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By BLJS Staff & Pupils

Welcome to our half termly newsletter. In it you'll find everything from messages from staff and celebrations of the children's work to key dates and important information. Any links on here will be live just click on them to visit the page!



A MESSAGE FROM... *Mrs Hunter*

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Our school values:

**Supportive
Tolerant
Aspirational
Respectful
Successful**

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our half termly newsletter. Each issue, I will focus on how the children have demonstrated one of our STAR values. This half term, we have been...



SUCCESSFUL



What a successful half term we have had! We had an extremely successful Ofsted visit at the end of September which confirmed that we had maintained our 'Good' status- please click the image above to view our report, which we are very pleased with.

We are also the only school in Eastern Warwickshire to have successfully achieved the Platinum School Games Mark- please see our PE page for more details.

And finally, after 29 successful years at BLJS, Mrs McGrath will be starting her retirement. Thank you for all your hard work over the years- we will miss you!



School Parliament

Inspiring the Minds of the
Next Generation.

House of Parliament 23/24

Meet the newly elected House of Lords for this year.

Head Boy - Malachy 6 Einstein

Head Girl - Taylor 6 Brunel

Deputy Head Boy - James 5

Mozart

Deputy Head Girl - Aoife 5

Mozart

Year 6 Secretaries - Yuktha 6

Einstein

Jude 6 Edison

Year 5 Secretaries - Liliana 5

Wren

Louie 5 Constable



‘As a House of Lords, we are incredibly grateful to have been voted in by the rest of the school. We would like to say well done to everyone who also campaigned. We are looking forward to connecting with our peers and making BLJS an even better place for everyone to continue to flourish and learn. We look forward to working with Mrs Hunter and the House of Commons this year too.’



House of Parliament 23/24

Meet the House of Commons for this academic year:

Jakub-3A 'I am so proud to be a House of Commons Representative. I am looking to helping the school improve even more and sharing everyone's ideas.'

Arianna - 3LK 'I am looking forward to taking on more responsibility around school.'

Freddie - 3F 'I am looking forward to sharing all my good ideas with everyone.'

Noah -3V 'I am so excited to be part of the House of Commons in my first year.'

Libby B - 4R 'I am looking forward to contributing and representing my class and giving out ideas.'

Elodie - 4G 'I can't wait to share my ideas to help our school!'

Pip - 4W 'I am really excited to be our representative and help school to improve. I want us to be even more kind and caring.'

Adhitri - 4S 'I am looking forward to helping the school become even better.'

Emily and Riley - 5S 'We're looking forward to helping the school and Mrs Hunter.'

Gracie - 5M 'I am kind and respectful and love to help the school and pupils in our community.'

Jayden -5W 'I'm looking forward to being able to help people around school.'

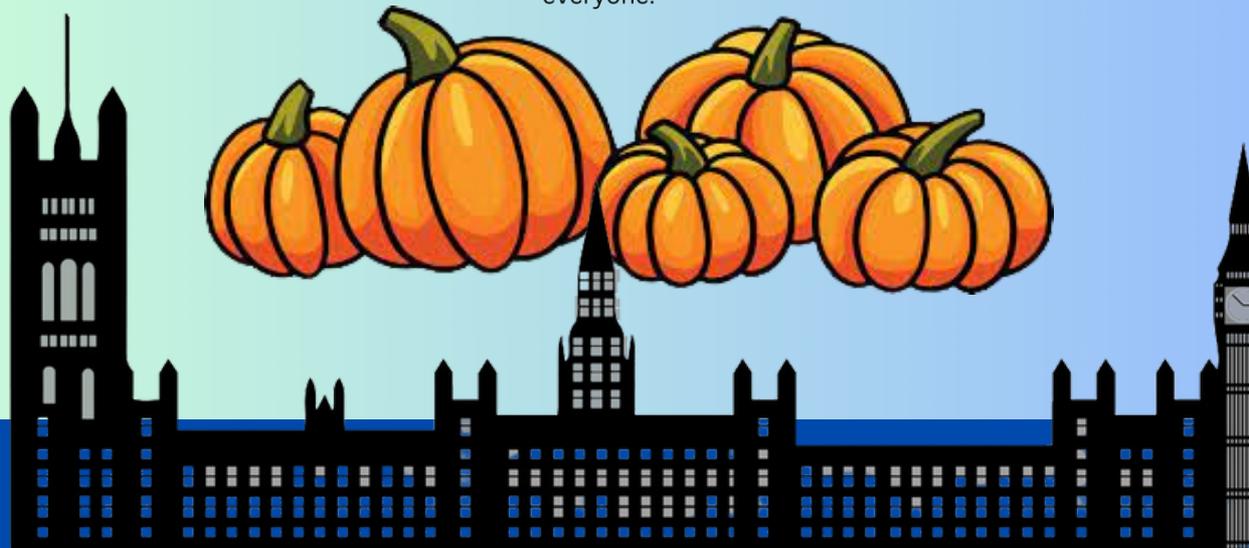
Maddison - 5C 'I am looking forward to helping the school and doing jobs for the school.'

Lucas - 6B 'I am looking forward to helping people and making sure everyone comes to school with a smile of their face.'

Ewan and Anika - 6N 'We're excited to help put lots of ideas forward for improving the school community.'

Isabelle - 6Ed 'I am looking forward to being supportive to everyone in school and helping people.'

Anaya 6Ein - 'I have got lots of good ideas that I'm excited to share with everyone.'



Welcome to the first FBV update for 2023. What a super busy half term we have had!

We are pleased to have begun links with our partnership school in Ghana called Riverside Academy. The business manager, Joel, came into our school and delighted the children with an astonishing assembly showing us the school and all about Ghana!

The children absolutely loved his assembly and are looking forward to this new venture!



The gifts from Joel are in the entrance hall in school.



We also had the honour of being invited to the Mayor's Parlour by our local Labour Councillor after visiting us in the Summer term. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and we debated the topic of "Plastics should be banned worldwide!". This was discussed in the actual debating room and the children were outstanding at this! You could not tell they were nervous at all! A huge well done to all the pupils who attended.





It has been lovely to welcome the children back to Launchpad this term, including our new children. We hope you all had a fabulous summer break!

We have had an amazing start to the Autumn term

We took part in Tag Rugby at the St Andrews Rugby Club. It was such a fun packed afternoon spent competing against other school teams!

