This week's merit certificates are awarded to:

FS2 – Louie and Bertie
Yr 1 & 2 – Oliver and Snow
Yrs 3 & 4 – Poppy and Amelia
Yr 5 – Stirling
Yr 6 – Harry
Music Merit - Eva
Sports Merit - Bobby





# 'Buckminster Bites'

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# Dates for your diary

Monday 20th January -

Tuesday 21st January -

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 2.00pm PTFA 'Afternoon Tea' Meeting - All Welcome

Thursday 23rd January -

Friday 24th January - 9.30am Year 1 Hearing Tests.

"Buckminster School, where children become Inspirational Learners"

#### Sarah Outen Assembly

On Thursday Sarah Outen (an adventurer by land and sea, bestselling author and motivational speaker) came to speak to the whole school about her travels around the world and the effects pollution and global warming is having on our planet. As always, the children listened intently and demonstrated that, not only that they care about their world, but had some great ideas to help it.



Sarah has challenged us to do one thing which will help our planet so we will let you know what we have decided to do soon.

# Reading Morning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our Reading Morning. The teachers were able to showcase typical reading lessons and examples of activities children do in school to support the development of reading skills.











Further information about reading in our school is now on our website under 'Our School'

There you will find:

The reading policy

Assessment criterion

The powerpoint from the morning

Useful links

.....and more

# Year R Technology Hunt



Year R had a fantastic morning on Tuesday on their technology hunt around School. They visited the staff room, office, Mrs Clarke and class rooms to see what they could find and see how they worked.

Year R Posting their Invitations to their Grandparents for the Afternoon Tea



Year R had a walk into Buckminster Village on Wednesday to post their invitations to their Grandparents for the Afternoon Tea.

# PTFA 'Afternoon Tea' Meeting in School Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at 2.00pm



Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful break and are settling back into the routine nicely!!!

The PTA cogs are already turning and we are eager to start the ball rolling on the preparation for the next few events! We would like to invite you all to an 'afternoon tea' meeting, on Wednesday 22nd January at 2pm, in School.

We are doing our best to have a mixture of daytime and evening meetings, to encourage as many people as possible to have the opportunity to join in. However, if you are unable to attend please do not feel that you cannot express your ideas or thoughts! The PTA is inclusive of all Parents of the School and your input is imperative, so please feel free to email us with any questions or suggestions - buckminsterptfa@qmail.com

We look forward to seeing you for Tea and Cake!

Many thanks, Sam and Clare

# Sky Dance Challenge - Tickets on Sale Now for our Performance on Thursday 6th February



The Sky Dance Challenge tickets are now available to purchase from the Melton Theatre website. If your child is taking part (some Year 5/6) please book your tickets as soon as you can as these do tend to sell out due to the number of Schools taking part. Even if your child is not taking part but you would like to support us on the night please feel free to purchase tickets and come along. Buckminster School are performing on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

#### Head lice



We have had a few cases of Head Lice reported in School. We would be grateful if you could check your child's hair carefully and regularly and treat as necessary. Thank you

#### Pre-School from 2.5 Years



We are excited to announce that we are now accepting children from 2.5 years in Pre-School. Some families are entitled to 2 year funding from the Government. You can visit the government website

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ for more information or please feel free to come into the Office to discuss. Children not entitled to the 2 year funding can still attend and the hourly rate is £4.00. Please share this with friends and family who may be interested. We would love to welcome new children for taster sessions.

#### **Sporting Success**



Sonny has been awarded his Brown-Red belt in Karate having achieved the standard required in Martial Arts and having taken the examination he was judged to be worthy of the grade.

Well done Sonny!



We say goodbye to Mr Floyd for six weeks while he works in another school as part of his teacher training. We wish him well and look forward to his return at the beginning of March.

#### Dates (any new dates added will be underlined) 2020

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - 2.00pm PTFA 'Afternoon Tea' Meeting - All Welcome

24<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 1 Hearing Tests

27th Jan - ZooLab visit to School

29th January YR Family Assembly at 9.10am - parents/grandparents welcome

29th January - Some Year 5/6 Swimming Gala.

