

This week's merit certificates are  
awarded to;

Darwin Class - Huey  
Curie Class - Jasper & Riley  
Attenborough Class - Aldo & Evelyn  
Einstein Class - Willow & Bonnie  
Sports Infants - Rory  
Sports Juniors - Callum  
Well done everyone!



## 'Buckminster Bites'

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*'We aspire to be active and responsible global citizens'*

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### Dates for your diary

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> -  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - FS1&2 Forest School  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> -  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> -  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> -

Today we all paid our respects to the Queen as we remembered her incredible life of service and duty.



Over the next week or so, teachers will be planning specific activities to help the children understand who she was and why she was so special to so many of us.



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Francesca B and Noah P who have/will have their birthdays this week. We hope you have had/will have a lovely day!

### 25 Years' Service at Buckminster Primary School 2022

Today we marked a very special occasion in the life of Buckminster School. Mrs Roberts, our fantastic teaching assistant, has been working here for an incredible 25 years.

We all want to thank her for her time, dedication and kindness over the years and hope we can keep her for another 25 years (but somehow, I think she might want a well-deserved rest before then!!).



### The farm and sensory garden



Thanks to the community grant we received from the Co op last term and the hard work from Mr Cragg (Mrs Cragg's husband), the new sensory garden and farm is beginning to take shape. There are still a few more things to add to the garden and a bit more preparation for the animal farm but it won't be long now.

We would love it if each class would sponsor an animal and be responsible for them. A letter will come out soon about how this will happen but we will need parents and families to help us. Class animals are:

Newton and Darwin - Guinea pigs

Curie - Ducks

Attenborough - Chickens

Einstein - Rabbits.

If you do have any spare water bottles, feeding bowls, rabbit/guinea pig toys etc. we would love to have them for our school pets.

### Drop off in the morning

Just a little reminder to leave your child at the school gates to walk into school by themselves or with a member of staff. Reception children will be helped by a member of staff if they are not confident enough to go in by themselves. If a member of staff is not available, just wait a couple of minutes until one comes out to the gate. Thank you.

### Snacks

Thank you to all KS2 families for ensuring your child has a fruit/vegetable-based snack for morning break time.

If your child goes to an afterschool teacher led club, they do not need a snack.

### Cake Raffle

Our PTFA have run a very successful cake raffle on Fridays in the past and it would be great to get this started again. All proceeds go to the PTFA and in turn, to the children.

All we need is a list of willing volunteers who can either bake a cake or buy one, bring it in every Friday first thing. Raffle tickets can be bought via PayPal or bring the money into school in a named envelope.

Please email the office if you would like to be on the rota for baking and Mrs Wright will organise the order of volunteers. Last year we raised over £400 so it is well worth doing.



### Class Topic Plans

These are now on the school website under 'Classes'.

The logo for 'inspire+' is displayed within a maroon rectangular box. The word 'inspire' is in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by a small yellow plus sign.

### Year 6 Inspire+ Sports Ambassadors

Nine Year 6 children applied to be an Inspire+ Sports Ambassador which is fantastic. Thank you to all of them for their time and effort in applying but, unfortunately, we can only choose four.

The four that have been asked to represent the school and support us in promoting active and healthy lifestyles are:

Connie

Sonny

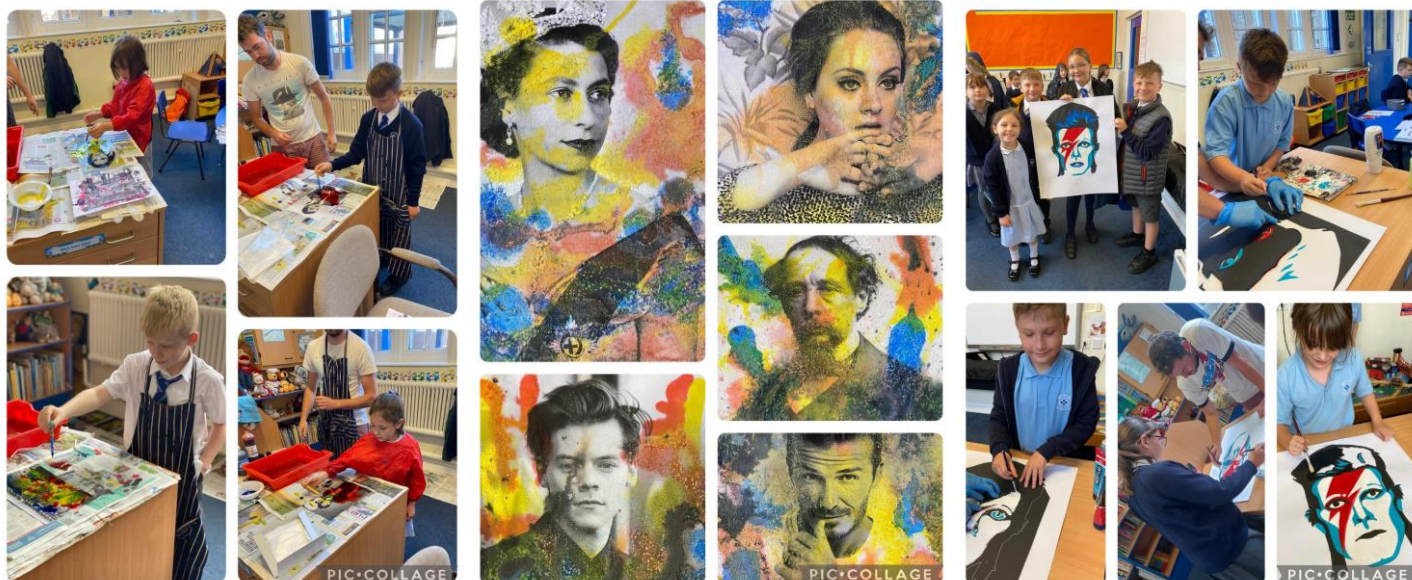
Frankie

Lucas

Well done to them; Mr Henson and Miss Shepherd look forward to working with you.



## Mr Watkin's Art Club



During Breakfast and After School Club this week the children have been busy producing lots of artwork with Mr Watkin. With inspiration from Graffiti artist Mr Brainwash and Pop artist Andy Warhol they are combining the two together to reproduce a one-off masterpiece. The children were asked who they thought some of the country's biggest icons are. They decided on 24 famous faces. Using pipettes, they squirted printing inks over the photographs and covered them with salt. Salt reacts with the ink changing the colours. This also gives the prints an ageing and sparkle effect. Another technique the children have learnt was how to produce a piece of Pop art using stencils. After hours of configuration they created David Bowie. Well done children, we can't wait to see the finished piece. More photos will be uploaded to the School's Facebook page next week once the art work is completed.

### A Special Whole School Art project

As a school, we would like to have a permanent piece of art to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II. Mr Watkin will be working with all of the children in school to create a fantastic collage portrait of the Queen. All we need is any newspapers dated 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Please bring in any you may just be throwing away, into school on Monday so we can get going with this amazing project. Thank you





## Attenborough Class



Attenborough Class used playdoh in one of their lessons to show the upper, middle and lower course of a river.

## Homework and Spellings

Children in Years 1 -6 will be coming home with their first set of spellings and homework from their teacher(s) today. Please support your child in completing work set and help will be needed to learn spellings particularly in Years 1-4. Thank you

## Out of School Achievements



Erin took part in her first horse riding competition at the weekend. Well done Erin!



Eva and Gilbert both went up a level in swimming in the holidays. Eva passed her level 5 and Gilbert level 2.

Their family is very proud of them as are we. Well done both.

## Phones for Ukraine

The box is filling up with old or broken phones and tablets which is fantastic. Thank you if you have already donated to the appeal. Keep looking in drawers and cupboards and ask other family members if they have any too so we can fill the box.



## Dates for your Diary New dates will be added in red.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Forest School for Year R and Pre-School

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Swimming Year 1, 2, 5 and some Year 6

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Forest School for Year R and Pre-School

W/C 19<sup>th</sup> September - SN Reviews

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Darwin and Curie Tennis Competition.**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Forest School for Year R and Pre-School

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Swimming Year 1, 2, 5 and some Year 6

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Forest School for Year R and Pre-School

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Service - details to follow

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Forest School for Year R and Pre-School

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Some Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition - letter to follow.**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Mobile Library for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Swimming Year 1, 2, 5 and some Year 6

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - #Hello Yellow Day**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Some Year 5/6 Boys Football Competition - letter to follow.**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Forest School for Year R and Pre-School

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Rev Peter Rush Singing Assembly

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4 Tri Golf Festival - letter to follow.**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 Gymnastics Festival - letter to follow.**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Half Term.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Seasonal Flu Vaccination in School for Years R-6.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Tempest Photography Individual School Photographs.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Swimming Year 1, 2, 5 and some Year 6

W/C 7<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evenings

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Swimming Year 1, 2, 5 and some Year 6

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Rev Peter Rush Singing Assembly

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Swimming Year 1, 2, 5 and some Year 6

W/C 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performance Week

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Parties

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Swimming Year 1, 2, 5 and some Year 6

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service - details to follow.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term for Christmas.  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Bank Holiday - School Closed.  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - School opens for the Spring Term - Children back to School  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4  
 W/C 13<sup>th</sup> February - Parents' Evenings  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term.  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day Service - details to follow.  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Tempest Photography Class Photographs.  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Service - details to follow.  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day of term for Easter.  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - School opens for the Summer Term - Children back to School.  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday - School Closed.  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3  
 W/C 8<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATS week  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3  
 W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> May - KS1 SATS week  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term.  
 W/C 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication Test  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>/Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Camp and Twinlakes  
 W/C 12<sup>th</sup> June - SN Review Meetings and Year 1 phonics  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day Service - details to follow.  
 W/C 19<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Days  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Annual Reports sent home.  
 W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Pre-School Funding end claim date for 15/30 hours free funding.  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term for Summer.



QR code for the School Website.