We attended a healthy eating workshop and learnt about our 5-a-day fruit and vegetables. We enjoyed the quiz, to find out how much we really know about healthy eating. We learnt so much!

We also went on a trip to Brandon Marsh where we took part in a number of exciting outdoor activities, including making our own woodland art using twigs, leaves, & stones. We were all excited to make hedgehog dens for the hedgehogs to hibernate in for the winter. Some of us even had the opportunity to dress up like our furry woodland animals!

We started our new Topic this term, 'Egyptians' and we have been finding out facts about pyramids, the river Nile and making our own hieroglyphic symbols. We also made Egyptian cookies as part of our Cooking Therapy sessions, as well as many other tasty treats.

We had a special visit from the Warwickshire police. They showed us their uniform and we even got to try some on! We were also able to explore their police van. It was an amazing experience to sit in the drivers seat and press the sirens on and off.



Brandon Marsh

Baking Egyptian cookies

Tag Rugby



Healthy eating workshop

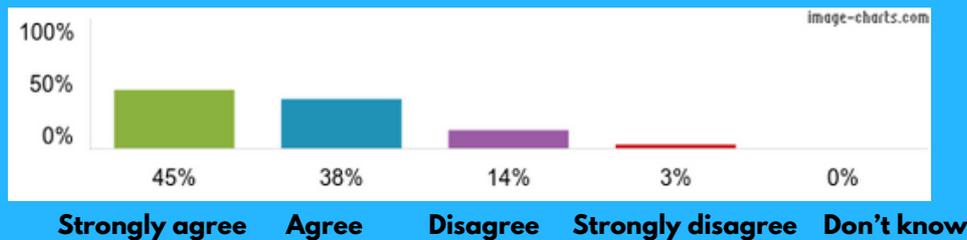
Visit from Warwickshire Police

BLJS 50th birthday celebrations school disco

OFSTED Questionnaire feedback

As part of our recent OFSTED inspection, parents were invited to give their views about school via Parent View. In each newsletter, we will be giving feedback on some of the statements and responses.

Statement: My child is happy at this school.



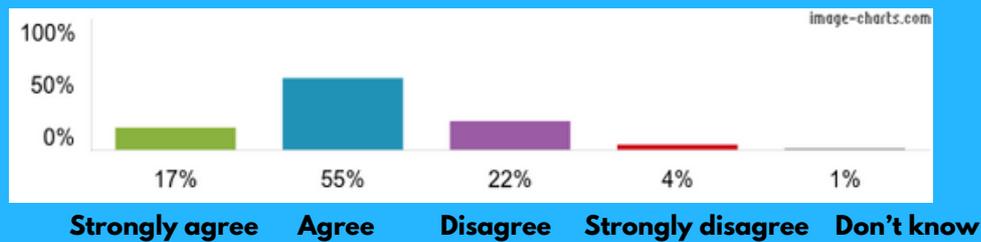
Our feedback: We are really pleased that an overwhelming majority of children are happy in school, although of course, we are always striving for 100%. Please remind your children of their network of safe adults who they can speak to if they have a worry or concern in school (this is covered as part of our Taking Care lessons in PSHE).

We also have Wellbeing Warriors: pupils who have been trained to give peer support on the playground and help pupils with reporting any concerns to an adult.

Please do let us know if you do not feel that your child is happy at school, as there are lots of ways that we can help! In the first instance, please speak to your child's class teacher. Any continuing concerns can be escalated to the Year Head or a member of the Senior Leadership Team if necessary. We also have Pupil and Family Mentors and a Behaviour Mentor who can provide pastoral support.



Statement: The school lets me know how my child is doing.



Our feedback: One of the key ways that we share information is via Class charts. This has replaced Class Dojo as our main source of communication. Information on how to download the APP and log in has been sent home, but if you are having difficulty signing up, please contact the school office on 01788 577914. We use Class Charts to share information about learning, behaviour and general year group messages, so it is very important that you sign up for access. You can also report absences using Class Charts.

We hold parents' evenings twice a year to report on your child's progress, and provide an annual written report in the summer term.

Throughout the year, we will always contact you by Class Charts, telephone and/or letter if there are any concerns regarding your child's attendance, behaviour or learning. We will also communicate your child's achievements such as star of the week and half termly role model. If your child receives one of these awards, you will be invited to a celebration assembly to see it being presented.

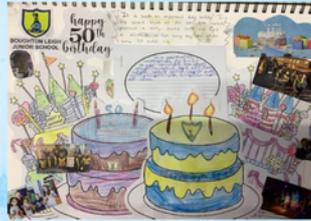
HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY BLJS!

In 1973, Boughton Leigh Junior school, formerly known as Boughton Leigh Middle School, was opened to the Brownsover community. To celebrate, the children completed some work with the theme of Boughton Leigh and the year 1973. The children were also able to celebrate at a disco!

YEAR 3:

In Year 3, the children designed the perfect party celebration. They used their skills to budget for a party, designed a cake and then had a fantastic time at the school disco!

Mr Sawyer's dance moves were funky, but Miss Hobday managed to steal the votes of the children when she won the Staff Dance Award.



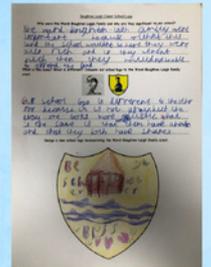
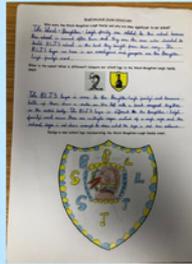
YEAR 5:

In Year 5, the children researched different aspects of life in 1973. They looked at architecture, dress, music and what the town of Rugby looked like. They also had a great time at the school disco in celebration of Boughton Leigh.



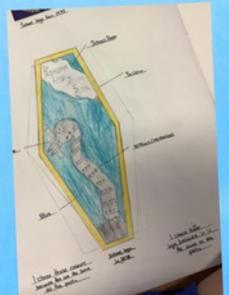
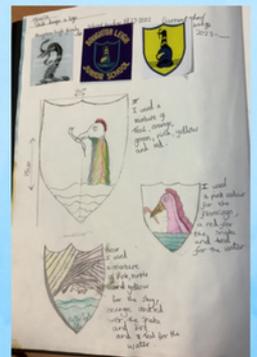
YEAR 4:

In Year 4, the children looked at the origin of the BLJS logo and how the Ward-Boughton-Leigh family crest influenced its design. The children also looked at the significance of postcodes as in 1973, postcodes were introduced in Rugby. The children found their postcode and planned their route to school using Digimaps. They also made a card and learnt how to write their address ready to send.



