



EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL Newsletter 4 - November 2019



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Wellbeing

What are we doing to look after your children's Wellbeing and how can we make it even better?



As a school, we know that Wellbeing matters. Looking after your own and your child's mental health will have a positive impact on their wellbeing. At school, we would like to use the 5 Ways to Wellbeing to improve the mental health of our children, staff and our families and we would like you to come with us on our journey.

We would like to invite you to a 'tea and talk' open session on **Tuesday 19th November** from 2:30-4:30pm. This will be the opportunity to find out more about this and how you can help us to shape the project to meet the needs of our children.

We appreciate that your time is precious and any time that you could give would be wonderful.

Poor mental health is a very real concern in modern day society. We know that children thrive when their mental health is nurtured. We want our school to be a mentally healthy environment for everyone. Please join us in supporting this.

Wellbeing team

Disco

DJ Windle had everyone dancing once again at the PTA School Disco!

A huge thank you to the PTA volunteers and staff that give up their time to make this event so much fun. We all had a great time!



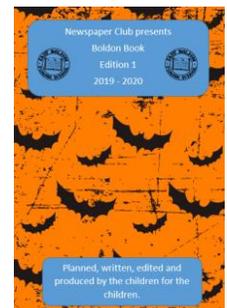
Parents' Evening

Thank you to so many of you for attending the parents' evening. If you missed the event, please get in touch. We would love to meet you and let you know how the children are getting on in school. You may have noticed that we produced an update for you at the meeting. The aim is to share your child's attainment level and targets. As a school, we want to increase the communication with you all. So, we have introduced Class Dojo, started our own Facebook page and sent out class pages via ParentMail. We hope that you all find the extra information useful. Please let us know how you feel about these changes. We would love your feedback.



Boldon Book

This year's first edition of the Boldon Book was released at half term. The children worked hard to meet their deadlines. They collaborated on the project, giving up their time at home and at lunchtimes to create something for you all. They have met again this week to choose a new editor and plan the articles for December's issue. We love giving pupils a meaningful purpose to write.



Volunteer readers needed

Are you interested in listening to pupils read in school? Reading is a skill we all need and listening to children read is as important in KS2 as it is in the early years. If you have some spare time through the week and would like to commit to such a rewarding role in school, please let Mrs Seebacher or Mr Shenton know.

Wet playtime toy donations

As the weather worsens, we will find ourselves in the unenviable position of having to have playtimes indoors. To help our staff with this time, we are asking if you have any toys, games or craft sets you could donate to the school to help us replenish our stock. If so, please send them with your child or into the school office. Thank you so much for your support in this.



Y6 Summer School

Whitburn Academy have asked me to announce that their Y6 Summer school runs from **20th – 23rd July 2020**. You may wish to consider these dates when booking summer holidays. The aim of the Summer school is to aid transition for the pupils that plan to go there in September 2020. It is completely optional. Staff from Whitburn Academy are coming to our school to tell the Y6 pupils more about it in March.

Remembrance Day

We are having a special assembly on Monday, where the children will be observing a minute's silence in school to remember the many that have fought across the world to give us our freedom.



Book fair

Next week is our annual school book fair. The main hall will be open to families to come into school from 3:30pm from **Tuesday until Friday** to peruse the books available. Remember, every book you buy means we can purchase books for school!



Non-uniform days

Friday 15th November is Children in Need and pupils can wear Children in Need items. We are not going to collect money in school for this event. If you wish to donate yourselves here is the website:

www.donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk



The school catering team are having a special Superhero school dinner on **Friday 15th November**



too. So if parents would prefer children to come to school as superheroes, they can. The cooks are preparing: Batman Burgers; Mighty Muscle Macaroni; Iron Man's Fish Fingers; Caped Crusader Cupcakes; Marvellous Milkshakes and Mini Cookies. We realise that these two events are on the same day, so we just want families to choose whether you would like to partake.

The **22nd November** is our regular non-uniform day for the PTA tombola. Children can come to school in non-uniform for the day. Any donations of items for the PTA Christmas Fair would be very warmly received. We will open the lodge for parents and/or children to bring any donations in on the morning from 8:40am.

Cyborg Cat and the Night Spider

We have been lucky enough to partner up with a book publisher in London that have sent us 40 copies of Ade Adepitan's new book: *Cyborg Cat and the Night Spider*. Next week, we will be reading the book in our classes with buddies to discover how he overcame adversity. Our children are considering their own 'SMART goals' in life and how they can achieve them.





Let's Celebrate!

Writers of the week

Year 3 – Kleanth Xhaferi, Ethan Murray, Sofia Duffy and Maia Cross.

Year 4 – Grace Long, Alex Young and Martha Rea-Mackey.

Year 5 – Isaac Bradley-Godfrey, Madeleine Duell, Casey Telford and Hannah Campbell.

Year 6 – Josh Gaff, Nevaeh Smith and Caitlin Nettleship.

Stars of the week

Year 3 – Sebbie Peel, Sofia Hedgecock, Francesca Harrion and Aiden Greenhow.

Year 4 – Joseph Johnson, Thomas Gill, Emily Camsey and Chloe Pells.

Year 5 – Oliver Whelan, Mina Heatherington, Daisy Legg and Ali Zulfiqar.

Year 6 – Rosa Morris, Lillian Lang, Lily Hewitt, Alfie Orrell, Logan Douglas, and Lillian Lang, Caleb Shakespeare and Nicholas Giles.

Head Teacher's Awards

Henrietta Harrion and **Joseph Ramanayake** showed everyone how responsible and calm they are. A KS1 pupils went missing in the park and they followed their parents' instructions to look for the missing child. They found her and helped to reunite a family. Well done!

Alex Young's behaviour is fantastic! He is working so hard and we are very proud of him. Pupils work hard at home and some of it reaches me. Inspired by Year 6's work on World War II, **Euan Hedgecock** has written Anne Frank's biography. Five sides of A4 paper and it's brilliant! Last but not least, **Frances Hampton** has created a maths game that tests her knowledge of her times tables.

Term dates for your diary (New dates in bold)

Autumn term:

3rd September – 25th October

5th November – 19th December

11-14 Nov: Book fair

12 Nov: Y6 at Victoria Tunnel

12 Nov: 4AM at Openzone

13 Nov: 4RP at Openzone

15 Nov: Children in Need (optional dress up)

15 Nov: Superhero menu (optional dress up)

19 Nov: Wellbeing parent event (2:30-4:30)

22 Nov: PTA Non-uniform Day

25 Nov: STEM event

29 Nov: STEM event

5 Dec: Y3 Tennis festival

5 Dec: Christmas Fair at Infants' School

6 Dec: Y5 at Jorvik Centre

11 Dec: Y3 Nativity shows (2pm and 5pm)

13 Dec: Whole school panto

17 Dec: Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party

18 Dec: Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party

19 Dec: Christmas Church Service

20 Dec: Staff training day

Child Safety Reminders:

Parking

Please take care when parking cars to pick up or drop children off at school. Children's safety is paramount. The Police visit all schools regularly to check that children are safe when arriving at, or leaving, school.

