

This week's merit certificates are awarded to;

FS2 & Yr1 - Luna & Henry  
Yr 1 & 2 - Francesca & Callum  
Yrs 3 & 4 - Molly & Floria  
Yr 5 & 6 - All of Year 5 & 6

Well done everyone!



## *'Buckminster Bites'*

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### Dates for your Diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Inset Day - School closed for Children.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Children Back to School.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January -

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January -

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January -

### Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Riley and Beau for this week. We hope you have had a wonderful day!

Also, Happy Birthday to the children who have a Birthday over the festive holiday. Eva, Loki, Luna and Stephanie. We hope you all have a great day celebrating over the Christmas break.

### School Productions and Christmas Service

The filming went really well for the School Productions and Christmas Service. The children, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Smith and all the Teachers have worked really hard in producing these for you to view. A google drive link will be sent through to you shortly by email to enable you to view them. We hope that you enjoy watching them as much as we did making them!



## Mrs Hunt



We said farewell to Mrs Hunt on Wednesday and wish her good luck as she is off on her next adventure.

Mrs Hunt has dedicated nearly 15 years to Buckminster School and the staff and children will miss her greatly.

We are grateful for everything you have done over the years together with the support and knowledge you have given to everyone at Buckminster. Please come back and visit us!

## Interim Report

Today an interim report of your children's learning characteristics has been sent home. This is just a short snapshot of how your child is doing in school. It is in the form of a tick sheet rather than written comments.

Children in Years 3 to 6 have filled in their own reports and if their teacher has a slightly different opinion, they have ticked and initialled where they think they are.

If you would like to discuss anything from the report, please leave it until after the holidays and then either arrange for a phone call or an email. Thank you

### Spring Term

All of our new routines and procedures, which are in place due to the pandemic, will continue into the next term. This will be staggered start and pick up times, lunch time arrangements, different playtimes and assemblies and the two bubbles we have in school.

### Contact over the Christmas holiday period

Mrs Clarke will be on call throughout the holiday for any urgent messages, particularly if a child or a family member has a positive Covid test. Please inform her as soon as possible so School can contact the DfE and PHE. [D.clarke1@buckminster.leics.sch.uk](mailto:D.clarke1@buckminster.leics.sch.uk)

### Zoom meetings for parents

In the Spring term, Mrs Clarke and one other member of staff from the senior leadership team or governor will hold half termly virtual coffee mornings for any parent or carer who wishes to join. The purpose of the meetings will be to have a general chat about school, to see other people, to share things that are working well and to have a think about how we can make improvements.

A Zoom invite will be sent out to all for a particular day and time (unfortunately times will not suit everyone). You do not need to reply, just join if you can.

It is important to note that any complaints must be communicated directly to Mrs Clarke, not at these meetings. Thank you

### Mr Floyd



Congratulations to Mr Floyd on finishing his Teacher Training. We are so proud of your achievement in becoming a Newly Qualified Teacher.

You have put so much into Buckminster School over the last 18 months which has been appreciated by the children and staff. We will miss you and it will be so quiet without you, in the nicest way!

Good luck in the next step of your career and we look forward to catching up with you when you come back to visit.



## Buckminster PTFA Christmas Raffle Bonanza!

Wow! What a Bonanza! Thank you so much to everybody who has bought tickets and donated the fabulous prizes for our Christmas Raffle Bonanza. Together we have raised an amazing £345.00! This will go towards much needed resources for School. Thank you to everyone for your support.



## Mural in the Hall - Mr Watkin

With the inspiration and excellent ideas from the children, Mr Watkin has dedicated many hours working on the mural in the hall to incorporate and portray all aspects of School life and what Buckminster School means to everybody. The detail is amazing and you see a different part each time you look at it. We will welcome a time when we can have parents in School again so that you can come and have a look for yourselves. Well done Mr Watkin you have really taken on the challenge and put your heart and soul into it.

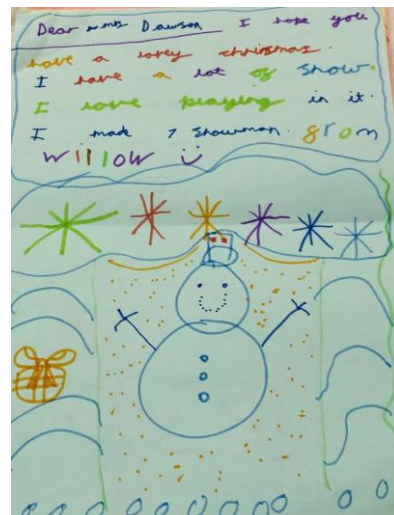




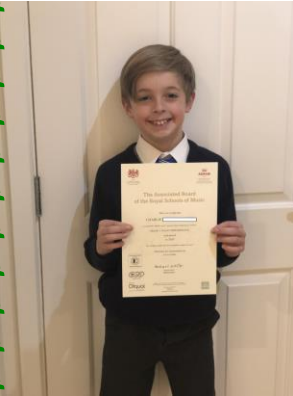


### School Council Community Projects

This term School Council have been busy spreading kindness throughout school and the local community. KS2 (Yrs. 3,4 & 5) school council have been writing letters to older people in isolation, as part of the 'Little Ray of Sunshine' initiative; they were all very colourful and full of kindness. The year six children, Alfie and Jacob, selected the charity Grantham Poverty Concern, 'The Passage', to support this term. They designed posters to ask the school staff if they would kindly donate food items, to make food packages for families in need. The staff were very generous! A big thank you to the school staff, your donations will make a big difference to many families this Christmas. Meanwhile, the KS1 school council have made a documentary about the importance of spreading kindness and building friendships. The film was shown to the whole school and will be available for families to watch on the school website



## Out of School Achievements



Charlie has passed his Grade 1 piano exam. Charlie is absolutely delighted with his achievement and his family are super proud of him!

We are proud of you too Charlie - well done from us all at Buckminster.



Oliver has gone up a level at swimming. His family have said it has been a challenge with the current situation but he has got there in the end and is so happy to be moving to the next stage. They are really proud of him and so are we.

## Dates for your Diary

New additions to the calendar will be **highlighted in red**.

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> January   | Inset Day - School Closed to children.                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January   | Children back to School                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> January  | Inspire+ Sam Ruddock Assembly                                |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> January  | Whole School Root to Food activities all day.                |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> January  | Deadline for Primary Applications for 2021 Sept New Starters |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February | Break up for Half Term.                                      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | Children back to School.                                     |



Save the Children

**THANK YOU,** Buckminster Primary School  
**FOR TAKING PART IN SAVE THE CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Your donation of £78 will help save children's lives and make sure they get the things they need to grow up healthy and happy. By taking part in the festive fun and fundraising you really have made the world better with a sweater.





**One Touch Football**  
Soccer School

**FESTIVE FOOTBALL FUN DAYS!**  
FANCY DRESS IS ENCOURAGED!

FESTIVE FOOTBALL FUN DAYS FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 4 TO 12 YEARS!

STAMFORD - RYHALL PLAYING FIELDS, PE9 4ER

GRANTHAM - GT. GONERBY MEMORIAL HALL, NG31 8NB

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER

9AM TILL 3PM

BOOK ONLINE  
[WWW.ONETOUCHFOOTBALL.CO.UK](http://WWW.ONETOUCHFOOTBALL.CO.UK)



All the staff at Buckminster School would like to wish you all a very Merry and Safe Christmas



And thank you for all of your support and kindness throughout this very difficult year.