YEAR 6:

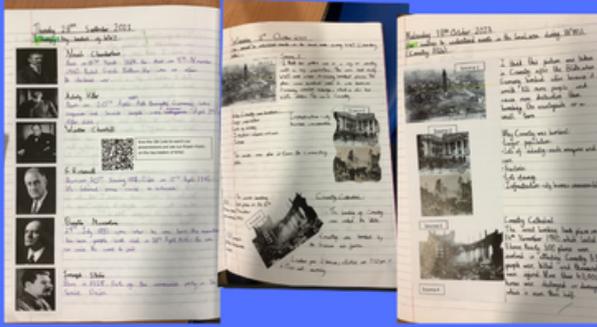
In Year 6, the children used their art skills to redesign the school logo inspired by the Ward-Boughton-Leigh family crest. They also enjoyed partying away at the disco!





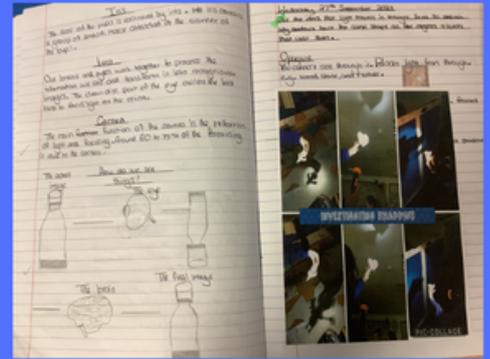
Year 6

This half term, year 6 have shown commitment and dedication to their lessons, embracing our learning behaviours in all that they do. We are super proud how they have settled into Year 6.



As historians we have been learning about WWII, we have analysed the events which led up to war being declared, researched key leaders and identified what life was like during this period for the people of Britain and also in our local area.

As scientists we have learnt about Light focusing on how we see objects, shadows and refractions. We have worked scientifically, developing our predicting and experimenting skills.



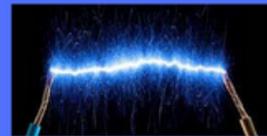
As writers, we have worked incredibly hard in our English lessons this half term to produce a leaflet on Berlin. Children researched the city and learnt about the features used to make a piece of writing persuasive focusing on language.

Tag Rugby Festival

On Monday 16th October, we took the whole of Year 6 to St Andrews Rugby Club for a tag rugby festival. The children were excellent and were a credit to themselves and the school. I think we have found some new budding rugby players.



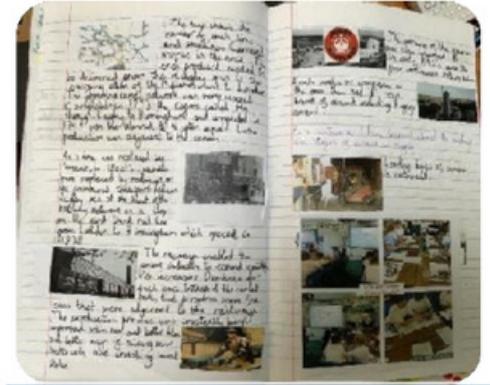
This term we have completed our unit of work on WW2 and have studied light in science. Next term we will move onto The Industrial Revolution and Electricity. To find out more information please click the link below. <https://www.boughtonleigh-juniorschool.co.uk/learning-zone/year-6/year-6-curriculum/y6-autumn-2>



Year 5

As Writers, we have written non-chronological reports about mystical creatures inspired by J.K. Rowling's book "Fantastic beasts and where to find them"

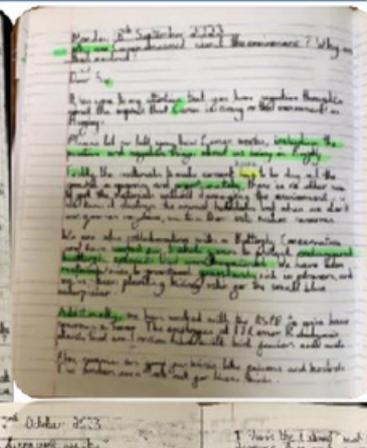
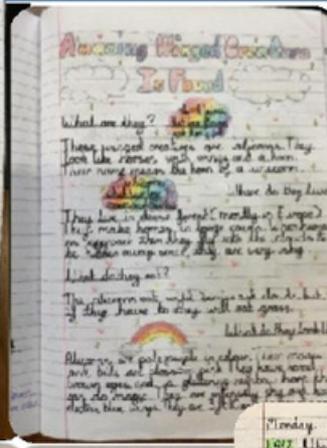
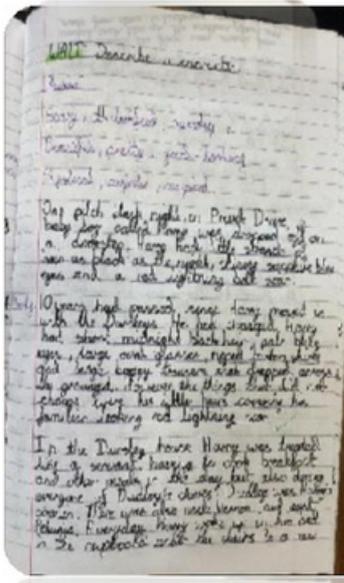
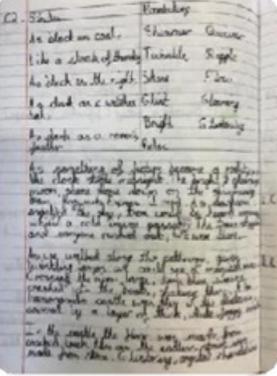
We have also written a narrative focusing on describing settings, characters and building atmosphere. This was inspired by "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone", a worldwide known book about an eleven-year-old orphan who discovers he is a wizard and is invited to study at Hogwarts.



