



BUCKTON VALE NEWSLETTER

Buckton Vale
Primary School

Spring Term 2 March 2023

Welcome...

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely half-term. After some recent feedback from parents in Y6 we have decided to reinstate the school newsletter. It will be a little different in that we will send it each half term to share with you some of the learning planned for the children. Mrs Frankish, our new Well-being leader, will support us in preparing the newsletter each half-term. Previous feedback suggested parents did not read the newsletter each week because it was too long, so we endeavour to make it short and purposeful.

Celebrations of the children's achievements will be shared on Class Dojo pages and Twitter. If you have something you would like to share about your child's achievements externally, please do send the information or photos into the class teacher via Class Dojo pages.

Star of the week will be sent to you via text message as usual.

We will soon send further questionnaires to find out more about positive methods of communication.

Thank you in advance of your feedback and support,
Mrs Brown and your Buckton Vale team

Important Dates this Term:

March

Wednesday 1st March Year 6 Career Convention at Mossley Hollins - letter to follow

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day

Monday 13th March Whole School Science Week

Friday 17th March Shakespeare Play in School - Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 29th March KS2 Parents Evening in person 2pm - 7pm **CLASSES - YEAR 3/4, YEAR 4/5, YEAR 5/6 AND YEAR 6**

Thursday 30th March Year 4 Timetable Challenge = Mossley Hollins

Thursday 30th March KS1 Parents Evening in person 2pm - 7pm **CLASS - RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3**

Friday 31st March Special Achievers Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 31st March School closes for Easter Holiday

April

Monday 17th April School re-opens

Our New Therapy Room:



Image courtesy of Tameside Reporter

The therapeutic classroom has been funded by the Carrbrook school's Friends of Buckton Vale PTA group.

The children will see it for themselves for the first time when they return after the half-term holiday next week.

Head teacher Deborah Brown said: "The idea of a therapeutic classroom is that it's very homely, set up so the children are in a calm space. It's quite different to the traditional classroom and it's the first of its kind here in Tameside.

"We're very lucky our PTA have paid for this classroom to be set up and we are very excited.

"Inside the therapeutic classroom, there will be lots of things the children can do such as Lego therapy, music therapy, art therapy and any other type of therapy we feel the children might need.

"Unfortunately around the UK and internationally at the moment, there is a massive increase in the number of children who are anxious and avoid school. We have some real concerns about that in the world of education and this therapeutic classroom is one way to support children through some of their mental health issues and hopefully it will be the start of a new future in education."

What our classes are doing this term:

Reception:

Next term in Reception we will be following the theme of growing. Our class text will be 'Superworm' by Julie Donaldson and we will be talking about lots of different minibeasts; looking at their different habitats. We will learn how farmers grow our food and look at the life cycle of a plant. We will discuss how to look after animals and also how to keep ourselves healthy as we grow. We learn different paper craft techniques for instance, curling, folding and twisting along with looking at the artist Henri Matisse and his work 'the snail.' We will also discuss the importance of Lent and the countdown to Easter.

Year 1

This half term in year 1 we will look at addition and subtraction within 20 in maths, explore our new class book Traction Man by Mini Grey and discover what toys were like in the past. We will have a big focus on social skills to help us access the Year 1 curriculum with more independence.

Year 2

In Year 2, we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division in our maths sessions. Our class book is 'The Tin Forest' and we will be completing our Guided Reading work on this. Our English work will include poetry writing, and writing about activities we have completed during Science week.

In Science we will be learning about how plants grow, and the conditions needed for survival. Our Geography topic is India, in which we will be looking at different areas of India, and comparing them to where we live. Our Computing sessions will be linked to algorithms, and we will be writing our own algorithms and problem solving to ensure there are no bugs. Our Music lessons will include singing, playing the glockenspiel and creating our own rhythm patterns and musical phrases.

We are also lucky to have the opportunity to watch 'Tango's Big Adventure', a show about inclusion and diversity, which will be delivered in school on 24th March. Our PSHE sessions will continue our work on self regulation, and we will also look at what it means to be healthy. We will continue our RE topic on special places, looking at different places of worship in different world religions, and why they are special. Our Art focus is drawing, and will include sketch work, exploring textures and observational drawing.

Year 3

Year 3 will be continuing their work on Egyptians our class novel Secret Agent Mummy by Steve Cole. We will be creating some interesting leaflets using our knowledge of Ancient Egypt and building on our knowledge from our topic day We will be exploring solids and liquids in science and pneumatics in DT. In PE we are moving onto gymnastics and using the apparatus to develop our skills. In computing we will be learning how to program using the program scratch.