31st Jan - Whole School Bushfire Fundraiser - NON-UNIFORM DAY

31st Jan - Year 1, 2, 3 and some Year 5 Swimming.

4th Feb - Police in School to see EYFS

5<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year R and Year 6 - Heights and Weights - School Nurse

5th Feb - Year R Grandparent's Afternoon Tea - details to follow

6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Dance Competition at Melton Theatre - Sky Challenge

7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 3/4 Family Assembly at 2.45pm. Parents/family members welcome

7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Library Bus

9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Swimarathon at the Meres (Sunday)

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11th Feb - Rev Rush Assembly
14th Feb - Year 1, 2 3 and some Year 5 Swimming.
14th Feb - Break up for Half Term
24th Feb - Children back to school.
26th Feb - Legacy Tour Assembly at Buckminster
27th Feb - Legacy Tour Assembly at Colsterworth
27th Feb - Year 3/4 at Launde Primary School all day - Science
28th Feb - Year 1/2 Family Assembly at 2.45pm. Parents/family members welcome
3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 3/4 Rugby Festival
3<sup>rd</sup> March - Parents' Evening
4<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5/6 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents and family members welcome
5<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening
6<sup>th</sup> March - Swimming
6<sup>th</sup> March - Library Bus
11th March - Vale Choir Day
13th March - Judo Taster Sessions
17<sup>th</sup> March - Rev Rush Assembly
20<sup>th</sup> March - Swimming
23<sup>rd</sup> March - 9am Mothering Sunday Service.
3<sup>rd</sup> April - Library Bus
3<sup>rd</sup> April - 2.00pm Easter Service at Buckminster Church
3<sup>rd</sup> April - Closes for Easter - No Swimming.
20th April - Children back to school
20th April - Class Photographs
22<sup>nd</sup> April - FS1/2 Forest School
23<sup>rd</sup> April - Paralympics Half Day - Inspire +
27th April - First Aid Training for Year 5/6 Inspire+ Parents and Children (am)
1st May - Swimming
1st May - YR Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents and family members welcome
1st May - Library Bus
6th May - FS1/2 Forest School
8th May - FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY (NOT 4th)
11th -15th May - SATS week for KS2
15th May - Lunch at the Tollemache for Year 6
15<sup>th</sup> May - Swimming
20th May - Year 3/4 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
22<sup>nd</sup> May - Close for Half Term
1st June - Children back to School
3rd June - FS1/2 Forest School
5<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming
5<sup>th</sup> June - Library Bus
9<sup>th</sup> June - School Sports Day 1.15pm
12th June - Year 5 (only) Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
17<sup>th</sup> June - Mini Olympics for Year 3/4
17th June - FS1/2 Forest School
19<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming
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23<sup>rd</sup> June - 10.30am Sam Ruddock Assembly

24th June - Year 1/2 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome

1st July - FS1/2 Teddy Bear's Picnic at Forest School

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Swimming

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Library Bus

6<sup>th</sup> July - Paralympic Half Day Inspire +

8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Evening at 6.30pm. Parents and family members invited

10<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Awards Assembly at 9.10am. Parents will be notified if your child is to receive an award. 10<sup>th</sup> July - School Closes for Summer



# i∩Spire + Ambassador Sarah Outen Grantham film premiere!

Thursday 30th January 2020
Priory Ruskin Academy Grantham
Doors open 5:15pm Film start 5:30pm
Finish 7:45pm

Join us for a special inspire+ screening of adventuring Ambassador Sarah Outen's award-winning feature film "Home"

'Home' unflinchingly portrays the highs and lows of Sarah's 4.5 year traverse of the globe by rowing boat, bike and kayak between 2011 and 2015.

Bring tissues - you will laugh and cry, but definitely come away feeling thoughtful, uplifted and inspired.

This event is free however there is a suggested donation of £2 per child (under 18) and £4 per adult

All donations will go towards Sarah visiting more local schools! This film is suitable for all ages however, it is a documentary so we suggest age 8 years and above for the showing.

Light refreshments available