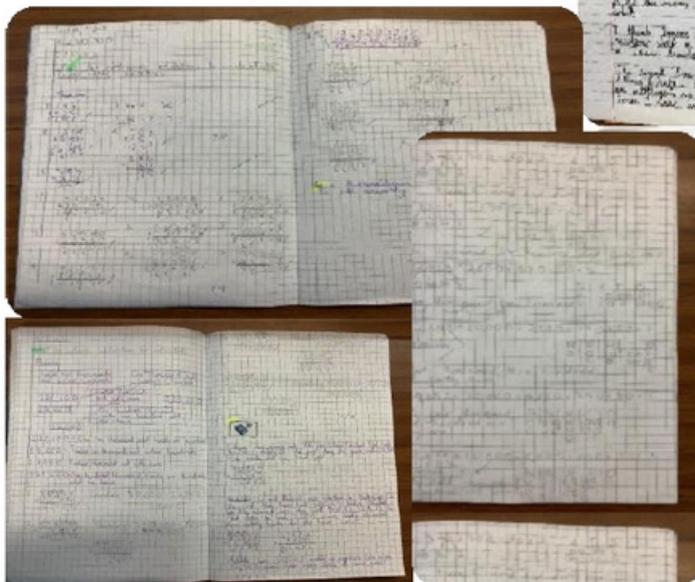
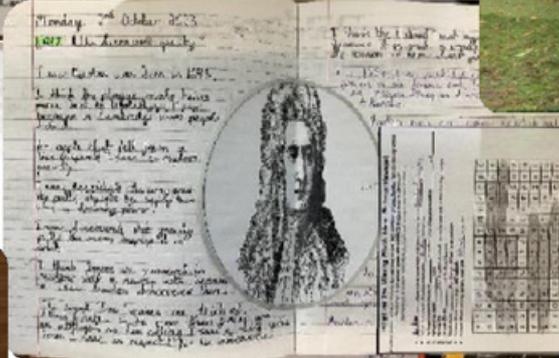
As Geographers, we have explored the physical and human features of Warwickshire.

We have also explored our local area and the economic and environmental impact of CEMEX in Rugby.

As Scientists, we have explored different forces and carried out scientific experiments.



As Mathematicians, we have further developed our knowledge of number and place value, as well as the four calculations and interpreting data.



Educational Visit

Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio



All the Year 5 staff are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication of the children, impressed with the progress made so far and thankful to all parents for their continued support. We look forward to delivering exciting learning opportunities for the children in Autumn 2, exploring the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in history and our solar system in science, with meaningful links across the curriculum.

Please visit our website where you can see our curriculum overview and links to educational websites for the children to access and explore. <https://www.boughtonleigh-junior-school.co.uk/learning-zone/year-5>

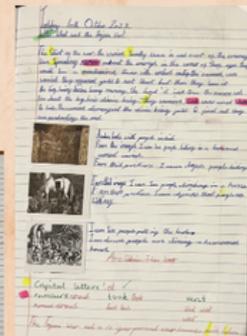
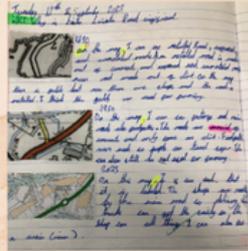
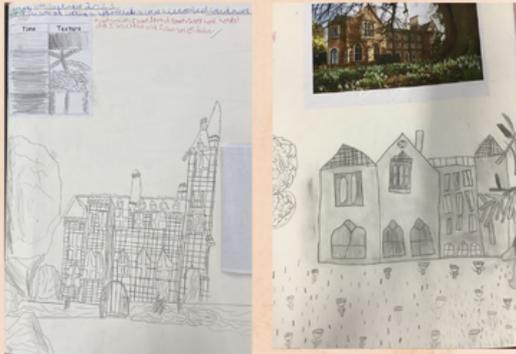
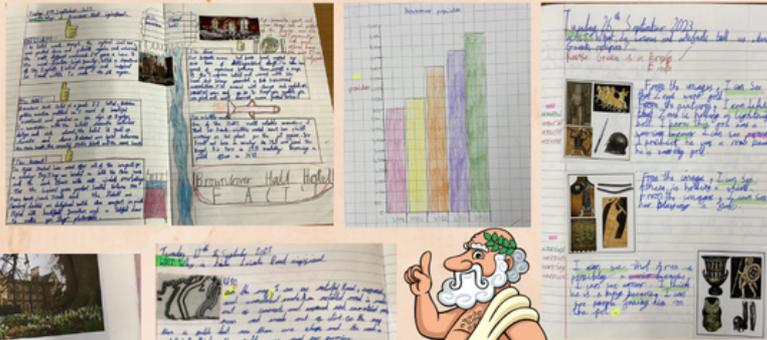


Tag Rugby

YEAR 4

As part of a whole school Rugby study, the children have been keen geographers and have studied the area of Brownsver and how it has changed from 1890 to present day. The children have examined a range of maps from different time periods and considered why someone might want to live in Brownsver.

As historians, the children have been learning about the Ancient Greeks and their beliefs. The children have also taken part in an enquiry into the Trojan War and how the Trojan Horse was used to gain an advantage in battle. In addition to this, the children have also learnt how the Greeks have shaped our society today through their contributions to architecture, maths and politics.

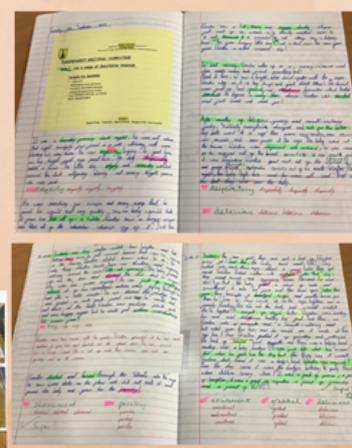
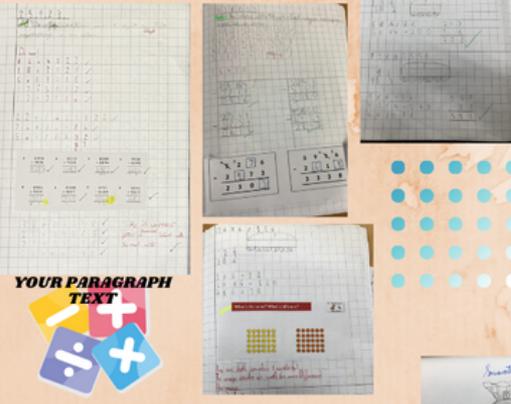


As mathematicians, the children have recapped their knowledge of place value which has allowed them to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. The children have also had the opportunity to problem solve using column addition and subtraction. The children have also used their knowledge of multiplication facts to derive number facts that are 10, 100 and 1000 times greater.

