

This week's merit certificates are
awarded to;

Darwin Class - Isla & Riley

Curie Class - Lucia

Attenborough Class - All of Yr 3&4
and Sam

Einstein Class - Frankie & All of Yr 6

Sports Infants - William

Sports Juniors - Devon



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th May - Walk to School Week.

Tuesday 17th May -

Wednesday 18th May - Year R and Year 1 - Forest School

Thursday 19th May - Summer Census Day - Special Lunch menu.

- Year 6 Fun Day and Camp

Friday 20th May - Year 6 Twinlakes

Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Poppy who had her Birthday this week. We hope you had a great day!

KS2 SATS Week



The Year 6 children sat their SATs tests this week. Each day they spent up to an hour sitting in silence, 100% focussed and working incredibly hard.

We are all so proud of the way they have coped, showing true determination, strength and resilience; we can ask no more of the children.

We enjoyed a McDonald's lunch today as a well-deserved treat.

Year 6 camp



If parents would like to turn up to School at 4pm on 19th to help with erecting tents then please feel free. We will have adults to help if you are unable to be here.

Please can all children bring their tent, sleeping bag, spare clothes etc. in the morning next Thursday so we have time to do a check before the evening. Thank you.

Walk to School Week Monday 16th May-Friday 20th May



Next week is National Walk to School Week so we would love to see the children walking from home or part walking if you have to come in the car. As the road is going to be resurfaced next week, it would be an ideal opportunity to park in either Buckminster or Sewstern and walk, but make sure you give yourselves enough time.

Teachers will be collating information from the children each day so we are able to celebrate and acknowledge those who have walked all or part way to school.



Surface Dressing starting Monday.

Please read the information in this leaflet, paying particular attention to any actions you may be required to take.

What is Surface Dressing?

Surface dressing is a method of routine maintenance which extends the life of a road by up to seven years. It entails spraying the road with bitumen and covering it with granite chippings, after which the road is then rolled. This embeds the chippings into the surface of the road, helped by the action of traffic. The bitumen layer prevents water and air penetrating the tarmac underneath and causing structural damage like potholes. The stone chippings increase the texture of the road surface, and consequently the skid resistance. It is up to 10 times more cost effective than resurfacing.

On the day...

The process should take no more than a few hours, during which time the road may be subject to traffic control. After this is complete the excess chippings are then swept up. The first sweep usually takes place within 48 hours and a further sweep will usually take place within the following 28 days. Should you need any assistance on the day, please speak to one of our site representatives who will be more than happy to help you.

The successful application of surface dressing is weather dependent. For this reason, the works may be altered at short notice. If the works outside your house are delayed for more than 48 hours, you will be re-notified when they will take place.

For more information, please call 0116 305 0001

Warning!

- During the early life of the surface dressing, the bitumen used can become fluid in warm weather.
- Bitumen and chippings can be picked up on footwear, wheelchairs, pushchairs, pets' paws and carried into houses. The removal of bitumen is difficult and may result in permanent marking of your driveway and internal floors or carpets.

Action you need to take when your road is being surface dressed:

- Ensure any parked cars are moved by 7.00am.
- Avoid walking on the carriageway until the bitumen has fully dried.
- Take special care to keep children and pets away from treated areas.
- Please ensure that shoes, wheels (on prams etc.) and pets are free from bitumen before entering your property.
- The operation involves the use of heavy machinery, so please do not allow your children to play on or near this equipment, whether or not work is in progress.
- Please drive slowly whilst travelling through the site. This is to protect our employees and your vehicle. Be prepared to be guided by one of our operatives if necessary.

These works will be carried out for Leicestershire County Council by our in-house contracting service. The operatives will be identifiable as they will wear Leicestershire County Council branded high visibility clothing. They will never offer to do any private work such as resurfacing people's driveways. If you are approached by anyone offering this type of work, and claiming that they work for Leicestershire County Council, please report it to our Customer Service Centre on 0116 305 0001.

Ukrainian Family



Next week we will be welcoming a new Year 5 boy who has come over from Ukraine. He is living with a local host family with his mother and older brother. This will be a huge challenge for both him and his family but we welcome them with open arms and hope we can, in some small way, make a positive difference to their lives by making them feel welcome and safe at Buckminster School.

Pre-School - Newton

Pre-School have been using our fantastic outside space this week and enjoying the fresh air.

Here is Maia enjoying nature in the sunshine.



