will also be required for the Winter months.

The logo items can be purchased from the Trutex Crested Schoolwear shop in Wolverhampton town centre.

Tel: 01902 593030 (Opening hours 9:30am—5.00pm, Mon-Sat) or online at www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Alternatively, you may be able to purchase purple tee shirts and jumpers from large supermarkets.

****Pre-loved uniform donations are always welcome! Please bring any donations to the School Office****

Parking

Can we please encourage parents to use our carpark facility. Traffic is still gathering on Ripon Road at times and we are encouraging parents to please not block this area. We should freely be able to drive up and down this road.

Please continue to be mindful of the following when using the school carpark:

- ◆ There is only enough space for one car to pass through the gate at any one time, meaning you may need to wait to let other cars out before you can enter or vice versa.
- ◆ Cars driving at speed will not be tolerated. Please drive sensibly and carefully in this area.
- ◆ On the left as you drive in through the gates, there will be a row of staff cars. Please drive very slowly and carefully here to avoid any damage.
- ◆ Please be aware of foot traffic in and around this area as there is a footpath in front of the school used by many of our families.
- ◆ Our school site is strictly a no smoking area.

Facebook

Please find us online, if you haven't done so already, to see some of the amazing learning and activities happening at Bushbury Lane. If you haven't already filled in the paperwork, please contact the office to let them know that you consent to photographs of your child being shared on our social media page.

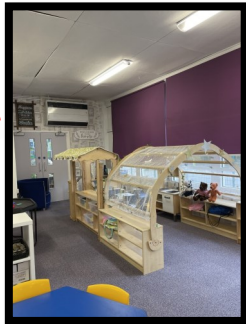
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If this doesn't work, enter the following link into Google.

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Are you looking for a Nursery place? We still have some spaces and would love to have you join us.



Do you want an inspirational experience for your child in an exciting, vibrant environment?

Please pop along to our school office for more information or call 01902 556486

If you are interested in a Nursery place, call us to arrange a viewing!

