

Booker News

Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Arbor Communications

We are currently adapting the way we communicate with parents so that we send fewer messages by SMS texts.

This means that more of our communications may come to you by email or through in-app messages. To ensure that you do not miss important information, please install the Arbor app. You should have received a link with a login. If you require this again, please let the school office know.

Also, we must remind you again not to pay any money into a Parent Pay account. We are no longer using this method for payments. Arbor is the sole platform for payments of dinner money, trips etc.

Parents Evenings

We will be holding our first Parents Evening of the year on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October. You will have the opportunity to meet you child's new teacher if you have not already done so. Information will also be given on what your child will be learning this year and how you can support them.

Appointments will be available to book via Arbor from this Wednesday onwards.

If your child is on our SEN register and you have any queries about special educational needs, Miss Majumdar, our SENCo, will also be available to meet with if you would like to. You will be able to book an appointment with her via a different method and information about this will be sent separately.

Crossing Patrol

We received some good news this week about the Crossing Patrol for Booker Avenue. A new patrol officer has been recruited and is due to start work this week. This comes after months of not having a patrol and lots of campaigning by parents and governors.

Hopefully, crossing outside school will now be much safer for everyone!

Year 6 Residential

A final reminder to Year 6 parents to complete the online expressions of interest by Monday. At the point we will know if the trip can go ahead. Thank you.

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

USING KIND WORDS ONLINE – POSITIVE COMMUNICATION TIPS

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USING KIND WORDS

Encouraging children to communicate positively online is one of the many parental responsibilities faced in an increasingly online world today, ensuring that your child is treating others the way they expect to be treated.

Children often hear in school about it not being difficult to be kind, but children often believe that because they're behind the screen, they can be unkind. This is not true, and it is important that children recognise that they should still treat those online how they should expect to be treated, by using kind words and not being unkind when disagreeing.



TOP TIPS FOR COMMUNICATION

A few top tips for children when they're talking online with friends:

- **Put it in context** - Talk to your child about the situation - get them to imagine themselves in the other position - would they like the way they're being spoken to?
- **If you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything.** - A simple but effective tip.
- **Tone** - Get children to think about how their tone comes across over written text, a joke might not be taken the way they think.

APP SPOTLIGHT - WHATSAPP



This week's app spotlight is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is great for communication, especially for friends and family. But it is important to remember the minimum age is 13 for using whatsapp.

Scan or tap the QR Code below to find out more about Whatsapp:



For more information about communicating online, scan or tap the QR code below:



Gardening Club

It was great to see 20 or so of our Year 6 boys and girls getting stuck in to tasks at this year's gardening club. We have a lovely area at the rear of the library where we have grown lots of plants and vegetables in the past. It currently needs some attention so there is a lot to do!

It's widely accepted that getting outdoors even for a small amount of time can enrich our daily lives, and the lives of children. Nature creates a calming environment for them, which enhances their learning experiences, sparks joy and arouses curiosity.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year so far is 96.9%. Thanks for your support!

Being on time helps your child start the day calmly. It helps them learn, build routines and connect with their friends. When children arrive late, they can miss important information and feel unsettled.

Pupils can arrive from 8:35am]. They should be ready to start the school day at 8:45am.

If your child arrives after 8:50am, they will be marked as late

If getting to school on time is difficult, please talk to us. We can help with routines and find small changes that make mornings easier. We may invite you to meet with us to talk about lateness and agree a plan together.

Sports

The annual LPSAA Road Relays race event took place on Tuesday at Wavertree Park. This is a really fun and exiting race involving teams of four children running 4 x 1km. There were boys, girls and mixed races and Booker had entered an A and B team in each category.

All of our boys and girls put in a fantastic effort. Some of them were having their first experience of representing the school and they did themselves proud.

As far as results went our Girls A team romped to victory whilst the Girls B team also won the B team race. Other highlights were the Mixed A team gaining a third place and the Boys B team taking the B team race prize. Well done to them all!



Kinball

Zara, Scarlett, Ella, Thomas, Lucas and James from Year 4 represented our school brilliantly on Friday. They tried a new sport at the LSSP Kinball event.

