

Booker News

Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter

OFSTED Inspection 8th and 9th February

As you are aware our school was visited by HM Inspector for two days this week to scrutinise many aspects of our work and in particular, the quality of education.

The report will be available to parents in around 4 weeks' time and you will all receive a copy as soon as it is published. Until then, I can't give any details.

What I can say, is that the children have been completely fabulous; absolute credits to their families and school.

Parents' Evenings

I have to apologise once again for the postponement of the planned Parents' Evenings this week, it really was unavoidable.

We are rescheduling for the first week back after half term on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd February.

Appointments will need to be rebooked. The booking process will be open from 9am on this coming **Monday 13th February**; you will not be able to book until then.

To arrange your appointment, please go to: [SchoolCloud - Booker Avenue Junior School](#)

Children's Mental Health Week



Of course, we have been taking part in Children's Mental Health Week under the theme "Let's Connect." We have learned how important it is to connect with others and all the ways in which we can do that.

On Thursday, we also took part in Safer Internet Day and our assembly focused on how we connect with others online and how to stay whilst doing that.

Then, to top the week off, we have today been visited by a film crew from BBC Northwest Tonight, who have interviewed some of our wonderful Year 6 children about their 'Dress to Express' day. You will be able to see that at 6:30pm this evening on BBC1 !



Focus on Reading

World Book Day 2023

Thursday 2nd March is World Book day once again. Naturally, we will be inviting children and staff to come to school dressed as a book character. This is always a lot of fun and gets us really thinking about the wonderful world of reading.

Also, to celebrate World Book Day this year, we're going to have a Booker Book Swap.

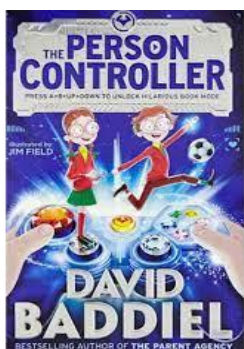
Leading up to World Book Day, children can bring in a book from home that they no longer want and that is in good condition. When they hand it in to their teacher, they will receive a Booker Book Swap token and be asked to write a message for the future reader, that will go inside the book. Later on, during World Book Day, all of the books brought in will be set out in the hall and the children with a token can go and select a book they haven't read before and read the message that has been left to them from the book's previous owner!



This week's book reviews come from Oliver in Y4 and Ayda in Y6:

Oliver S, 4K

I recommend 'I Swapped My Brother on the Internet' by Jo Simmons. The story is about Jonny, who decides to use SiblingSwap.com to get rid of his obnoxious older brother. The book is very funny because he swapped his brother, Ted. It makes me laugh because his new brother is called Mervyn and Mervyn is actually a merboy!



Ayda , 6Mc

I recommend 'The Person Controller' by David Baddiel. The story is about twins, Fred and Ellie, who are great at video games but not much else. They meet The Mystery Man who gives them a controller unlike any they've ever seen before. It's a very funny book and it explains how hard it can be to be bullied and to be different to others. I think that other pupils, who like funny books, would like this too.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance rate is 96.4% for the academic year so far.

Thank you for your support.

Booker Sports

Eight of our Year 4 children had a wonderful time this morning representing our school at the LSSP Highland Games!

They got to take part in some great activities including wellie throwing, tossing the caber and tug of war. Each school present found their own school champion at the end and it was Heidi who was the best of Booker!

Well done to all eight who were brilliant ambassadors for our school.



Stars of the Week

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

3M

Sasha M- for being a caring, respectful member of 3M, at all times.

Jack H- for being positive, and enthusiastic towards his learning in every lesson.

3T

Archie - for getting involved during lessons and participating in discussion.

Ruby - for amazing effort, determination, and creativity in her work both inside and outside of lessons.

3E

Joel - for his excellent use of personification in his poem.

Daniel H - for always bringing joy to everyone in 3E! Keep smiling!

3F

Jemima W - I am so proud of Jemima for gaining the confidence to share her wonderful poetry with our class this week. It was beautifully written! Well done.

Tara W - For showing resilience and positivity all week and being a ray of sunshine. A fantastic helper and classmate. Keep up the good work!

4K

Marc - for some fantastic facts and answers in our Roman history lessons.

Carys - for some wonderful division and perimeter work in Maths.

4C

Rory M- showing excellent knowledge of coastal landforms.

Chloe S- her good effort and work in our focus on mixed numbers in Maths.

4B

Matilda W - Excellent understanding and always willing to give the correct answer in lessons.

Henry C - Showing his fantastic knowledge in all subjects.

5G

Mrs Griffiths says All of 5G – ‘for making me proud every single day.’

5B

Yousif M for some mega maths of fractions and decimals.

Isaac P for trying really hard on his comprehension and reading.

5CM

Mrs Cobbe and Miss Majumdar have chosen the whole class for being absolutely brilliant this week!

6M

All of 6m for their hard work all term.

6J

Marianna – a wonderful attitude and thirst for learning

Tyler – working hard in every lesson and showing wonderful manners to adults around school

6Mc

James M - for an enthusiastic approach to learning.

Harry H - for his sensible and mature attitude.

Have a great half term week. See you when we return on Monday 20th February.

Mr R Thompson

Headteacher