



Booker Park School

BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Head of School:

All classes have been practicing this week for their contribution to next week's dance festivals. We hope to see as many of you as possible at these. Please do look carefully at the dates at the end of this newsletter to make sure that you come along on the right day! If you are unable to attend or to send a family member or friend along, we will take photos and share these on Evidence for Learning.

Have a good weekend

Marianne

Comic Relief Update:

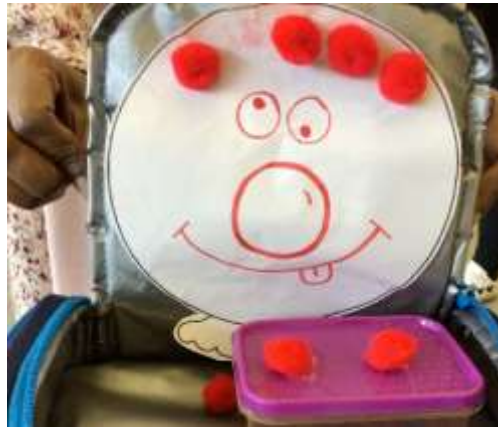


Thank you so much for your support of Comic Relief 2024 and for your donations. It was wonderful to see lots of the children wearing red clothes and children with red noses or badges! One parent even managed to decorate their child's lunch box for Red Nose Day! We are very grateful for all the ways you made this day special at Booker Park School. Lots of children were able to do the Makaton sign for red or show us they knew the day was different. Some of the children told jokes and each class found a range of ways to bring smiles to the children's faces all day. Many of the staff joined in the fun: wearing tutus, deely boppers and Comic Relief badges.



Mission Statement

Together, overcoming barriers, enabling each child and young person to reach their full potential



Get to know your Governors:

Dave Pearce - Chair of the Governing Board

I've lived in and around Aylesbury for nearly 40 years, having first moved here for work in the mid-1980s. Since 1997, I have lived in Buckingham, with my wife Cathy, and, until fairly recently, our four children – they're now living and working in different parts of the country, though still come home regularly and still manage to eat everything in sight within a few hours!

I was first asked to consider becoming a school Governor in the summer of 2021, just after I'd retired after 35 years of working in a variety of jobs in the Financial Services industry. At the time I was looking at various ways in which I could make a contribution to the local community in the Aylesbury and north Buckinghamshire area, and in particular doing something to help children get the best out of their time at school and to fulfil their potential.

With one of our sons having special needs, and having attended Booker Park around 15 years ago, I've wanted to do what I can to help such children and their families.

So, when I was asked to become a Governor at the Vale Federation, I jumped at the chance and joined the Governing Board in September 2021, and then a year later found myself becoming Chair of the Board.

Since becoming a Governor, I've been struck by the wide range of subjects which Governors are involved with. The size of the Federation, with its 350 children and even more members of staff, has been a real eye-opener, as has the number of different roles, departments and activities which go together to ensure that our two schools function effectively, and provide the children and young people with a caring, friendly, safe and secure environment in which to develop their skills and help them to achieve their full potential.

I have been particularly impressed by the quality of the senior leadership team and staff throughout the Federation, and their commitment to do their absolute best to help our children and young people and their families.

As Governors we do focus on a wide range of topics, which vary throughout the year – most recently among other things I've been reviewing and approving annual financial reports which the schools have to submit to the Local Authority, considering the findings and recommendations from the Safeguarding Review, reviewing several updated policies, and looking at the current position with staff recruitment and retention, as well as visiting both Booker Park and Stocklake Park. You can read more about what your Governing Board is doing in our termly letter.

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 A future where every child achieves the greatest level of independence, enabling them to become a valued member of society



You will have seen the note from Becky, our Vice-Chair, in last week’s Parent Bulletin, and from time to time there’ll be short notes from other Governors appearing in the Bulletin to help you to get to know a little about each of the Governors and what we’re all up to.

As well as being a Governor, I have a range of other interests, including travelling and visiting places with the family, watching Cheltenham Town try to play football, church bellringing, running and doing my best to play golf!

I do really enjoy being a Governor - it’s a hugely rewarding role and a real honour and privilege to have the opportunity to contribute to our wonderful schools which do so much good for our children and young people and their families.

If you’d like to learn more about the role of the Governing Board, or if you’re interested in becoming a Governor, please do let me or one of the other Governors know.

Many thanks,
Dave



Makaton Update:

dcrain@thriveukfederation.com'. There is also a small image of a nest with three colorful Easter eggs."/>

**Makachat
Café**

When: Thursday 28th March 2024
9:45am – 11.00am

Where: Stocklake Park School.

Come and learn Makaton with Denyse.

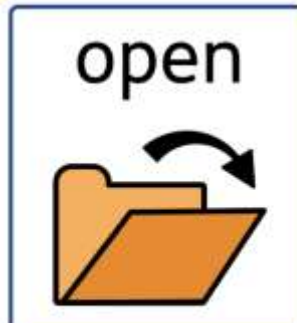
Meet some old friends, make some new friends, bring your friends, bring your family! Have a biscuit, chocolate, a cup of tea or coffee. Brush up on your Makaton skills or learn some new signs.

For more information please contact Denyse at: dcrain@thriveukfederation.com

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Signs of the Week:



This is the generic sign for open, the sign will differ for book, drink etc.



WHIZZKIDZ
SEN Sessions
First Friday of every
month
6.00pm-7.30pm
All adults and carers free

To find out more, visit reception or call 01844 217555
Whizz Kidz, 2 to 6 Jefferson Way, Thame, Oxon, OX9 3SZ. Website: www.whizzkidzthame.co.uk

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Spring 2024 Theme: Trust and Respect	
Date	Event
Monday 25 th March 2pm	Comic Relief Dance Festival: Puffin, Owl, Heron, Bluebird, Wren, Magpie, Swan
Tuesday 26 th March 10am	Comic Relief Dance Festival: Jay, Firecrest, Red Kite, Kingfisher, Nightingale, Jackdaw, Woodpecker
Tuesday 26 th March 2pm	Comic Relief Dance Festival: Dove, Parrot, Swift, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Blackbird, Wagtail
Wednesday 27 th March 2pm	Comic Relief Dance Festival: Skylark, Raven, Starling, Hummingbird, Robin, Penguin, Sparrow
Thursday 28 th March 9:45am to 11:00am	Makachat Café at Stocklake Park School
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Easter Holidays 29th March – 12th April	

Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor
Principal



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Causes

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