



Newsletter 11

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INSPIRE our children to succeed

CREATE excitement for learning

ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

DATES TO REMEMBER NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Date	Time	Event	Year Group
TUESDAY 26 NOV	All day	School Photographer	Whole school
WEDNESDAY 27-29 NOV	Residential	Brighthouse	Year 5
THURSDAY 28 NOV	All day	Aston Hall trip	Year 1
TUESDAY 3 DEC	AM	Pantomime	Whole school
FRIDAY 6 DEC	3.30pm - 5.30pm	Christmas Fayre	Whole school
MONDAY 9 DEC	12.45pm - 1.30pm	Christmas Dinners	Year 3, Year 4 & RB
MONDAY 9 DEC	9.00am - 6.00pm	Houses of parliament	Year 5
MONDAY 9 DEC	2.15pm - 3.00pm	Y3 Peter Pan Performance	Year 3
MONDAY 9 DEC	4.00pm - 4.30pm	Drama club performance	Drama Club
TUESDAY 10 DEC	12.45pm - 1.30pm	Christmas Dinners	Year 5 & Year 6
WEDNESDAY 11 DEC	12.45pm - 1.30pm	Christmas Dinners	Year 1 & Year 2
THURSDAY 12 DEC	ALL DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS	
FRIDAY 13 DEC	12.45pm - 1.30pm	Christmas Dinners	EVFS
MONDAY 16 DEC	9.00am - 10.00am	Y1 Xmas carol performance	Year 1
MON 16 & TUE 17 DEC	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Reception Nativity	Reception
MONDAY 16 DEC	All day	Peter Pan Performance at The Rep	Year 3
TUESDAY 17 DEC	9.00am - 10.30am	HT awards	Whole school
TUESDAY 17 DEC	PM	Christmas Parties	Whole school
WEDNESDAY 18 DEC	AM	Cinema attendance trip	100% attendance N-Y6
THURSDAY 19 DEC	All day	Christmas Jumper day	Whole school
THURSDAY 19 DEC	9.00am- 10.30am	Star of the term	Reception - Year 6
FRIDAY 20 DEC	AM	Church visit	Whole school

FUNDRAISING FIGURES

Billesley would like to say a massive thank you for all of your support in our recent fundraising days. With your help our Children in Need day raised a total of:

£220.06!

Additionally Oddssocks day raised:

£107.90!

Thank you again for all of your donations!

FESTIVE FRIDAY

Friday 22 November is 'Festive Friday' at Billesley! To support our 'Christmas Fayre' we ask that you come to school with festive hair and a donation of chocolate, toys or toiletries.

Thank you.

ACTION CALENDAR: NEW THINGS NOVEMBER 2019

Monday: 1. You never know what you can do until you try! - C. S. Lewis

Tuesday: 2. Make a list of new things you want to try and do this month

Wednesday: 3. Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

Thursday: 4. Teach yourself a new skill: Origami? First aid? Meditation?

Friday: 5. Enjoy new music today: Play, sing, dance or listen

Saturday: 6. Get out your photos and observe the changing season

Sunday: 7. Visit a local place of interest that you've not been to before

1. Today meet someone new and learn something about them

2. Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

3. Make a meal using ingredients you've not tried before

4. When you feel you can't do something, add the word 'yet'

5. Today connect with someone from a different generation

6. Teach yourself a new skill through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

7. Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

8. Learn a new skill from a friend and teach them something of yours

9. Go outside and do something playful: walk, run, explore, relax

10. Discover your artistic side: Design your own Christmas cards

11. Be curious: Find out about three new topics or ideas

12. Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

13. Be creative today: cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

14. Tell a friend about something helpful you learned recently

15. Learn to say a word or phrase in three different languages

16. Choose to do something out of your normal comfort zone

17. Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

18. Join a new online community on a topic that interests you

19. Say hello to someone you see regularly but don't normally talk to

20. Sign up to join a class, course, activity or evening class

21. Learn to say a word or phrase in three different languages

22. Join a friend group through hobbies and find out why they love it

23. Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel to normal

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25. Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26. Today wear something unusual and enjoy looking different