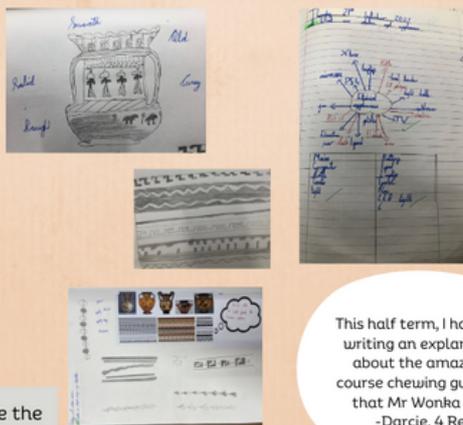


As writers, the children have had the opportunity to produce a narrative piece of writing based on the visual text 'Feast' and an explanation text all about Willy Wonka's incredible 3-course dinner gum machine!

As Scientists, we have been learning all about electricity. The children have had the opportunity to create different circuits and draw them scientifically. They have used their investigation skills allowing them to predict and reason using scientific vocabulary.



As artists, the children have used their skills of tone and texture to sketch an image of Brownsver Hall inspired by our local visit. The children have also been learning about the artist Piet Mondrian and creating some Greek style pottery decorated in the style of Mondrian's most famous works.



This half term, I have enjoyed writing an explanation text about the amazing three course chewing gum machine that Mr Wonka invented.
-Darcie, 4 Regency

This half term, I have enjoyed going to Brownsver Hall and learning about Brownsver as well as Maths lessons.
-Ananya, 4 Georgian

This half term I have enjoyed English, Maths and History lessons. I enjoyed going to Brownsver Hall and the activities we did on the walk.
-Ava, 4 Windsor

I have enjoyed celebrating Black History Month where we learnt about Mary Seole and her achievements. I think it's important to respect and treat everyone fairly.
-Lorenzo, 4 Stuart

Please see the website for more information:
<https://shorturl.at/eFQZ1>

Next half term, our Geography topic is...
Blue Abyss

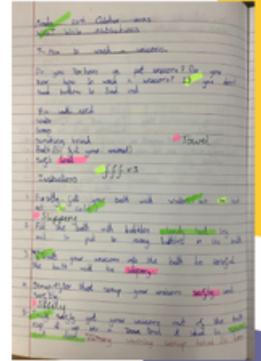
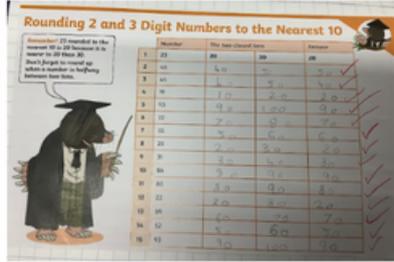
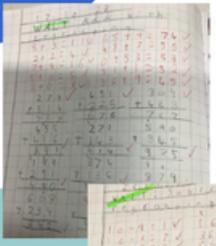
Next half term, our Science topic is...
Animals and their habitats

This term, I have enjoyed...

Year 3

The Year 3 Team would firstly like to congratulate the children for setting into life at Boughton Leigh Junior School so well! They have all adapted to new routines so quickly and have formed some fantastic friendships.

We know that this is going to be an amazing year!



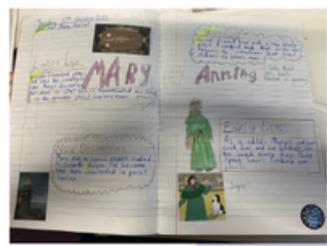
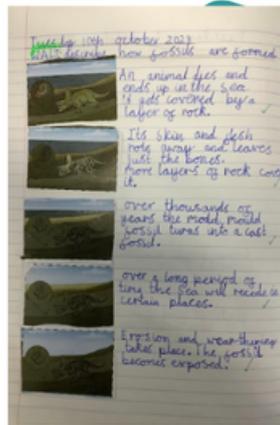
We have completed our first two units of the scheme, Maths Mastery. We have focused on place value and addition and subtraction.

We have been absorbed in our Tribal Tales topic! We have enjoyed finding out about life during the Stone Age, the different animals and the settlement, Skara Brae.

As Athletes, we enjoyed attending our very first sports festival, tag rugby, at St Andrew's Rugby Club - it was amazing!



As Scientists, we have been looking at rocks and soils, we have enjoyed conducting experiments, learning about how soil is made and learning about Mary Anning!



Coming up next half term... Into the Rainforest (Geography), letter writing in English, further work on addition and subtraction and plants in Science!

As Citizens, we enjoyed taking part in a mental health workshop on World Mental Health Day!



Click on the toucan to access the year 3 page on our website!



IN THE THRIVE ROOM!



This half term, we have made animal puppets, bookmarks and played lots of social games all whilst having time to talk.

Funky Friday

Every Friday, Mr T and Mr Mistry, find a fun way to greet you at the gate and to put a smile on all your faces. If you have any costumes that we could have or borrow, we would really appreciate it.



Pupdates with George

Year 4 Pup Dates- Thrive

As part of our English topic, the children in Year 4 have been looking at dogs' behaviour to inspire their independent write about a dog called Winston. George paid the children a visit in their English session where they got to understand about his daily routines, behaviours and what actions he does based on his emotions. They discussed how sometimes we do similar things when we show our early warning signs and we talked about what we could do to help ourselves in these moments.