Kin-Ball, is a team sport created in Quebec, Canada, in which the main distinctive characteristics are the big size of the ball (1.22 meters in diameter) and that the matches are played among three teams at the same time instead of traditional one-vs-one like the most of the team games.

The boys and girls had a great time, demonstrated great teamwork and gained lots of new skills.



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

Penny for her outstanding enthusiasm toward her extra-curricular lessons in playing the guitar, and for also being a wonderful role model to all in 3B

Margot for her exceptional work in English using her expanded noun phrases to construct descriptive sentences of the Twit's home, and for her phenomenal examples of behaviour inside and outside of the classroom

3H – Miss Hewison

Willow for her wonderful effort and hard work across all subjects. She has shown such a positive attitude towards her learning and has been trying incredibly hard, especially with her presentation and handwriting. I have been so impressed! Well done, Willow! You are a superstar!

Louis AP for his wonderful attitude towards his learning. He has been participating more confidently and putting in lots of effort. He worked particularly hard in French. It has been great to see him challenging himself and showing such enthusiasm for his learning. Well done, Louis! Keep it up!

3F – Miss May

Emilia is a star because she always tries her best and never gives up, even when faced with tricky maths problems. She shows real determination when tackling challenges. Emilia also shines in our French lessons, where she works hard, participates enthusiastically and always puts in a fantastic effort. Well done Emilia!

Eli is a star because he has worked so hard in all of his lessons. He has really impressed me with his mature attitude and the effort he put into his learning. He especially impressed Mr Booth with his fantastic work in computing. Well don Eli!

4B – Mr Bell

Thomas L - Showing his ability at writing and using fronted adverbials to add extra detail to his work. Thomas is always ready with an intelligent answer.

Dylan R-K - In English Dylan has shown his lovely word choice for his description of a lonely place.

4K – Mrs Bradley

Zach B - for some wonderful drawings in his alternative story map.

Robyn L - for some fantastic place value work in Maths and helping others with theirs.

4M –Miss Munro

Lucas W - Showing the class his amazing science knowledge when discussing states of matter. Well done Lucas!

Lennon G - For writing an excellent piece full of suspense. It had me on the edge of my seat! Great work Lennon!

5G – Mrs Griffiths

Asha A for being a model pupil who is always keen and ready to learn.

Edie O for pushing herself in maths and growing in confidence.

5B – Mr Bolton

Isla Mc for demonstrating a really positive attitude in the last few days. She really did put a lot of effort in.

Yousef M for participating enthusiastically and producing some excellent work in French.

5M – Miss McDonald

Ethan D- for always trying his very best. Ethan has demonstrated such a wonderful attitude towards his learning, facing challenges with great perseverance and having such an infectious desire to learn. Well done for such a fantastic week, Ethan!

Clara W- for bringing such a warm, calming presence to our classroom. Clara always follows instructions perfectly and is the most amazing role-model for other children. Keep up the wonderful work, Clara!

6A – Miss Aucutt

Isaac – For working incredibly hard in Computing. Miss McKevitt and I are really proud of the effort and determination he has shown. Well done, Isaac!

Mariella – For her beautiful handwriting and consistently excellent presentation. She is always doing the right thing and is a fantastic role model to others. Well done, Mariella!

6M – Mrs Moody

Jonah for his wonderful behaviour and excellent attitude in lessons. Jonah's work is detailed and beautifully presented.

Ruby who behaves beautifully in lessons and always tries her hardest. Ruby is an extremely kind friend and always supports her peers if they have a problem or need some help.

6J – Mr Manning

Charlotte for always going the extra mile in her learning. In particular, Charlotte is keen to stretch her understanding in Maths and enjoys applying her knowledge to challenging questions.

Will S for answering questions in lessons. Will is keen to contribute his thoughts and ideas and enjoys lively classroom discussion. He articulates his points clearly and demonstrates active listening when others are speaking. He has exceptional manners also.

6Mc – Miss McKevitt

Sean - for creating some amazing artwork this week. He has really thought about perspective and how to make his drawings realistic.

Molly - for her infectious positivity both in the classroom and around the school. She is never without a smile!

Mr Thompson
Headteacher