27. Turn in to a different radio station or TV channel to normal

28. Join a friend group through hobbies and find out why they love it

29. Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

30. Set aside a regular time to pursue a new hobby

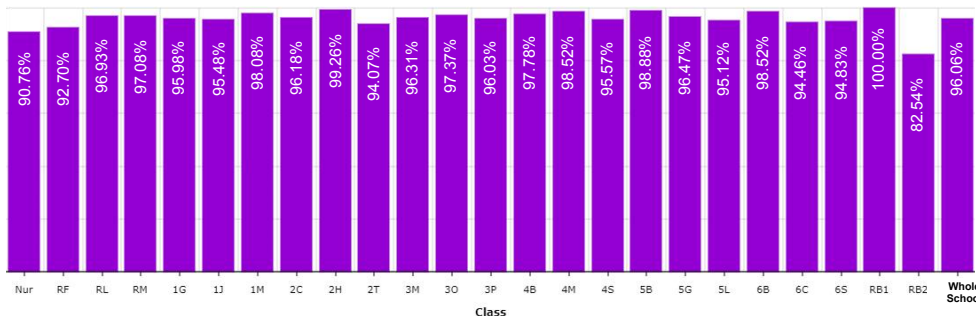
ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: www.actionforhappiness.org/10keys

ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL AT 8.45AM LESSONS START AT 8.50AM. LATE MARKS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 8.50AM GATES CLOSE AT 9.00AM, AFTER THIS CHILDREN MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN OFFICE

Attendance W.C 11 November 2019



TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
2019	
FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER	MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER
2020	
FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 7 JANUARY
FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 3 APRIL	MONDAY 20 APRIL
FRIDAY 22 MAY	MONDAY 1 JUNE
FRIDAY 17 JULY	TBC
PLEASE NOTE:	
THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL ELECTIONS
FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	BANK HOLIDAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY



STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason	Reader of the Week
1J	Isa B	Isa has been working really hard in maths over the past few weeks and has challenged himself every day when working independently. Keep it up!	Harvey B
1M	Aaeysha A	Aaeysha has been really impressing everyone in Year 1 with her report writing in English. She is becoming increasingly independent and is using the sentences that she has created independently to help her when writing in her book. This is amazing Aaeysha, keep it up!	Mohammed M
1G	Kabhan-Michael S	Kabhan wowed me this week with his writing. He concentrated really hard and remembered to use his finger spaces and his phonics. I am so proud of him - well done Kabhan!	Betel A
2T	Jasminah A	I have chosen Jassi for star of the week because of her continuous hard work and kindness! She is an incredibly bright and sensible role model here at Billesley! Well done Jassi!	Kayla C
2H	Ismaeel I	What a star you have been! Ismaeel has shown a great deal of maturity in year 2 this week. He has offered fantastic ideas in our PSHE lessons and as well as working well in a team has given support to those around him! Ismaeel is hard working and a pleasure to have in my class! Well done Ismaeel! Keep it up!	Hira R
2C	Zahra N	Zahra is fairly new to Billesley but has made a fantastic start to her time here. She has a conscientious attitude to her learning and applies herself to the best of her ability in all lessons. Zahra has especially impressed her teachers this week with her brilliant inference skills during reading lessons. Keep up the hard work Zahra!	Niventhan N
3P	Mohammad A	We are so lucky to have someone like Mohammad in our class. He is kind to everyone and incredibly funny. Mohammed is also an exceptional student in all subjects, particularly writing. Well done!	Daniyal Z
3O	Mohammed Z A	Mohammed has tried so hard this week to offer answers during class discussions. This was particularly evident in our PSHE session on Wednesday. I am impressed with his effort to listen and be involved. Well done.	Charlie M B
3M	Zareen S	Zareen is someone who always tries new things and has been working extremely hard, particularly in English. Keep it up Zareen - I'm so glad you are in my class!	Destiny S
4S	Jessica R	Jessica has shone this week as she has grown in confidence in all subjects. She has been sharing her ideas in writing and has even been spotting my mistakes, so thank you for helping me Jess! Keep it up. We all love hearing your thoughts!	Umair M
4B	Alishba F	Alishba has been working very hard on her spellings this week! She has been using Spelling Shed and is now scoring 10/10 on each practise. I am so impressed by your independence. Well done you!	Safa H
4M	Eemaan W B	Eemaan has such a positive attitude to learning and is always engaged and ready to learn. She is a pleasure to have in class.	Sarah B
5G	Aun N	Wow! I've been so impressed with Aun this year. He has a very positive attitude to his learning and his behaviour has been exemplary. What a pleasure to have Aun in 5G!	Samarah S
5L	Ana C	Ana is quite simply an all round star. She shines in everything she does and always has such a positive attitude in school.	Rahmath H M
5B	Rueben S	What a delight Rueben is to have in 5B! He is such a positive and helpful member of our class and an extremely kind and caring friend to others. In English, Rueben has been working particularly hard on his writing and I have seen a huge improvement since half term! Please keep up all the hard work and effort that you are putting in Rueben, as it is really shining through!	Adam M
6C	Sherjeel H	I am so proud of Sherjeel this week. He has had a great week in his new maths set and has made lots of new friends. Well done Sherjeel - we are all so proud of you!	Amna A A
6B	Khadijah J	Khadijah's reading diary makes me so happy! I love checking it every week as it really reflects her love of reading and the pride she takes in everything she does. Khadijah also endlessly impresses all of her teachers with her positive attitude to learning and willingness to try her hardest. What an absolute star!	Yashraj S
6S	Zaina K	I have been really impressed with how Zaina has grown in confidence since the beginning of September. She really gets involved in class discussions now and loves helping out in my classroom during lunchtime. Zaina has a brilliant sense of humour and is well liked by her peers. She is working hard in her other subjects across the curriculum too. Keep up this positive attitude Zaina!	Jack S
RB	Taha B	Not only has Taha has been incredible in all his lessons in RB, he is also coming back from his Y5 lessons loaded with team points and showing us all his incredible work! We could not be prouder of you Taha. You are an absolute star!	Kane H