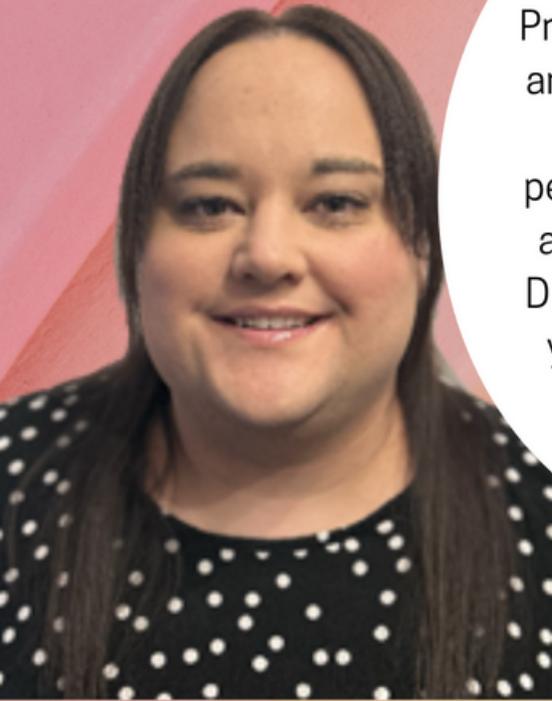
Thank you George and Mrs Ward for visiting us. We loved it!





A huge thank you from Sarah and Alison for coming to chat to them at the coffee morning. They had a lovely time meeting you all.

Here to help!



Hello! I am Sarah. I am a trainee Educational Mental Health Practitioner(EMHP) for the Coventry and Warwickshire Trust and I am going to be working in the Rugby Area. I think it is an absolute privilege to be able to help children and young people to support their mental health. I love all things Disney and love nothing more than snuggling up on the sofa with a Disney film! When I am not watching Disney in my spare time you will find me in my craft room where I love to make new things! My favourite thing to make is handmade cards.



Hello, my name is Alison, I am passionate about mental health and love supporting children, young people and their families to lead happier lives. To support my own wellbeing, I enjoy walking my dog, roller skating, and I am learning French and how to play the piano 😊

THRIVE

Helping your child back to school



Here to help!

IT CAN TAKE TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SETTLE BACK INTO SCHOOL AND ROUTINE AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP YOU SO PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER AND THE THRIVE TEAM FOR EXTRA SUPPORT.

IT IS WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR!

THE STRESS RELIEF GIRAFFE



OUT OF CONTROL

SCARED OF LOSING CONTROL

NERVOUS

UNSURE

CALM

WHAT YOUR CHILD CAN DO:

- Calm breathing exercises
- Use visualisation meditation techniques
- Body tightening exercises (progressive muscle relaxation)
- Sigh to become fully present in the moment
- Practice music therapy
- Change location / surroundings
- Use a stress ball / fidget toy
- Give themselves a 10-second hug to boost their mood
- Colour, draw, write, craft, etc.
- Practice positive self-talk / words of affirmation
- Exercise
- Go outside
- Play
- Hydrate with water



THRIVE

BLJS



Fab at 50

**School Closes
for the
Children
Thursday 25th
Oct**

**School opens
for the
children
Monday
6th
Nov**

KEY DATES



**Year 6
Annual Health
Assessment
Monday
6th
Nov**

**Odd Socks
Day
Monday
13th
Nov**

**Flu
Vaccines
Tuesday
14th
Nov**

**Christmas
Fair
Thursday
7th
Dec**

**School
Closes for
Christmas
Friday
22nd
Dec**

**Christmas
dinner
Friday
15th
Dec**



GOING FOR GOLD



Hello,
Hope you are all keeping well & had a good start to the new academic year.
It has been so lovely walking around school this half term – there has been such a calm and purposeful atmosphere. All children have been engaged with their learning and manners have been outstanding.
Well done all, keep it up!
Best wishes,
Mr. Cripps 😊

This half term's role models are:

Year 3
Shvansh
Lily
Harriet E
Maisie B

Year 4
Tanvika V
Amari D
Ruby Mae E
Diana P

Year 5
Ellie J
Alyssya B
Owen C
Maltina L

Year 6
Adam M
Elena S
Darcie T
Sophie Q

Launchpad
Penny S



All of the role models enjoyed a trip to the park as a special reward this half term!

Supportive

Respectful

BLIS Stars

Stars of the Week

3 Armstrong

Thomas B, Nathaniel, Aurora, Yasmin K, Ariya, Bonnie, Asher, Lara

3 Frank

Ayra F, Freddie H, Matilda, Virath, Maahi, Ava, Samuel, Nyiah

3 Luther King

Zuzanna K, Ollie B, Noah, Harriet R, Arisha, Caleb, Gabriel, Mikey

3 Victoria

Matthew B, Alaiyah O, Lena, Kai C, Maisie B, Archie, Alicia, Kai W

4 Georgian

Jack G, Ryan, Elodie, Bethal, Katrina, Jude, Ayat, Roberts

4 Regency

Maxwel, Piper, Indiahna, Alanah, Amara-Rose, Sameeha, Ali

4 Stuart

Khadija, Tilly H, Fergus, Orla, Freddie W, Viktor, subhan, Shiloh

4 Windsor

Eva-Blu, Jack H, Christopher, George, Ava, Dylan, Kian, Lucy

5 Constable

Lucie, Louie, Dexter, Bianca, Filip, Nathan, Violetta, Thomas

5 Mozart

Bethany, Damian, Albert, Leeland, Thalia, Jack, Harriet S, Jackson

5 Spielberg

Ollie B, Holly F, Nico, Riley G, Poppy, Polina, Stephanie,

Isabella-Grace

5 Wren

Owen G, Matilda, Kaiden, Lucas, Zehra, Jayden J

6 Brunel

Riyan, Taylor, Lucas, sophie, Maisie, Lottie, Josh, Josh

6 Edison

Jayden B, eehab, Ruby P, Darcy T, Natalia, Renato, Isabella, Jack

6 Einstein

adaeze, Junior, Adam, Ananya, Malachy, Jacob H, Hannah K, Alfie

6 Newton

Annabelle, Elana, Rocco, Veda, Karthik, Leo G, Ewan, Leah-Mae

Role Models

3 Armstrong

Harriet E

3 Frank

Shivansh S

3 Luther-King

Lilly H-A

3 Victoria

Maisie B

4 Georgian

Tanvika V

4 Regency

Ruby-Mae E

4 Stuart

Amari D

4 Windsor

Diana P

5 Constable

Ellie J

5 Mozart

Maltina L

5 Spielberg

Alyssa B

5 Wren

Owen G

6 Brunel

Sophie Q

6 Edison

Darcie T

6 Einstein

Adam M

6 Newton

Elena S

Tolerant



Aspirational

Successful



Mrs Micklewright

Pupil & Family Mentor



Mrs Speed

Hi all, what a fantastic start we have had to the school year. We have really enjoyed catching up with the children after the summer and meeting lots of new year 3 pupils.

