

Booker News

Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Our Year 6 children were able to enhance their History studies this week with a fascinating trip to Quarry Bank Mill.

In class, they have been learning about the story of 19th century industrial Manchester told through the life of Abel Heywood, who first arrived in the slums of Manchester in 1819 and rose to oversee numerous city improvements become mayor and build the new town hall. The fantastic guides at Quarry bank gave an insight into what it was like to be a child have to work in the harsh conditions of a cotton mill.

The fantastic behaviour of our pupils throughout the day was complimented by the staff there and everyone had a great time. Well done Year 6!



Book Fair

The brilliant Scholastic Book Fair will be with us once again from Tuesday next week. It will be situated in the school library and open for different year groups each day after school.

Year groups may visit the fair as follows:

Tuesday 17th March – Year 3

Wednesday 18th March – Year 4

Thursday 19th March – Year 5

Friday 20th March – Year 6

Monday 23rd March – Any year group



PTA EASTER BINGO

The PTA will once again be running this popular family event.

Tickets are always in demand. Use this link to book:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/booker-avenue-junior-school-pta

Wednesday 25th March

Early sitting 15:30-17:00

Late sitting 17:30-19:00

Tickets are 3 pounds per person - which gives you your game card.

Each sitting has a limit of 100 people



We're looking for volunteers to help at our Easter bingo event. We need help with setting up the room during the day 1-3pm, handing out game tickets at the start of each sitting, selling raffle tickets and running the tuck shop and then cleaning up at the end.

If people are able to give some time to help for any part of above please contact us via the PTA WhatsApp group below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JABDGVt9OCO6P7wv0CffYU?mode=hq2tcli>

To support this event, we will be having a non-uniform day next Friday 20th March. We are asking for any donations of Easter Eggs or chocolate. Thank you!

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

DIGITAL WELLNESS AND BALANCE - TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

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DIGITAL WELLNESS

Digital wellness means using online apps and websites in a way that supports and protects mental health. With the continuing rise of social media use, digital wellness is more important than ever.

Social media helps young people connect, learn and express themselves, but too much time online or exposure to harmful content can affect their well-being. You can play a key role in supporting children to develop healthy digital habits, such as balancing screen time with offline activities, thinking critically about what they see online, and knowing how to talk about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable, to help them build confidence and resilience while navigating the digital world safely.



TOP TIPS

Here are some top tips for improved digital wellness:

- **Social Media and Likes** - Children who are accessing social media apps may feel pressure to gain 'likes' or approval online. Always check the content that they are accessing or posting.
- **Tech Agreements** - Create a tech agreement with your child, help them understand that the boundaries you set are not a punishment but are in their best interest.
- **Age requirement** - Be aware of the minimum age requirement for social media platforms, ensure children are not accessing things they are not old enough for.

SITE SPOTLIGHT - ONLINE SAFETY HUB

This week's spotlight is the **MGL Online Safety Hub**.

The Online Safety Hub is a website often used in our newsletters. It is filled with helpful articles and top tips for parents about common online safety concerns that children might come into contact with.

The articles are written by experts and cover topics ranging from online mental health to specific games and apps that children are accessing. If you're ever worried about something, the Online Safety Hub has an article to help.

Scan the QR code to learn more:



Parent ASD Training Opportunity

The ASD training team are offering a course called The EarlyBird Plus programme. The course will bring families/carers and professionals together to learn about Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

The criteria for attending is that your child should be between 5 and 10 years old, and either on the ASD pathway, or with an ASD diagnosis.

Time and Dates for the course (all dates to be attended) are 9.30am-12 noon on Thursdays 4th, 11th, 25th June, 9th July.

Location: Garston Children Centre, Banks Road, L19 8JZ

Please contact the ASD training team to book a place asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If you would like to talk to someone at school about it first, please contact Amy Majumdar (SENCO) a.majumdar@bookeravenue-jun.liverpool.sch.uk or call the school office.

Attendance

Our whole school average attendance has stayed this week at 96.6%

Persistent Absenteeism

The Department for Education classes a child with attendance lower than 90% as a 'persistent absentee.'

Please note: If your child's attendance is lower than 90% we may ask for medical evidence if they are absent due to illness.

Our expectation for each child is 97%.

Sports

Year 6 Boys Football:

Our Year 6 team finished off the regular league fixtures this afternoon.

A draw, a win and a loss against Dovedale, Blackmoor and Mossaits respectively saw the boys gain 4 more league points

This means that they have qualified for the league finals play off day to be held at LFC Academy on May 1st.

Good luck lads!



The Cross Country league drew to a close with the final race at Wavertree on Tuesday evening. As Booker staff were there to help marshal the race, it really seemed to spur our children on to even greater heights. Some magnificent team running saw very high placings and all seven of our Year 6 boys finishing in the top 15 places. This may well be the best performance ever by a Booker team.

Well done to all the boys and girls who have run the league this season. We await the final league standings.