BILLESLEY BREAKFAST CLUB

What a fantastic way to start the day!



Every morning lots of our Billesley children arrive at school bright and early to enjoy a healthy breakfast, chat with their friends, play fun games and try out a range of different sports. And all for just £2:00.

Thanks to Magic Breakfast we have a wide range of cereals on offer and lots and lots of delicious bagels. There is no better way to start the day, than with a nutritious breakfast and some healthy exercise.

**The research is clear:
A nutritious breakfast = children who are ready to learn.**

If children have had breakfast, exercise and have fun with their friends, then they are ready to learn and will make great progress - they will succeed in all their learning!. However if children haven't had breakfast, they will find it difficult to concentrate and will find it more difficult to learn.

Why not join us? No need to register - just turn up. Payments can be made on parentpay.

Bagels are also on offer to children and parents as they arrive at school from 8:45



WE LOVED BOOK WEEK!



Mr Hudson set the whole school a series of reading related challenges to complete across the week and our amazing children and wonderful teachers accepted the challenge and then some.....

The children have: read books in very unusual places; made a date with our school librarian to look at our lovely new topic books; read books on Bug Club; reviewed books on our school website; read books at playtime; wrapped themselves in a blanket and read books in their classrooms; surveyed some teachers about their favourite books, and even persuaded some teachers to read a book at bedtime and prove it by putting a photograph on Twitter.

All in all we have read, read and read some more!

The Book Week Challenge winners were 30 and for all their awesomeness, they have received a mini book trophy for their classroom, an ice lolly for everyone (including the teachers), an extra playtime AND £50 to spend on lovely new books for the classroom from our Principal, Mr Rogerson.

We always encourage our children to read as much as possible because we know that reading is the number one subject and research consistently shows that reading helps children get better in all other lessons. So, even though Book Week is over, please, please, PLEASE help your child to read as much and as often as possible. We will send home a reading book every week; the children have access to Bug Club with hundreds of books every day and our school Library is open to borrow books.

Come on children pick up a book and read!

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Virtual Reality Experiences



Did you know we now have access to VR headsets to use with our pupils?

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have already had a go at experiencing some unforgettable tours of places all around the world.

Year 4 went on a journey along the River Forth in Scotland. They learned all about the features of a river whilst exploring an incredible 360° view of the surroundings.

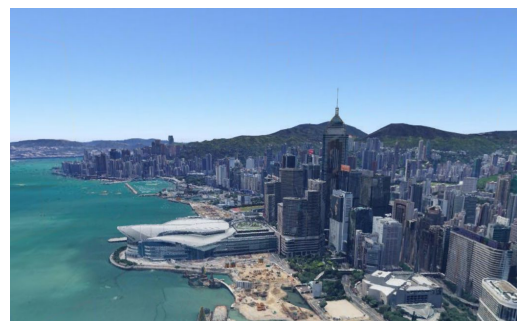
Year 3 explored a Roman invasion which linked perfectly with their topic on the Romans. They looked at detailed images of Roman soldier's clothing and Roman battle grounds.



Year 6 went to Africa! Wow! They learned about the size and population of Africa whilst studying photographs of some of Africa's most iconic landmarks; Namib Desert, Victoria Falls and the Serengeti grasslands.



Year 5 went on a round-the-world tour of cities from four different countries. They compared the similarities and differences between Birmingham and New York, Paris and Hong Kong.



