



Booker Park School

BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Head of School:

We sadly started the new year with the very sad news that one of our pupils had died at the beginning of January. Farhad was a 5 year old pupil in Robin Class. He had been in Nightingale Class in the previous year. He was a wonderful boy who enhanced the lives of all who came into contact with him. Our hearts, thoughts and love go out to Farhad's parents and siblings, and also to the staff and children who learned and played with Farhad at school. Farhad will always be a valued member of our school community, and will always be remembered.

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Message from the Principal:

Before the end of term, we were delighted to welcome Rob Butler, MP for Aylesbury, into the school. Rob chose Booker Park to run a competition to design a Christmas card which ended up being the design on the cards he sent to fellow MPs, including the Prime Minister! There were some wonderful designs, and we were very happy to be part of the process. We are pleased to include an extract from Rob's monthly newsletter within our bulletin which includes photos of him awarding the winning prize as well as presenting the card to the Prime Minister. Well done to Kaynan in Magpie class for being the overall winner, but also well done to the runners up: Amelia (Firecrest), Musrat (Jackdaw), Hashir (Hummingbird) and Mohammed (Bluebird class)

Bradley

Hydrotherapy Pool Update:

Following the flood damage to the hydrotherapy pool at Booker Park School at the end of October 2023, works have been underway to complete all the necessary repairs as previously communicated.

The pool surrounding floor walkway has been completely renewed and is now completed - it looks amazing.

The moveable pool floor system is nearly completed, with the electronic control system, sensors and hydraulics works all completed, which leaves just the under-floor cabling replacement works that are currently underway and hopefully concluding this week. Following this, we have recalibration of the floor system, final testing and commissioning and then pool water chemical balancing to complete, but are planning on this being concluded by the 15th or 16th January 2024 - then we shall be able to re-open the pool!

We shall keep you updated as and when the engineers and Facilities and Estates Team have advised all is completed and ready for use.

Class update: Blackbird Class

In Blackbird class we have started the new term with a fun with food session. This week we focused on our sense of smell. Here you can see us smelling lavender, peppermint and orange essential oils. We liked some of the smells but not all of them!



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The Children’s Commissioner – “The Big Ambition”



The Children’s Commissioner for England has recently launched ‘The Big Ambition’ to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.



Child Bereavement UK – Snow Drop Walk 4th February 2024



Snow Drop Walk, West Wycombe Park

On Sunday 4 February the annual Snowdrop Walk returns to West Wycombe Park. As usual you will have an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful grounds and plant a snowdrop in memory of someone special.

Children can enjoy a treasure hunt and you can finish your walk with hot food, cakes and refreshments at West Wycombe Village Hall, where further children’s activities will be taking place.

Early bird rates apply if you book online ahead of the event at: [Snowdrop Walk in Buckinghamshire | Child Bereavement UK](https://www.childbereavementuk.org.uk/snowdrop-walk-in-buckinghamshire)

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



ROB BUTLER MP
Member of Parliament for Aylesbury constituency



Christmas in Aylesbury

I was delighted to meet the winner of my Christmas card competition, Kaynan, at Booker Park School. His lovely card was presented to the Prime Minister and the Speaker of the House of Commons. Thanks again to all the children at the school for their wonderful festive designs, as well as to their teachers and parents for their support.



Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor
Principal



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