For our new parents, our role in school is to support children and families in a variety of ways. We can offer Early Help, help to provide the right support for your children in school and sign post and refer to local services.

We are also on hand throughout the week for children to come and see us. We love to hear about their achievements and also support with any worries or concerns the children may have.

We would also like to share some information about the parenting workshops that are running within Warwickshire. These are free workshops and you can book yourself onto them. If you need any assistance, please contact one of us via the main school line.

Click on images below for more information.

Warwickshire Family Information Service
Parenting Workshops In Rugby
October – December 2023



DATE	WORKSHOP	VENUE	LINK
5th Oct	Sleep	Clarendon CFC	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/73302334632?aff=odds&source=calendar
26th Oct	Understanding Children's Behaviour	St Matthews Church	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/73302334632?aff=odds&source=calendar
30th Oct	Understanding Children's Behaviour	Virtual	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72099586272?aff=odds&source=calendar
6th Nov	Understanding Your Teenager	Long Lawford CFC	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
8th Nov	Understanding Children's Behaviour	Knightlow CofE Primary School	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
9th Nov	Boundaries and Rules	St Matthews Church	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
13th Nov	Sleep	Long Lawford CFC	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
16th Nov	Understanding Children's Behaviour	Henry Hinde Junior School	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
20th Nov	Nurture - 10 Week	Henry Hinde Junior School	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
28th Nov	Selfish Approach 10 Week Programme	Long Lawford Primary School	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
29th Nov	Boundaries and Rules	Knightlow CofE Primary School	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
6th Dec	Sleep	Knightlow CofE Primary School	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
7th Dec	Understanding Your Teenager	St Matthews Church	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar
20th Dec	Understanding Your Teenager	Boughton Leigh CFC	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72084891972?aff=odds&source=calendar

The Nurture Group 10-Week Programme

10-week programme for parents/carers at:
Henry Hinde Junior School
Cornwallis Road, Rugby
CV22 7HN

The Programme starts on the 20th November and lasts till the 5th February at 12:30 – 14:30

Being a parent is exciting and rewarding but there are also times when children behave in ways that are challenging. The Nurturing programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life. The 10-week Nurture Programme gives parents/carers practical tools and information to support you to raise happy, confident, and emotionally resilient children.

To book a place scan QR code:

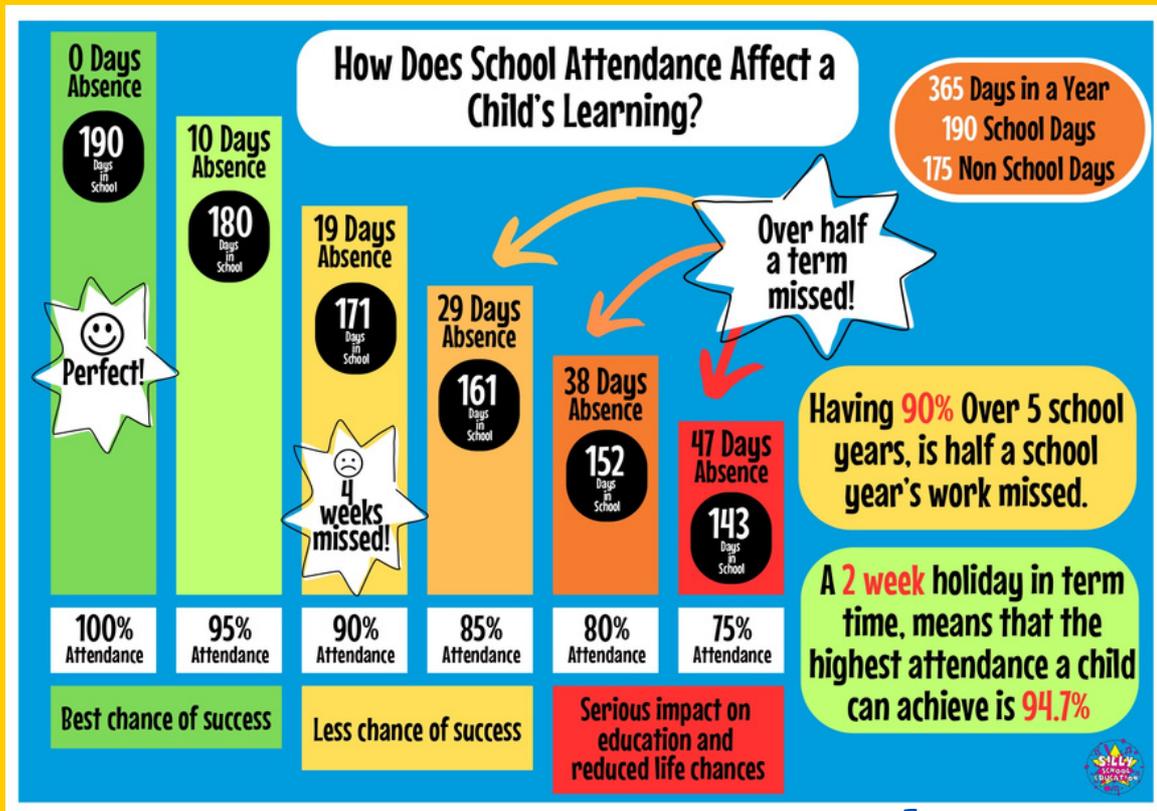


For any enquiries please contact
ehparentrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk






Attendance



A few important reminders:

If your child is absent, please ensure that you telephone the school office as early as possible on each day of absence. It is an automated system which will ask you to leave an answerphone message, providing a reason for the absence. You can now also report your child's absence through Class Charts if you prefer.

National Attendance (Primary):
94.1%

BLJS Whole school attendance :
95.6%

If your child has sickness & diarrhoea, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout.

SAFETY

internet
matters.org

The number of children using TikTok and Snapchat rose last year in Britain, according to research published by media regulator Ofcom.

Around half of those aged between three and 17 use TikTok and Snapchat, figures collected as part of the watchdog's annual survey of children's and parents' online attitudes showed.

The study found a slight increase in both apps' popularity in the past year, with TikTok now being used by 53% of children (up from 50%), and Snapchat by 46% (up from 42%).

