

EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Welcome to our new staff

Year 4 have a new member of staff – introducing Miss Jones. She is an experienced teacher having worked in schools in the north east and on the Isle of Man. We are very glad that she is here. The pupils are in great hands.





We also have two Sports' Apprentices join our school – Mr Ridley and Mr Stainsby. They both have lots of coaching qualifications and they wish to apply these skills in a school setting. They will support in the classrooms, support PE, lead playground games and sports clubs. Great to have them both on board.

Chinese New Year

We celebrated the Year of the Tiger this week with assemblies and a wonderful feast prepared by our cooks. The children loved the decorations and food. Our Year 6 pupils



learned how to say and write Happy New Year in their Mandarin lessons: 新年好



Book Vending Machine

Our children are absolutely flying at reading at the minute! Children are ploughing through Accelerated Reader books at a rate of knots and whizzing through the



Reading Plus levels too! The PTA and Rotary Club purchased our school an amazing new Book Vending Machine. School has filled it up with brand new books for the children to enjoy. The children can earn tokens to select

enjoy. The children can earn tokens to select books for them to read for pleasure. Thank you to the Rotary Club, the PTA and to everyone that has supported the PTA events.



Dodgeball Festival

The children had an enjoyable afternoon at the dodgeball competition. They performed superbly and represented the school very well. Some even came away with winners' medals! Well done to the competitors from Year 5.



Ancient Greek Workshop

Y6 had an amazing day introducing their new

topic - Ancient Greece! They began by developing some geography skills, looking at maps of where Greece is and how the location of modern Greece compares to Ancient Greece.

After this, they became Ancient Greek Explorers, reviewing artefacts and considering what their uses may have been.

Finally, the pupils performed an Ancient Greek play with an interactive crowd! The play, like all plays in Ancient Greece, was full of love, murder and tragedy! Our children were absolutely fabulous. Samuel L. Jackson, you haven't got a look-in!



Recycle Clothes Bank

Fundraise and Recycle Limited is a north-east based family ran company, that



specialise in the recycling of unwanted clothing and goods for collection and redistribution.

All of the good quality clothing which they receive is re-sold, re-used or recycled, helping to lessen the impact of waste on the environment. As a company, they act responsibly with all of the goods they collect and their trained staff will ensure that no unnecessary waste goes to landfill.

Every time we fill the container we raise money for school to spend on our wonderful children. Our Clothes Bank is down our main drive beside the bike sheds and it is available for all to use now.

Little Rescuers

What an experience that was! Our Y6 children explored the structure and science of the heart as part of the circulatory system. They have also learned about how blood flows and practised applying bandages.



We feel these first aid sessions not only bring learning to life and provide memorable experiences for our children (something we



hold dear), but teach the children really important life lessons. This was the first of five first aid sessions.

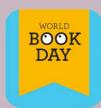
Author Day

Having met author Tony Bradman recently online, Year 4 hosted their own Publishing Party today.



The pupils came dressed to school in their smartest clothing and they published their final draft of their writing pieces. They read their published piece to their class and received feedback with lots of positive praise for all published pieces! Well done, Year 4!

World Book Day at EBJS - 4th March 2022



We have lots planned for World Book Day this year. A whole week of fun activities culminating in our annual 'dress up as a book character' day on Friday 4th March. A

parent mail was sent out on Thursday 3rd February with more information.

PTA Discos

We are endeavouring to get back to some form of normality as safely as we can. Children's wellbeing is



very important to us so we have decided to have our PTA discos again this term after school but separate them into lower and upper key stage to reduce the number of pupils. These will take place for Years 3 and 4 straight after school (3:30-4:30) and Years 5 and 6 (5:00-6:00) to allow for children to be safely collected and for cleaning. All children are allowed to 'dress down' for the day so that party wear can be worn without the need for changing. Look out for the PTA flyer that came out today! Exciting!!

PTA Asda Fundraising Exciting opportunity!



We've gained a place to compete for a top prize of £500 for our PTA fundraising with Asda Green Tokens.

It's now all online, so voting is even easier. Just click on the link below, and choose East Boldon Schools PTA.

Please share this link with friends and family to help boost our chances of winning.

Boldon Asda voting page

Thank you all so much for your support. East Boldon Schools PTA Committee

Mental Health Awareness

There are some great services out there to support children and adults with our mental health. We would like to share two of them with you all.



Kooth (kooth.com) is a free, safe and anonymous online mental health & emotional wellbeing platform available to support children & young people aged 10 to 25 in South Tyneside. It is aimed more at our Year 6 pupils. There is a guide on our website



Qwell (qwell.io) is for parents and staff. It is a free, safe and anonymous online mental health & emotional wellbeing platform available to support all adults over 24 in South Tyneside.





Writers of the week

Year 3 – Penelope, Frankie, Theo, Francesca, Isabel, Jacob, Portia, Abbie, Jake & Nathaniel

Year 4 – Finn, Tom, Patrick, Ruby, Eliza, Isabel, Corey & Luke

Year 5 – Lucas, Freddi, Joe, Elliot, Harriet, Lois, Ayla & Jacob

Year 6 – Emily Ca, Emily Co, Nadia, Ruby, Isabel, Fallon, & Grace L

Stars of the week

Year 3 – Jude, Spencer, Noah, William, Clara, William, Esther, Sophie, Jacob A & Frankie

Year 4 – Leo, Grace, Sophie, Guy, Ella, Sophia, Blake & Seb

Year 5 – Ralph, Francesca, Aidan, Milo, Cole, Maya, Emily, Ethan, Sophia, Summer, Amalie & Louis

Year 6 - Ben, Chloe, Amelia, Darcy & Noah

Head Teacher Awards

Nathaniel, Zac, Ethan, Obi (Y3) Jazmina, Dan, Lucia (Y4) Alfie, Ari, Holly, Willow, Will (Y5) Grace H, Chloe, Emilie (Y6) both impressed Mr Shenton recently with their *kindness*, *resilience* and *dedication* to their work.

Term dates for your diary

Thankfully restrictions and risk assessments are beginning to ease and we are able to take tentative steps back into the real world. Keep an eye on this section (and Class Dojo) as trips are being added as they get booked.

Spring term: 4th January – 18th February 28th February – 8th April

10 Feb: Y6 Girls' Football League

14-15 Feb: Parents' telephone consultations

15 Feb: Y6 Netball tournament 16 Feb: Y3 Benchball festival 17 Feb: Y6 visit to Centre For Life 17 Feb: PTA Discos after school

Half term: 21 Feb - 25 Feb

28 Feb: Y5 Show Racism the Red Card

2 Mar: Boccia SEND festival

4 Mar: World Book Day (dress up)
4 Mar: Y6 Quicksticks Hockey

7 Mar: Football League starts (weekly)

7 Mar: GB Athlete in school 9 Mar: Girls' Football League

11 Mar: Y4 Quicksticks Hockey Finals

18 Mar: Red Nose Day
25 Mar: 5SC visit The Word
28 Mar: 5JM visit The Word
29 Mar: Y4 Parkour Skills Festival
6 Apr: Girls' Football League
6-8 Ap: Y5 Peat Rigg Residential

Child Safety Reminders:

Parking

Please take care when parking cars to pick up or drop children off at school. Children's safety is paramount.



Dogs

Unfortunately, as much as we love our four-legged friends, we do not allow dogs on site (apart from guide dogs).