Attenborough Class - PGL Day Trip



Attenborough Class had a fantastic time at PGL Caythorpe Court on Monday. They all joined in problem solving, went on the zipwire, raft building and abseiling. They all showed bravery and determination and had a real 'have a go' attitude. Well done Attenborough Class. "This has been the best day of my life!" A quote from one of the children after PGL.

Tadpoles



Meet Geoff! the first of Curie Classes' tadpoles to develop into a froglet.

Darwin and Curie Class have been learning about the lifecycle of a tadpole and each class has a tank in their classroom so they can follow the tadpoles' journey into an adult frog. The children have been excited to watch them grow (and the adults too!).

Year 6 Leaver's Keepsake Jumper/Cardigan



Mrs Smith's Mum has offered to make the Year 6 children a jumper/cardigan cushion keepsake again this year as a gift. Thank you so much to Mrs Smith's Mum for her kindness.

If your child would like to have a cushion made from one of their Buckminster branded school jumpers/cardigans please could they hand one to Mrs Smith by **Friday 28th May**. Please could these be in a carrier bag with your child's name clearly marked on the bag. If you do not have a spare jumper/cardigan but your child would still like a cushion we will have some spares in School, please let Mrs Smith know.

Darwin Class



Darwin Class have been investigating and calculating doubles this week using mirrors and blocks. Also, as part of their healthy food topic they have been making (and enjoying!) a fruit salad.

Out of School Achievements



Jack achieved his Personal Best at the rubiks cube competition in Wakefield last weekend. He solved the rubiks cube in 53.389 seconds. Well done Jack that is amazing! Here is Jack (plus two former pupils who you may recognise Jacob and Freddie!) together with the world record holder for the one handed cube competition. He did it in 6.92 seconds. We are sure it won't be long until the boys are beating him!

Out of School Achievements



Harriet took her red belt grading in Kickboxing last Saturday and passed.

Well done Harriet, we are very proud of you.

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

16th May - Walk to School Week.

16th May - Einstein, Attenborough and Darwin Teacher Led After School Clubs back on - Staff Meeting moved to the 18th May.

18th May - Year R and 1 Forest School

19th May - Summer Census Day - change of hot lunch menu.

19th-20th May - Year 6 School Camp and Twinlakes

24th May - Special Jubilee picnic/afternoon tea style lunch rather than hot lunches followed by a party afternoon.

25th May - 2.30pm New starter parents' meeting in School. August 2022 intake.

25th May - Year R Forest School

26th May - Inspire+ Careers Workshop with Sophie Allen Year 6

27th May - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

27th May - Cake Raffle.

30th May-3rd June - Half Term holiday

6th June - Y1 Phonics Screening and child safety week.

6th-7th June - Curie Class Residential - Rand Farm

8th June - Peter Rush Singing Assembly

8th June - Year R and 1 Forest School

10th June - Attenborough Class Tennis competition - details to follow.

13th June - Y4 Times Tables Test week, KS1 SATS week, SN Reviews and Healthy Eating week.

15th June - Attenborough Class Inspire+ Mini Olympics at the Meres Leisure Centre

15th June - Year R Forest School

16th June - Einstein Class Tennis competition - details to follow.

17th June - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

17th June - 2.45pm Father's Day Assembly in School

17th June - Cake Raffle.

20th June - Darwin and Curie Day Trip to Botanic Gardens, Leicester.

20th June - World Refugee Day

21st June - KS2 Sports Day

21st June - New Starters Taster afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm.

22nd June - Year R and 1 Forest School

23rd June - New Starters Taster afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm.

22nd-24th June - Einstein Class Residential - Bushcraft

24th June - 1pm-2pm KS1 Sports Day

27th June - Inspire+ Mass Participation Event.

28th June - New Starters Taster afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm.

29th June - Darwin and Curie Class - Traditional Tales Party - details to follow.

29th June - Year R Forest School

30th June - New Starters Taster afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm.

1st July - Year 6 The Big Shed Leicester - Summer Music Tech Festival - details to follow.

1st July - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

1st July - Reports sent home

1st July - Mobile Library for Years 3-6

6th July - Year 6 Leaver's Day - please note change of day due to Year 6 transition days.

6th July - Year R and 1 Forest School

7th July - Jonathan Broom-Edwards - Inspire+ Assembly for the children.

Thursday 7th July - School closes for Summer.

Friday 8th July - School closed in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.



QR code for the School Website.

Special Lunch Menu for Census Day Thursday 19th May and Jubilee Tuesday 24th May



The changed menus are still free for Infant (Year R, 1 and 2) and Free School Meal children. Pre-School and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to join us. The cost of the meal is still £2.35.

