

This week's merit certificates are
awarded to;

FS2 – Rafferty

Yr 1 & 2 – Jessica and Bobby

Yrs 3 & 4 – Stephanie, Arthur and Jack H

Yr 5 – Ben G

Yr 6 – Lilly-Beth and Harry

Music Merit – Ben S

Sports Merit – Alfie Z



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Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd December -

Tuesday 3rd December - 4.30-5.30: Christmas Disco Pre-School, Reception and KS1

- 5.45-6.45: Christmas Disco KS2

Wednesday 4th December -

Thursday 5th December - 6.30 Choir Carols by Candlelight St Mary's Church, Melton

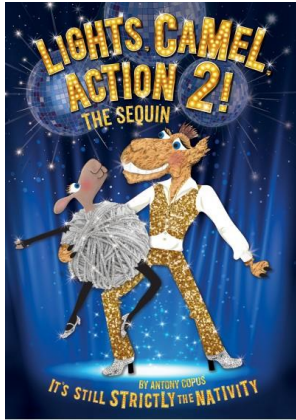
Friday 6th December - Year 1, 2, 3 and Some 5 Swimming

- KS2 Library Bus.

"Buckminster School, where children become Inspirational Learners"



Following last year's work with the Route to Resilience programme, we are proud to announce we have gained full accreditation and are now a resilient school! We will continue developing vital character skills in all children so they are fully prepared for the next stage of their education and beyond.



Costumes for

Year 1 to 6 production

Year 1 Stars - Girls white t-shirt and white tights or leggings. Boys white t-shirt and black tights or leggings. **School will provide black and white starry tunics**

Year 2 Angels - large white t-shirt (so it comes down the legs), black tights or leggings and white wings if you have them but not essential, sunglasses. **School will provide halos**

Year 3 Roman soldiers - white t-shirt and black leggings. **School will make the rest**

Year 4 Camels - brown t-shirt and brown leggings/tights. Humps and headdress is optional depending on how creative you feel!

Year 5 Stars - white t-shirt and white tights or leggings. Tinsel belts. **School will provide black and white starry tunics**

Year 5 Sheep - black leggings and long sleeved black top. White sleeveless tunic (pillowcase) with fluff on if possible. **School will provide the ears**

Year 5 Shepherds - traditional shepherds outfit. **School has lots of bits if you need anything**

Year 6 Mary and Joseph - long dress/tunic, head scarf, tie for round the middle.

Year 6 Judges - Smallest sheep: black leggings and black long sleeved top. White sleeveless tunic with fluff on (pillowcase). **School will provide the ears.** Funky Camel: brown long sleeved top and trousers with ears if possible. Bling, sunglasses and cool hair. Caesar: flamboyant robes, sandals and gold bling

Year 6 Hosts - suits

Year 6 Voiceover - smart clothes

Year 6 Floor manager - black trousers and shirt/t-shirt

If you have any questions or concerns please have a chat with your child's teacher.

Tickets will be available from Friday 6th December from the office. If you are unable to pop in to collect them then please email or phone the office and we will put some aside for you.

Performances are in Buckminster Village Hall

16th December at 2pm - this is for anyone who has young children, pre-school children and any on else who cannot come to the evening performances. Please do not come to both as we do not have room.

16th and 17th December at 6pm - each family will have **2 tickets per performance** (please ask at the office). We strongly encourage all younger children/toddlers and babies to come in the afternoon. This is so our children, who have worked very hard on their lines, can be heard.

Raffle - there will be a raffle at each evening performance and all proceeds will go towards the cost of props, staging and costumes.

Pre-School and Reception Nativity

This will be performed in the School hall on 11th December at 2pm and again at 6pm. Tickets are not needed - just turn up with family and friends. Costume information will be sent home today in your child's bookbag.

Year 5/6 Emmanuel Jal Speech at Glenfield Primary School



This week Year 5&6 went to listen to Emmanuel Jal, UN Ambassador, music artist and former child soldier. Here they are being inspired to have the courage to be the creative people they would like to be and take the opportunities offered to them.

Meeting my hero!



On Sunday, Oscar met his rugby hero Manu Tuilagi when he visited Kesteven Rugby Club. Oscar aspires to be just like Manu when he is older and was delighted to meet his hero on his birthday weekend!

Sporting Success



Charlie achieved his 4th Kick Boxing Grading as a Green belt last night. He is working very hard at the moment on lots of different activities and his family are very proud of him. Well done Charlie.

Sporting Success



Freddie and Jacob entered their first trampoline competition on Sunday representing Rutland Trampoline Club. They both did a fantastic job and Jacob came first in the competition.



Sophie was awarded her Swim Academy 25m Swimming Certificate last week.

Well done Sophie!

The Farm



Unfortunately Mrs Hudson is unable to manage the school farm now but we thank her for her interest and work she has done so far.

We need a farm manager to organise rotas, food, work with the children on a regular basis and liaise with school staff. If you think you could take on this role or share it with another, please come and see Mrs Clarke.

Our farm is at risk of closing down which would be a great shame.



We need your Christmas Jumpers!!

The School Council would like to run a Christmas Jumper Sale at the Christmas Bonanza on Friday 13th December.

We would like to request donations of your old (and clean)

Christmas jumpers for us to resell.

YOU MIGHT EVEN FIND ANOTHER ONE TO BUY AND WEAR,

FOR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!!