CLUBS

Day	Time	Clubs	Year Group
Monday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Coding	6
Monday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Drama	5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Ballet	1 & 2
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Change 4 Life	2,3,4 & 5
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Billesley Radio	4,5 & 6
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Tennis	2,3 & 4
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Multi Sports	1 & 2
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Football	5 & 6
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.00pm	Ukulele	4,5 & 6
Wednesday	1.30 - 3.00pm	Guitar	1 & 2
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Basketball	2,3 & 4
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Football	3 & 4
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Badminton	3,4,5 & 6
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Girls Football	3,4,5 & 6
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Lifestyle	3
Friday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Gymnastics	2,3 & 4
Friday	10.00 - 3.00pm	Guitar	3-6

SCHOOL LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

MON-THURS
3.20 - 3.40PM
FRIDAY
3.20 - 3.50PM

PLAYCARE, BREAKFAST CLUB & SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you make payment in
ADVANCE. Please clear any balances
outstanding using Parentpay.

Thank you



Are you being a Billesley Bug Club reader?

Certificates are now being handed out to children in Billesley that are reading on a weekly basis and answering questions to earn coins!

Please encourage your children to access Bug Club online, to promote a love of reading. If you are unsure what Bug Club is please click here for more information

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2020

Parents/Carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2020 by no later than 15 January 2020. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions or by contacting 0121 303 1888

Please note applications should be sent directly to the Admissions Office and NOT to school.

CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY:

Black shorts
White t-shirt (with or without the school badge)
Black plimsolls for inside games.
Black trainers for outside games.
Tracksuits or sweatshirts may be worn
outside in cold weather.
ALL KIT SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED

WE NEED YOUR WELLIES!

If you have any children's wellies you no longer need and you would like to donate them to Nursery they would be very much appreciated!
(We use them in the Nursery garden!)

Can you please make sure school has up to date addresses, phone numbers and contact details for your child. If you are unsure please come into the Reception Office where we will be happy to check for you.
It is essential the school has up to date information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please remember the safety of all children when parking outside school. **DO NOT** park on the zig zags by the crossing.
DO NOT park on yellow lines.
Please also consider our neighbours and **DO NOT** block driveways. *Thank you.*

REMINDER

Any children not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to After School Club. You will be charged £4 for child care. *Thank you.*

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JAM Courses

mac makes music

An exciting opportunity for parents/ carers and their children to come together to make and enjoy music with others!

Play musical games designed to develop **coordination, communication, and social skills**

Experience **sensory stimulation** through listening, playing and identifying different instruments

Explore **music technology** with activities tailored to **individual needs and interests**



Group JAM Courses

9 November – 14 December 2019
Saturdays | 6 weeks | £30 (Adult & Child) – just £5 per week!

Junior JAM
2pm - 3pm | 5 - 11 yrs + Adult

Family JAM
3pm - 4pm | 6 months - 11 yrs + Adult

Sessions are aimed at children with additional needs and include 40-45 minutes of creative music-making activities led by a professional musician.

"He is making so much progress, music is definitely his thing and it's having an amazing impact on his development." Parent

solo JAM

9, 16, 23 & 30 November | 7 & 14 December 2019
Saturdays | one-off individual sessions
just £5 per session (Adult & Child)

4.00pm – 4.20pm | 6 months - 11 yrs + Adult
4.20pm – 4.40pm | 6 months - 11 yrs + Adult

Individual sessions are aimed at children with additional needs to **support your child's musical interests at their own pace**. Explore 20 minutes of creative music-making on a 1:1 basis with a professional musician.



"It's absolutely amazing, we really love coming, it's a family occasion for us!" Parent

To book onto JAM Courses click [here](#)

For all JAM Courses, children need to be accompanied by a parent or carer, and we encourage all adults in the room to join in and to actively support their child's involvement. All instruments and resources will be provided.

SATURDAY JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

AT MOSELEY GOLF CLUB

On Every Saturday

FUN FRIENDS EXERCISE GAMES PRIZES

60 MINUTE SESSIONS (AGE 5 – 17) - £5.00

BOOK 10 WEEKS IN ADVANCE FOR £30!

60 MINUTE SESSIONS START AT 10:00AM

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS FOR BEGINNERS AND THERE ARE LIMITED PLACES PER CLASS.

SO BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

PLEASE CONTACT DAN (LEVEL 2 PGA COACH) IN THE PRO-SHOP FOR

FURTHER INFORMATION: 0121 644 4957. PRO@MOSELEYGOLFCLUB.CO.UK



Come and have some fun at Brownies!!

Brownies



Join today, and let the fun begin!!

Fun games, craft and much, much more!!



Monday's 6pm to 7:30pm
Hall Green Baptist Church

Contact Brown Owl
07847480809
260brownies@gmail.com

Girls only 'cause we rule!!'

Boys and Girls do you want something interesting to do? Something fun?

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for girls:
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>
Places available locally. See Mrs Miller for a leaflet!

Beavers and Scouts for boys:
<https://www.billesleyscouts.org.uk/>
Tuesdays at HolyCross Church. See Mrs Miller for more information.