

This week's merit certificates are awarded to;

Head Teacher's Award – Alfie Z

FS2 – Erin & Loki

Yr 1 & 2 – Leo & Alexander

Yrs 3 & 4 – Beau & Thomas

Yr 5 – Aryan

Yr 6 – Oscar & Ben S

Music Merit – Freya

Sports Merit – Alexander



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Dates for your diary

Monday 16th March -

Tuesday 17th March - **Outdoor Activities After School Club Cancelled.**

Wednesday 18th March -

Thursday 19th March - **Outdoor Activities After School Club Cancelled.**

Friday 20th March - Swimming Year 1, 2, 4 and Some 5.

"Buckminster School, where children become Inspirational Learners"



The Year 4 children had the exciting opportunity to take part in the annual Vale Choral Project. The children sang beautifully with the other Schools and did Buckminster School proud.

The children are very blessed to have the chance to perform at this event.

Well done Year 4 🎵🎵🎵🎵.

Imagination Town



The Pre-School and Reception children had a fantastic afternoon at Imagination Town in Grantham on Tuesday.

The children loved all of the role play opportunities.

Judo Taster Sessions



The children from Year 1-6 had a great morning taking part in Judo Taster Sessions. There will be lots more photos on the Facebook page. Children will be bringing home a flier for the Judo Club in Melton Mowbray if they would be interested in joining.

Sports Relief

Thank you to everyone for coming to School in your 'Sporty Wear' the children have had a great time taking part in the Judo Sessions and 'Sports Relief Boogie'. We have raised a fantastic £65 for the cause. Thank you everyone but mostly for taking part it was lovely to see all of the children enjoying themselves together.



Also the cake raffle funds raised today are included in the Sports Relief total for this fabulous cake made by Mrs Rossiter. Thank you!

Cooking This Week



Francesca and Violet loved making their biscuits on Thursday, I hope they are as yummy as they looked.

Mrs Wright is now passing the baton on to Mrs Holmes for the next sessions of cooking with FS2 with a new recipe. This is to start again after the Easter Holidays.



The children loved baking pizzas this week, especially trying out the ingredients before we used them, I'm surprised there was enough left to actually put on the pizza!

The boys in Year 4 told me how they'd got all their ingredients together and how they transported their eggs safely to school. There were even hand written labels on tubs, making sure the ingredients didn't get mixed up! Well done boys. Mrs McKeown.

Coronavirus - Key messages for self-isolation at home

- if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- this action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- sleep alone, if that is possible.
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- you do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Please heed the advice, inform the school if anyone in your family has a confirmed case of Covid 19 or is self-isolating. Buckminster School calls the DfE Coronavirus help line for advice each time there is a suspected case so we can act immediately and appropriately when necessary but please appreciate this is a very uncertain time for us all and we do not have all of the answers.

The school is being cleaned in accordance with strict guidelines plus we are cleaning surfaces and door handles more regularly. The children are being incredibly sensible by washing their hand regularly and reducing physical contact. We are so proud of the way they have shown such responsibility.

If the school does close please do not plan mass gatherings of children. We appreciate it will be very difficult for parents to manage child care but if we place more than 20 children together, we are defeating the purpose of school closures.

Staff have plans in place to support learning remotely and ideas and activities will be posted on our website as well.

Kate Hunt's Half Marathon



Parkinson's UK

We offer support and fund research to find a cure for Parkinson's

I am running the Bath Half Marathon this weekend, on Sunday 15th March to raise money for Parkinson's UK. I have never run a race before, and the furthest I had ever run when I signed up was 5km. A half marathon is 21km, which is a very long way.

If anybody would be kind enough to sponsor me there is a sponsor form in the Office. Or if you prefer I have set up a Just Giving page. It is at:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/katehunt86>.

Year 6 End of Year Camp

All year 6 children will be invited to an overnight camp at Beaumanor Hall and a trip to Twinlakes in the summer. We cannot give a confirmed date yet as we can only book the camp after all other school residentials have been booked. We just have any available slot as our stay is just for the night. As soon as it is booked we will let you know.



Postcards for Kindness is an initiative that the School Council would like the whole school to participate in. The School Council would like to start writing to the residents of Newton House in Grantham.

If you have a postcard at home or writing paper, please feel free to write a letter and post it into the school council suggestions box. These will then be sent to the residential home. (Blank postcards will be available from the School Council).

