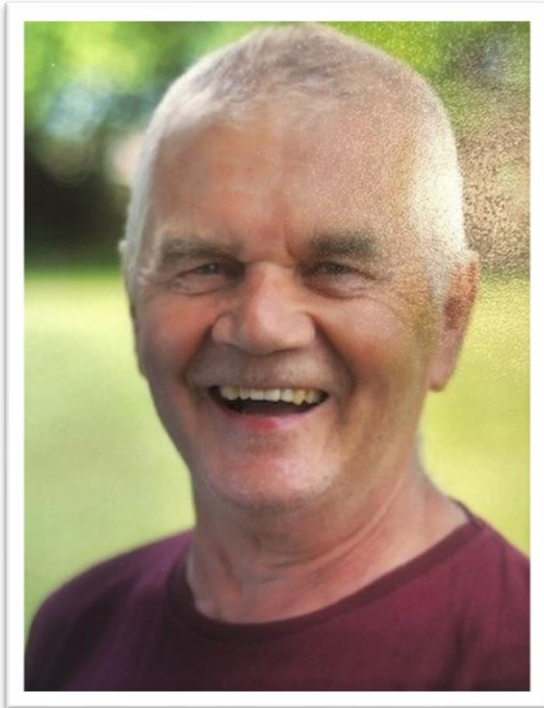


# Booker News

Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

## Welcome to this week's newsletter



In our first newsletter of this half term, I have to start with some unfortunate news. Sadly, our much-valued Site Manager, Ken Pugh, has had to make the decision to retire with immediate effect. As I am sure you all know, Kenny has been a massive part of our school community for many years. In addition, to keeping the school site up to scratch, he has always gone above and beyond in helping to make many school events such memorable occasions. Whether it be his wonderful decorations at Christmas (including keeping control of the naughty elves), building bonfires or driving so many children to sporting events, Kenny has made a huge contribution to the life of Booker Juniors. He is going to be especially missed by all the staff, governors, PTA and children here but we understand that he is doing the right thing for his family. Our very best wishes, Kenny, happy retirement!

## Bonfire and Fireworks

Thank you to the many, many people who attended our Fireworks evening last night. Once again, it was a superb event with the fireworks as spectacular as ever!

Particular thanks have to go to:

- the parent volunteers and PTA who organised things so brilliantly
- our teachers and staff members for marshalling and running the gate,
- the volunteers from Calderstones who helped guide and keep everyone safe
- our friends at Star Fireworks for another amazing display
- Ken Jones, our expert fireman

We are very proud to run this safe and successful community event which also helps our school to provide extra experiences for the children. It will, of course, be back next year!

## School Uniform

Just another reminder: hoodies are only to be worn on PE days. On all other days, the v-necked jumper with the school logo along with the school tie, is the correct uniform.

## Mid-morning snacks

Could we please remind parents that any snack your child brings to have at morning break time must be a healthy one. A piece of fruit is ideal but we will also allow a low sugar cereal bar or dried fruit. Sweets, cakes, donuts, chocolate or crisps are not permitted and your child will not be able to eat them if brought. If children have a packed lunch, one 'treat' is fine in that but it must be eaten with their lunch.

## Attendance

Overall attendance continues to be great; 97.6% for the academic year so far.

We would like to, however, remind you about the importance of punctuality. Our school day starts at 8:45am. This means that the children go into class and start activities straight away. Our doors will close at 8:50am and after that, children will need to enter via the office. This will mean they receive a late mark.

Even a few minutes late has an impact on child's day. Please ensure that your child is on the playground with their class at or before 8:45am. Thank you.

## Humanitarian Appeal

You may be aware that we have recently welcomed two Ukrainian students into our school. They are fantastic children who have quickly made many friends. One of their parents has been able to organise a way to transport humanitarian goods to those who need them at the frontline in Ukraine. If you are able to donate any of the goods on the right, please bring them to school next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November and we will ensure that get to the right place.

Thank you.



## School Garden

Thank you to parents who have volunteered their services to help Mr Bolton with our school garden, it is certainly looking much tidier and ready for Spring! Mr Bolton is always grateful for any help so, if you, or someone you know, has some spare time and enjoy gardening, he can be contacted by email at: [j.bolton@bookeravenue-jun.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:j.bolton@bookeravenue-jun.liverpool.sch.uk)

# Booker Sports

## Cross Country League

Before half term, our boys and girls teams had to squeeze two races into a week, due to a previous postponement.

The first race was at Clarkes Gardens and the second at Croxteth Park. Our runners really are improving with every race and their grit and determination is wonderful to see.

Two fantastic performances by bthe whole team saw both boys' and girls' squads ending up as overall race winners.

Going into the Winter break, the girls are now well clear at the top of the league and the boys have made a tremendous comeback to be neck and neck with Childwall C of E at the top of their league.

In addition to this, no less than 13 of our children have been selected to represent Liverpool Schools in the Cross Challenge event at Sefton Park on 26<sup>th</sup> November. This will see them racing against children from all over the country; a really brilliant achievement.

## Year 5 / 6 Girls' Football



Proudly wearing their brand-new Booker kits, our Year 5 and 6 girls played their first round of league matches on Friday afternoon. They must have been inspired by the new look as they went on to win 3 out of the 4 matches they played and only narrowly losing the fourth.

This great performance gained them 9 points which will give them even more confidence when they play the next round of matches.

## Stars of the Week

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

### 3M

Jack E- for putting lots of care and effort into his handwriting and presentation.

Sophie R- for her fantastic effort during Maths lessons, and for never giving up when answering questions.

### 3T

Belle M- has shown maturity and an eagerness to learn this week. Very happy with her!

Harry T - always involved with lessons and has produced some excellent History and Geography. Very neat.

### 3E

Harrison - for consistently trying his best and being resilient in his learning.

Marianna - for presenting her work beautifully and always setting a good example for others.

### 3F

Tara W - Tara has returned to school with a fantastic attitude and has responded brilliantly to feedback given to her. Keep it up!

Jemima W - Jemima is growing in confidence all the time and it is a delight to see her sharing her ideas more freely with our class. Well done!

### 4K

Henry K - for speaking clearly and confidently in front of our class during our debates.

Maggie W - for making some excellent arguments in her debate about whether having more things makes you happier.

### 4C

Luis R: using determination to solve addition and subtraction problems correctly.

Sophie C: using her good knowledge to produce lovely work about the Roman Army.

### 4B

Anya B - A well written and performed debate in English this week, well done.

Arthur G - Superb English writing with plenty of detail on a discussion text.

### 5G

Yasin E for sharing great ideas in whole class discussion

Lexi H for trying really hard to improve in maths

## 5B

Maddie C for exceptional engagement in lessons.  
Arthur R for some amazing maths work on factors.

## 5CM

Oliver C for a fantastic start to the poetry unit.  
Daria H for showing her sophisticated mental arithmetic strategies.

## 6M

Kamran I for the most hard work completed on a Friday ever! He behaved beautifully in Friday's lessons too.  
Ruby A for superb progress in all lessons. Ruby is presenting her work beautifully. We are also proud of her for working hard in football when she represents the school.

## 6J

Jude D - for a detailed and accurate diagram depicting the natural resources of Great Britain.  
Tom S - for demonstrating his knowledge of 'classifying living things' in science.

## 6Mc

Georgia G - for trying super hard in maths and applying her times tables to answer division questions.  
Ryan M - for his excellent attitude and effort with Reading Plus.

Mr Thompson