



Booker Park School

BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Principal:

The weather has been fairly stormy this week and we were hit pretty hard on the last day of the half term too, with the school suffering significant flooding to communal areas after some extremely heavy rain. I'd just like to pay tribute to the whole staff team, from admin and the site team all the way through to all the teaching teams, for their efforts to ensure the school could open for the children. Everyone helped with mops, towels, and other drying equipment, sectioning off the areas that were still too wet or flooded to be used. It was a quite remarkable effort that got the school ready to go for the start of the day, and then ongoing work especially from the site team to dry out our flooded hall, and then to set to work ensuring it wouldn't happen again by working with a number of agencies including the Local Authority. The drainage of the field that sits behind the school was a big factor in this and has received a lot of attention from the authority to ensure it won't happen again. Unfortunately, we have suffered some serious water damage, somewhat ironically, to our swimming pool, and it is likely to be out of action for at least one more week and potentially longer.

On a completely different topic, on the second weekend of the October half term, Kristen Rutson, who is a teaching assistant within Raven class at Booker Park, organised a 24-hour badminton marathon at her local club to support the school. She was ably supported by members of her family, teammates from the badminton club, and members of the community linked to the club. For 24 hours, they had a continuous game of badminton running, with a children's party as part of the proceedings. It was my privilege to see the last part of the event unfold, with some weary warriors who had foregone sleep for the night and played badminton on top of that, to raise money for Booker Park. In an effort which surpassed any previous efforts, they raised over £2200 - an incredible effort from a dedicated team. Our grateful thanks to Kristen and all those working with her to make such a large amount - you are truly inspirational, thank you. The money will be directed specifically to the PMLD groups within the school with a focus on communication devices.

Bradley



Mission Statement

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School Information/Updates

Message from the Head of School:

It has been good to see everyone this week after the half term break. We have had four new teaching assistants join us this week who we are very pleased to have as part of the team, and some more in line to start. We are continuing to use agency staff whilst we have vacancies.

Thank you for your support of Masks for Masks before half term. All of the classes contributed creatively to some large masks which will be displayed in the school.

Have a good weekend and stay safe with the fireworks!

Marianne

Class update:

In Heron class, we have been focusing on actions. All the children have enjoyed exploring a variety of different activities, that have involved them imitating and learning new actions alongside their peers. Well done everyone!



We are excited to receive a large order of brand-new P.E. equipment which was bought as a result of winning the English Schools Football Association 'Hotshots' competition last term. This award was in recognition of the achievements of the extra-curricular clubs run last year and the numbers of children participating in PE activities e.g., Sports Factor lunchtime clubs.



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Parent Information/Updates

MASKS
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
 at Booker Park School
Saturday 25th November
 11am-2pm
 Quiet hour
 (Father Christmas only by appointment)
 2pm-3pm

RAFFLE & TOMBOLA
FOOD, DRINKS & CAKE STALL
MONEY TREE, LUCKY DIP
SANTA'S GROTTO
 (by appointment only)
PHOTO BOOTH
& SO MUCH MORE!

All funds raised will go to the continued improvements and developments of both Booker Park and Stocklake Park Schools

TEACH IN BUCKS
RECRUITMENT FAIR
*Interested in becoming a teacher?
 We want to meet you!*

Saturday 18 November 2023
 11am - 3pm
 Buckinghamshire New University
 Aylesbury Campus

Signs of the Week:

breakfast 	 Top twice below mouth
lunch/dinner 	
There are two signs for lunch/dinner.	

Click here to find out more:
buckshealthcare.nhs.uk

Welcome to Children and Young People's Services

How can we help?

Hospital care for your baby or child 	Support for my child's pre-school assessment and development 	Support for my child's school years' development 	I'm a healthcare or education professional
Vaccinations for my child 	Therapy for my child's movement, communication or independence 	Support for my child's complex development needs or disability 	I want to refer someone

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Think Behaviour:

DE-ESCALATION IS THE KEY

<p>Change of face</p>	<p>Visual supports</p>	<p>Distraction</p>	<p>Give choices</p>	<p>Speak calmly</p>	<p>Reduce language</p>
<p>Change of environment</p>	<p>Increase processing time</p>	<p>De-escalation (an additional or alternative strategy implemented when a child's behaviour starts to escalate) Remember: Be aware of your own body language, stance, the tone and volume of your voice. Be Low Arousal.</p>	<p>A movement break</p>	<p>Sensory strategies</p>	
<p>Remove the trigger</p>	<p>Humour</p>		<p>Deep breathing</p>	<p>Give personal space</p>	
<p>Avoid saying no</p>	<p>Get down to child's level</p>	<p>Decrease stimulation</p>	<p>Respond only to questions</p>	<p>A friendly escort</p>	<p>Validate their feelings</p>



Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor
Principal



Theme: Friendship and Kindness	
Date	Event
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Saturday 25th November	MASKS Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Production – Snowman at Sunset
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Production – Snowman at Sunset
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term

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