Boys		Girls	
Jude S	4th	Halle D	3 rd
James P	6th	Sienna H	4 th
Hudson N	8th	Isla I	15 th
Spencer M	9th	Ruby L	16 th
Lewis S	10th	Orla T	28 th
Zach B	14th	Lara T	36 th
Spencer M	15th	Halle I	46 th
Thomas A-P	35th	Isabella C	69 th
Harry R	50th	Summer M	88 th
Bobby D	54th		
Will S	65th		
Freddie D	67th		
Finley S	76th		

Now we move onto the City Championships next week where there will be a different format of Year 6 teams and separate Year 5 (and under) teams.

We will have some slightly different teams following this morning's trials, so good luck to all our boys and girls.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who have been nominated by their teachers as our Stars of the Week their work, behaviour or positive attitude. Certificates will be presented during Monday's assembly.

3B – Mr Booth

Jimmy for being an absolute star during test week, showcasing just how much of a role model he can be by being polite, kind and determined

Penny continues to be an asset during My Happy Mind sessions, with a wonderful insight into how we can be grateful towards one and other

3H – Miss Hewison

Aster for her fantastic perseverance and consistently positive attitude during assessments, showing a willingness to try her best. She has also produced a beautiful piece of artwork, creating Rangoli designs. It had lots of wonderful colours and patterns. Well done, Aster! Keep up the wonderful attitude and hard work!

Dylan for his fantastic work in History. He showed wonderful knowledge and understanding while learning about Greek city-states. He produced a great piece of work using lots of key vocabulary. He contributed brilliantly to discussions and impressed everyone with his wonderful knowledge. Well done for your hard work and thoughtful learning in History, Dylan!

3F – Miss May

Kian is a star because he has a brilliant attitude to learning. He tries his best in every lesson and every test. Kian is focused, determined, and shows a fantastic growth mindset. He always challenges himself and never gives up, even when the work is tricky. Well done, Kian!

In our My Happy Mind lessons, we have been learning about having a gratitude attitude and ways to show appreciation to others. **Delilah** is my Star of the Week because she always makes the people around her feel valued and appreciated. She regularly shows gratitude for the positive things in life. Well done, Delilah!

4B – Mr Bell

Esther C - Super work on understanding and recreating her own Jabberwocky poem

Zachary S - Showing good understanding in his reading and comprehension tasks.

4K – Mrs Bradley

Kaleb - for contributing some fantastic vocabulary and imaginative ideas in our Jabberwocky poetry unit, that lots of others used too.

Bryony - for being a kind and caring member of our class, who thinks of ways to brighten other people's day.

4M – Mrs McCrystal

Sophie has been a wonderful help in the classroom this week, showing kindness and responsibility while supporting everyone around her. Her positive attitude and willingness to help have made a big difference—well done, Sophie!

Alastair has shown excellent mathematical thinking this week, especially with fractions, and approaches problems with confidence and care. His positive attitude towards maths and willingness to challenge himself have been fantastic to see—well done

5G – Mrs Griffiths

All of 5G for working so hard during test week.

5B – Mr Bolton

Erin for her efforts and engagement in lessons this week.

Rocco for his focus in lessons during the latter part of the week

5CM – Mrs Cobbe / Miss Majumdar

All of 5CM for perseverance and hard work in their tests this week. We are very proud of them all.

5M – Miss McDonald

Lucas D - for spreading positivity every single day and showing a brilliant attitude towards his learning. He lifts others up with his kind words, works hard without giving up and brings an uplifting energy to our classroom. Keep being amazing Lucas!

Molly M - for her impeccable behaviour and the calm, respectful attitude she shows every single day. She listens carefully, sets a fantastic example for others, and is always a wonderful role model. Keep up the great work, Molly!

6B – Miss Byrne

Martha for always giving 110% in every French lesson. She consistently takes every opportunity to practise her pronunciation and approaches every activity with enthusiasm and confidence, which has really helped her develop her language skills. Martha also demonstrates superb behaviour in every lesson! You are a superstar!

Joel for the exceptional behaviour he has shown on our recent school trip. He followed instructions carefully, listened attentively, and conducted himself brilliantly throughout the day. Joel represented himself, his class, and his school in such a positive way, showing maturity and respect at all times. You are a such a star!

6M – Mrs Moody

Louis who gave amazing answers to questions on our trip to the mill. He is trying incredibly hard with his handwriting.

Seb for his lovely presentation, hard work, great progress and kindness to his peers in class.

6J – Mr Manning

Max for his beautifully fluent, melodic, and calming reading voice—perhaps a future voice-over star. He has also impressed with his retention of knowledge in history. He was able to recall the differences in the geographical landscapes of the medieval African kingdoms of Benin and Ethiopia, as well as the similarities between their rulers, Oba Ewaure and Zara Yaqob. Brilliant work, Max!

Thomas has a beautiful singing voice. I was entertained during our coach journey to Quarry Bank Mill with his rendition of “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen and “Something” by The Beatles—a future Rock and Roll Hall of Famer! Thomas also impresses me with his listening skills. He gives his full attention to the speaker, listens thoughtfully, and asks appropriate questions when given the opportunity. Great work, Thomas.

6Mc – Miss McKevitt

Jess- for an amazing narrative story with dialogue. She used gripping vocabulary and a wide range of punctuation to retell a chapter of our class novel.

Stanley - for exceptional behaviour on our class trip to Quarry Bank Mill. He shared his excellent subject knowledge with the group and asked very thoughtful questions!

Mr Thompson
Headteacher