

Booker News

Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Parents' Evenings

Many of you have booked your appointments for next week's parents' evenings but there are still plenty of appointments left for Wednesday and Thursday.

To book an appointment please go to: [SchoolCloud - Booker Avenue Junior School](#)

Children's Mental Health Week



We will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week from the 6th of February in school with a range of activities and assemblies.

Next **Friday 10th February** (last day before half term) there will be a 'Dress to Express' day. Children will be able to come to school wearing whatever they wish to and in any way that makes them feel comfortable as who they are. No donation will be necessary.

Safer Internet Day 2023

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place next Wednesday 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.



We will be considering: What issues really matter to children and young people? What changes do they want to see? And how can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?

Many features of the use of the internet will be covered: online bullying, scams, seeing something scary, chat in games, livestreaming, time spent looking at screens, unreliable information and online friends (people you only know online).

Reading at Booker

As a new regular feature in our weekly newsletter, we will be having a focus on reading.

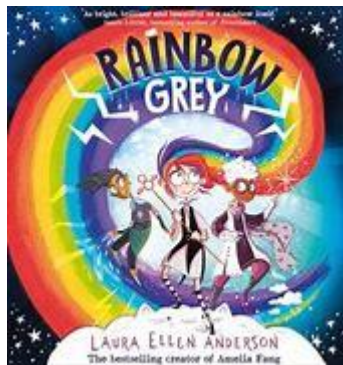
If any of you work as authors, journalists, illustrators etc. and would be interested in coming into school to share your knowledge, expertise or experience with the children, we would love to hear from you!

Reading is THE most important thing for our children, whether it be the earlier stages of decoding words and phonics, developing fluency or reading for pleasure. We have so many amazing readers amongst our pupils and some of them would like to share their reviews of books they have read. If you are looking for books for your own child, maybe these could be good recommendations:

Carys F, 4K

I recommend A Glasshouse of Stars by Shirley Marr

The book is about a girl, Meixing Lim. She and her family move to a new home where everything is unknown and a little scary. She meets a black and white cat who is very nice to her and she starts to feel more comfortable. The book is adventurous and is about lending people a hand. It includes lots of lovely description that takes you to other places. It is about nature and life and once you've read it, it makes you want to explore outside.



Martha C and Nemo L, 6J

We recommend Rainbow Grey by Laura Ellen Anderson

The book is all about ten-year-old Ray Grey who lives in the magical Weatherlands, high in the sky! She is surrounded by Weatherlings with astounding weather power at their fingertips ... but poor Ray doesn't have ANY magic! HOWEVER, after a trip to Earth, Ray's life changes forever. We liked the book because it is about being yourself and not being afraid to be different. It is also interesting for fantasy lovers.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance rate is 96.3% for the academic year so far.

This is improving after the illnesses that were prevalent before Christmas, but could still get better. Please continue to ensure that your child is in school every day and on time.

Year 5 Bike Right

It has been great to see so many of our Year 5 children involved in the Bike Right cycle training this week.

Learning to ride and handle a bike safely on the roads is an important life skill for children.



Snacks for Morning Break

Another reminder: Snacks for morning break must be a healthy option.

Acceptable items: a piece or packet of fresh fruit, dried fruit, a sugar free cereal bar, piece of toast.

The following are not acceptable and children will **not** be permitted to consume them: Crisps, sweets, fruit winders (these are high in sugar), pies, cakes, chocolate, sugary bars (such as Rice Krispie squares).

Thank you for your co-operation.



Water Bottles

It is important that parents provide all children with a reusable water bottle. We are no longer able to provide single use plastic cups if children do not have a bottle. Please ensure the bottle contains only water and that it is either identifiable to your child or is labelled with your child's name.



A message from LCC Employment and Skills

BLUE LIGHT JOB FAIR

POP IN AND CHAT TO OUR MEMBERS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE INSPIRATIONAL ROLES THAT ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS THE SERVICES.

- **MERSEY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**
- **MERSEYSIDE POLICE**
- **NORTHWEST AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Date: Wednesday 8 February

Time: 1pm - 4pm & 5pm - 8pm

Venue: Granby Adult Learning Centre L8 2TU

The teams from Liverpool in Work will be available to provide support for unemployed residents and the Adult Learning Service to advise on courses to enhance your career options.



Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who are our Stars of the Week:

3M

Hudson N- for his fantastic work in History, about how people traded in the Indus Valley.

Pearl H- for her fantastic use of personification during English lessons.

3T

Elsie: For having dedication and enthusiasm with her learning, in all subjects.

Alice: For amazing determination in mathematics, never failing to ask questions or for advice when needed

3E

Harrison - for his amazing work in English and always trying his best.

Harri - for being a good friend to others and sharing his excellent knowledge in Geography and History.

3F

Miles PT - Miles has shown lots of maturity this week. He has responded well to additional responsibilities around our classroom. Keep it up!

Daniel W - Daniel has blown us away with his incredible Maths ability this week. A mathematician in the making for sure! Well done Daniel.

4K

Oliver D - for very kindly and successfully supporting others with their speech punctuation work.

Oliver H - for expertly getting to grips with division.

4C

Leo R- a wonderful attitude to activities.

Zara K - her helpful, encouraging nature at all times.

4B

Alex Y - Consistently giving his best in every subject.

Amahla W - Always completing her work to a very high standard.

5G

Lexi H for continued focus and effort in all subjects.

Thomas P for pushing himself to get better in maths.

5B

Freddie for a great piece of writing.
Sophie for excellent engagement in lessons.

5CM

Ronan M for fantastic effort in English writing his character descriptions.
G rard L: for his amazing effort in Maths multiplying fractions.

6M

Ezra D for taking part in most parts of his lessons and for producing great work.
Tyler E for putting his hand up in lessons. Tyler's work is a joy to mark. Tyler is a very kind friend

6J

Jude D: a wonderful attitude towards his learning in every lesson
Nisa K: showing great perseverance in maths when solving problems using algebra

6Mc

Wilbur H - for super focus, effort and progress in maths.
Luca D - for his efficient approach to learning.

Have a great weekend

Mr R Thompson
Headteacher