Whole School Christmas Lunch Thursday 12th December

We are gathering numbers for the traditional school Christmas Lunch on the 12th December. Please could you let the office know as soon as possible if your child would like to join us. It is a Whole School event and the Teachers and Staff all join in the occasion.

Years R, 1 and 2 will receive their Christmas Lunch free of charge under the universal free school meal scheme (even though no payment is required please let us know if your child would like the Christmas Lunch please).

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - the Charge is £2.25 per child (unless your child is entitled to free school meals). Please could payments be made in advance to the school office in a clearly named envelope. Cheques are payable to 'Leicestershire County Council'. Thank you.



Year 3 Cooking



Year 3 have been having a fantastic time cooking their healthy pasta dish with Mrs McKeown who has been kindly coming in and teaching the children.

Donations Please



Please may we ask for donations of the following for our Christmas Bonanza and Christmas Show Raffles.

Chocolate Tombola, Tombola Stall & Raffle.

Thank you for your continued support which is always most appreciated.

PTFA - Minutes

We have uploaded the PTFA Minutes to our Website - please follow the link below:-

https://www.buckminster.leics.sch.uk/website/ptfa_1/292080

Please have a read through and if you can offer any help/expertise or have any ideas arising out of the Minutes then please do get in touch with us at

buckminsterptfa@gmail.com Thank you!

Cake Raffle



Mrs Hudson is adding to her list for the weekly Cake Raffle. If you are able to donate a bought cake or make a cake please do get in touch and we can add you to the rota. Thank you.

Don't forget your extra pennies for Glitter Tattoos and Glow Sticks at the Christmas Disco. These will be no more than 50p-£1.00 each.



Key Stage 1 would like to invite you to our

Christmas Disco

Tuesday 3rd December
at

Buckminster Primary School



Pre-school, Reception & KS1 disco
4.30pm-5.30pm

KS2 Junior disco
5.45-6.45pm

£2 entry fee which includes a hot dog and a drink.

Dress Code: Christmas Fancy Dress.

Also available to purchase glitter tattoos and glow sticks.



Restoring dignity,
Reviving hope,
Building community



Grantham Food Bank do a fantastic job of supporting families who are going through difficult times. Not only do they provide families with food, they also give them basic toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo and baby wipes. Most of us take these items for granted but for people living in poverty these become luxury items.

As part of the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' initiative, we would like to collect basic toiletry items and donate them to the food bank to help those less fortunate than us.

Next time you are shopping and get a 'Buy One Get One Free' or '3 for the price of 2', please could we ask that you donate your extra product to our collection. Alternatively, many of these toiletry items cost between 50p to £1 in most supermarkets / Home Bargains / B&M / Wilkos and if you could afford to put just one extra item in your basket next time you go shopping we would be really grateful.



At this time we don't want luxury items or gift sets just simple, every day, basic (unopened & new) toiletry items such as:

- Bars of soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Bic razors
- Toilet Rolls
- Deodorant

We will be collecting throughout December and taking the donations to the Food Bank before Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 20th December 2019



We know it's early but we thought we would give you all a bit of notice that we will be having a Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term - Friday 20th December - so you can get your jumpers ready!

This is just for fun, children are to come to School in their uniform but they can swap their school jumper/cardigan for a Christmas one.

Dates (any new dates added will be underlined)

3rd Dec - Christmas Disco: 4.30-5.30- Pre-School, Reception and KS1

5.45-6.45 - KS2.

5th Dec - Choir invited to sing by candlelight at St Mary's church Melton.

5th Dec - Teacher Led After School Clubs finish for Christmas

6th Dec - KS2 Library Bus

6th Dec - Swimming Year 1, 2 & 3 and any Year 5

11th Dec - Pre-School and Reception class Christmas productions 2pm and 6pm in School

12th Dec - School Christmas dinner

13th Dec - PTFA Christmas Bonanza!

16th Dec - Yr1-6 Christmas productions 2pm dress rehearsal and 6pm performance
(Buckminster village hall)

17th Dec - Yr1-6 Christmas production 6pm (Buckminster Village Hall)

19th Dec - Christmas parties in school

20th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day - Just for fun! Wear your School Uniform but swap your jumper/cardigan for a Christmas one.

20th Dec - Christmas Carol Service in Buckminster Church at 2.00pm - Year R to Year 6
parents welcome (Pre-School children remain in Pre-School) **Last day of term**

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6th Jan - Teacher Training Day

6th Jan - Tickets available for Sky Dance Challenge - Details to follow soon

7th Jan - Children back to school

13th Jan - Teacher Led After School Clubs commence

15th Jan - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala

16th Jan - Sarah Outen Assembly

17th Jan - Year 1, 2, 3 and some Year 5 Swimming.

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

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

5th Feb - Year R and Year 6 - Heights and Weights - School Nurse

6th Feb - Dance Competition at Melton - Sky Challenge

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

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

3rd March - Year 3/4 Rugby Festival

4th March - Year 5/6 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents and family members welcome

6th March - Swimming

11th March - Vale Choir Day

20th March - Swimming

23rd March - 9am Mothering Sunday Service

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
 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
 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
 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
 9th June - School Sports Day 1.15pm
 12th June - Year 5 (only) Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
 17th June - Mini Olympics for Year 3/4
 17th June - FS1/2 Forest School
 19th June - Swimming
 23rd June - 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
 3rd July - Swimming
 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