You can write about anything you like – school, a football match, world book day, your pet or maybe a day out! PLEASE do not include your full name or address and you do NOT need a stamp. The postcards and letters will be sent by Mrs Gough, in one large envelope.

Sporting Success



Sonny has achieved his Brown and Red Belt in Karate this week. Well done Sonny!

Please continue to check your child's hair for Head Lice. May we thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

IT IS ESSENTIAL that you check your child's hair thoroughly and treat as necessary. Please then keep checking your child's hair on a daily basis.

With the nature of head lice if some parents keep checking and treating and even if one parent doesn't follow the advice then the spread starts all over again. **It is unfair for the children and parents who treat their hair regularly if others are not so vigilant and proactive so please check.**

We are hoping that if everybody does this and treats and checks regularly that we will be lice free. **This is for boys and girls please.**

Please make sure that hair is tied back and prevention spray is used. Here is a link to the NHS website for further advice:- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Diarrhoea and Vomiting Bug

We have a diarrhoea and vomiting bug in Pre-School at the moment. Please could we remind you of the NHS Guidance below.

May we say a big thank you to Maze Cleaning Services for carrying out the deep clean of Pre-School this week.

When should my child return to school? **NHS**

Chicken Pox	Conjunctivitis	Diarrhoea & Vomiting	Glandular Fever	Hand, foot & mouth	Impetigo
When all spots have crusted over	None*	48 hours from last episode	None*	None*	When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles	Mumps	Scabies	Scarlet Fever	Slapped Cheek	Whooping Cough
4 days from onset of rash	5 days from onset of swelling	After first treatment	24 hours after commencing antibiotics	None*	48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu	Head Lice	Threadworms	Tonsillitis	
	Until recovered	None*	None*	None*	

This information is based on the Public Health Agency guide

***No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed**

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https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/buckminstercpschoolbuckminster/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=en-n2

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How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

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Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

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Can I use my existing Amazon.co.uk account on AmazonSmile?

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How do I select a charitable organisation to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.co.uk you need to select a charitable organisation to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.co.uk will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the programme.

This is a quick and easy way of raising funds for School at no additional cost to you when you do your usual Amazon shopping but via Amazon Smile. This is exactly the same as the usual Amazon site except you are able to choose to support a charity - us!

Cake Raffle



We have four more slots to fill up until the end of the Summer Term on our Cake Raffle Rota. Please get in touch if you are able to donate a cake or bake a cake. Thank you!

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

17th March - Rev Rush Assembly
20th March - Swimming Year 1, 2, **4** and Some Year 5
23rd March - 9am Mothering Sunday Service at Buckminster Church.
24th March - Year 1 and Year 5 Fire and Rescue Talk
27th March - FS1/2 Fire Fighters Visit
3rd April - Library Bus
3rd April - 2.00pm Easter Service at Buckminster Church
3rd April - Closes for Easter - No Swimming.
20th April - Children back to school
20th April - Class Photographs
22nd April - FS1/2 Forest School
23rd April - Paralympics Half Day - Inspire + Boccia
24th April - 11.00am Sam Ruddock Assembly - Parents and family members welcome
27th April - First Aid Training for Year 5/6 Inspire+ Parents and Children (am)
1st May - Swimming Year 1, 2, **4** and Some Year 5
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
15th May - Swimming Year 1, 2, **4** and Some Year 5
18th-22nd May - Walk to School Week
20th May - Year 3/4 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
22nd May - Close for Half Term
1st June - Children back to School
3rd June - FS1/2 Forest School
5th June - Swimming Year 1, 2, **4** and Some Year 5
5th June - Library Bus
9th June - School Sports Day 1.15pm
12th June - Year 5 (only) Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
16th June - STEM Celebration Event - details to follow
17th June - Mini Olympics for Year 3/4
17th June - FS1/2 Forest School
19th June - Swimming Year 1, 2, **4** and Some Year 5
23rd June - 10.30am Sam Ruddock Assembly
24th June - Year 1/2 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
25th June - Leicestershire County Council Recycling Assembly and Workshops in School
1st July - FS1/2 Teddy Bear's Picnic at Forest School
3rd July - Swimming Year 1, 2, **4** and Some Year 5
3rd July - Library Bus
6th July - Paralympic Half Day Inspire +
8th July - Year 6 Leavers Evening at 6.30pm. Parents and family members invited
10th July - End of Year Awards Assembly at 9.10am. Parents will be notified if your child is to receive an award. 10th July - School Closes for summer