Both companies have faced mounting pressure over user safety in recent months. Particularly for Primary Children who are lying about their age to gain access. Add this to the fact that 1 in 5 British children now have a phone capable of accessing the web by the age of 5 and you will understand our concern.

It is essential that as parents and carers we do all we can to help our children make good choices and keep themselves safe. and that usually means being alongside them on their digital journey!

These guides may help you understand the platforms a little more!



Click on the images to view

Click above to check age restrictions on the most popular social media platforms

SCIENCE SUMMARY



WILD AREA

Children have been outside enjoying the Wildlife Area this half term. The children have been using binoculars, bug catchers and magnifying pots to observe the nature around them. We have spotted Red Admiral butterflies, crickets, spiders, snails and ladybirds to name just a few. This is an area of the school that is really enjoyed by the children and it is lovely to see them respect nature and put everything back where they found it. If you have any leftover gardening supplies or seeds we could use, please send them in with your child.



Each class has nominated a child to receive the half-termly Science Award for outstanding effort in Science. Well done to you all!

P.E. AT BOUGHTON LEIGH!

We had the most incredible start to this year by being notified that we had achieved the Platinum School Games Mark - the only school in Eastern Warwickshire to achieve this accolade! We are all so very proud of this achievement. We were very excited to have a visit from Mr King from Harris School, who is the School Games Organiser, to present us with our award. He quoted, "I am delighted to see Boughton Leigh gain School Games Platinum status. It is wonderful to see the continued development of sport, physical activity and well being of the children take place. In particular the active play times, lunch times and resources that have been established over the past two years are providing children with active spaces to play and develop a love for physical movement through a wide and varied offer of activities and sports. Miss Hobday and the staff continue to evolve practice and develop partnerships that benefit the school community, providing opportunities for all."

Thank you so much for joining us to celebrate our recent achievement!

This year has also been incredible for PE within the school. Some of our classes have had sports coaching from Harris School Sports Partnership; the staff and students have really enjoyed this. Their enthusiasm for sports and engagement has been amazing!

Throughout the rest of the school, children have enjoyed tag rugby, gymnastics, hockey and kwik cricket, all with high levels of engagement and enthusiasm. Year 5 have completed their top up swimming with positive successes and increased confidence - many thanks to the staff for taking them to this.

Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed their Tag Rugby festival at St Andrew's Rugby Club last week. All children enjoyed their games and we really do have some budding rugby players on our hands. As always, their behaviour was exceptional and we are so proud of you for representing our school in such a positive way! A special thanks must go to the young leaders who led the events. Some of them are past students and it was so lovely to see you in this role, continuing to impress. We are so proud of all you have achieved so far!

Please can I take this opportunity to send a reminder about PE kit. School PE kit consists of: Black or navy-blue shorts, joggers, gym leggings or skorts and a plain white t shirt or school polo top and their school jumper, cardigan or fleece. Shorts/skorts need to be of a suitable length and appropriate for the physical activity that they are doing. In cold weather, children can bring in an additional jumper or jacket that they can wear for their PE lesson only.

As always, thank you for your continued support,



Miss Hobday

*Miss Hobday's
PE Page*



HERE'S THE NEWS



Fab at 50

Boughton Leigh's fundraiser for OurJay Foundation

This year we are continuing to support the Our Jay Foundation. This is a charity that works tirelessly to help make Rugby heart safer. We recently had one of the Our Jay Defibrillators fitted at school making us emergency ready should anyone in the school or the surrounding area ever need to use it but we don't want to stop there, this year we have a special reason to be raising more money for Our Jay. Our very own Year 6 teacher Miss Goode is going to be running the London Marathon in April.



Click on the image to donate

Over the course of the year we will be holding fundraisers and Our Jay will be coming into school to do workshops with all of our children so that they can have Knowledge in CPR and to learn how defibrillators work.



Our new House of Lords would like to introduce themselves.
Click on the image



We've been on the radio as BBC CWR's star school. Listen again by clicking on the image above!



Multi-Sports with AK Coaching! 3:30-4:30

Tuesday - Years 3 and 4
Thursday - Years 5 and 6

Take part in a range of different fun sports, games and competitions!



After half term we are offering a multisports after school club. book through the normal school clubs booking page. Click on the image.



Click on the CGP logo for information about a great deal we have on their support books for all year groups!

Thank you!



SPOOKY DISCO

Years 3 and 4
5pm - 6pm



[Click here](#)

Scan the codes to book

Years 5 and 6
6.15pm - 7.15pm



[Click here](#)

£4
Price includes a
drink and
snacks

Wednesday 8th November

**Come dressed in
your spooky clothes!**





Fab at 50

What's ON!



OCTOBER HALF TERM
30TH OCTOBER - 3RD NOVEMBER
YEARS 1-8

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FANCY DRESS

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for parents and children

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Heritage & Culture
Warwickshire

Holiday activities

October is Restart the Heart month

OURJAY FOUNDATION

The Benn Hall, Rugby
Sunday 29th October
9am - 6pm

CPR/AED/BLEED KIT
9 hour Awareness & information drop-in

Come along & learn how to do effective CPR & how to use a defibrillator, with our resuscitation practitioners & St Johns Ambulance. Plus, learn valuable information about Bleed kits from WMAS

Take part in demonstrations, Refreshments available



Click on image to view larger version

Barnardo's Warwickshire Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for children and families 0-19
and up to 25 with SEND

CURIOUS CREATORS



Tuesdays

3.15pm-4.30pm

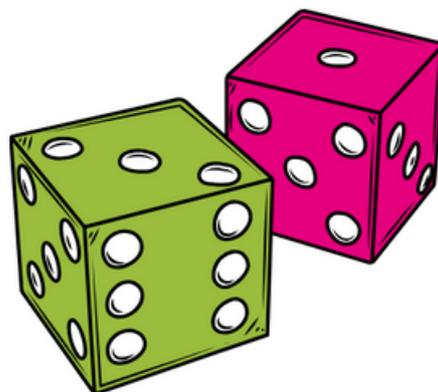
Drop in after school!

Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre

Snacks provided

A space for 5-11year olds
and their parents/carers
to get creative using a
variety of resources and
different techniques.

Bring your imaginations
and get making, creating
and crafting!



Believe in
children
Barnardo's

CHILDREN
& FAMILY
CENTRE