Year 3/4

We will be learning the 4- and 8-times tables and the corresponding division facts. We will then move on to multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1 digit number including exchanges. Year 4 - we will begin our fractions unit. The children will be introduced to mixed numbers and improper fractions and learn how to add and subtract fractions. English - Our class novel is 'The Time-Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess'. We will be writing information texts on aspects of Ancient Egyptian life and setting descriptions of Ancient Egypt. Science - Our topic is States of Matter - looking at solids, liquids and gases. History - Ancient Egypt. PE - Netball and orienteering. Art - Ancient Egyptian scrolls - we will work on observational drawing skills, painting skills using mixed media to create different surfaces on paper, building up to designing and creating our own zines. RE - Why are festivals important to religious communities? Music - we will have choral singing.

Year 4/5

Year 4/5 Oak will be continuing with Varjak Paw in English, we will be exploring circuits in Science with Y5 before starting Living things and their habitats DT links back to science where we will design a game with a buzz element? Year 4 science will focus on solids and liquids. We will finish investigating the importance of London as our capital before delving into the Egyptians.

Year 5/6

This half-term in Year 5/6 Juniper we will be learning about the causes of World War One and exploring what life was like for the soldiers on the Western front. Our class novel this half-term, War Horse by Michael Morpurgo, is linked to our History topic. In maths, we will be multiplying fractions, learning about decimals and percentages, and analysing statistics. Children will be learning about electricity in Science and will be designing and making a game using electrical components as part of DT.

Year 6

English - Our narrative curriculum work will continue to be based on Freedom for Bron. Golden Writes will consist of a locational write (based on our history topic - World War 1) and a piece of text about the teachers at Buckton Vale. Maths - We are continuing with algebra where we will look at substitution, forming equations and solving equations. The next unit will focus on measurement including converting between units. We will then move on to perimeter, area and volume and end the half term with ratio. Science - We will be completing our electricity unit before moving on to living things and their habitats. By the end of the unit, the children will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics History - We will be looking at World War I and linking this to our local area. PE - Our focus for this half term will be invasion games. We will practice the skills through the medium of netball. We will also be covering movement and dance linked to our end of year performance. Computing - This half term we will be focusing on the purpose of an algorithm, decomposing a problem and using an algorithm to code a program.

Sports at Buckton Vale



We are so proud of our Cross Country runners. All of them put in an amazing performance, and there were some fantastic results! Well done everyone.

We are extremely proud of these two boys, who represented Tameside in the Greater Manchester Schools Cross Country Championship. They raced against all the best runners from all over Manchester.



An amazing effort was put in by all who attended the Sportshall Athletics Competition.

From a variety of jumping and throwing events, to a host of running races including obstacles and relays.

PTA News:

Hopefully some of you will have seen the article in the Tameside reporter last week on the new school therapy room. The reporters were back again on Monday morning to take some video and photos of the Children seeing the room for the first time. As a PTA, we aim to raise as much funding as possible for the school to help the children where it is needed the most.

It was so good to see a great turn out to the 2022 Christmas Fair! We raised a total of £1,617.00 and at the more recent spring ball we raised in the region of £640.00 (with some final costs to be confirmed). None of these events would be possible without the helpers that we have and the wonderful Friends of Buckton Vale committee. The donations for non-uniform days go towards our tombola prizes, so thank you for everything that you send in.

The next big event on the radar is the summer fair which we haven't been able to run since pre-Covid. Everything is pre or post Covid these days right? If anyone would like to help it would be great to hear from you. We have a helpers WhatsApp group so the workload is shared making it much easier to achieve the big events.

We will also be contributing towards the Robin Wood trip for the year 6 and covering the cost of the coaches. We have also offered a sum towards school trips, per class to get our children out and about again.

If you have any event ideas or would generally like to know more, please feel free to contact me on michelletunney82@outlook.com or on 07772 919 543. We are looking at sending out a survey monkey to see what type of events you would like to see held at the school and how our money can be best used.

Best wishes
Michelle and the FoBV Committee".



What's on in our Area?



Victorious
Academies Trust

Success in education

Our Trust

"As we are a rapidly evolving medium sized Trust this gives schools that join us an opportunity to have a key role in helping to shape the future development of our Trust. One of the key elements of our vision is to have a symbiotic relationship between the Trust and the schools who join us in that they can access our services and we can benefit from the schools in our Victorious family sharing the expertise they have.

Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do across all areas and roles, not just teaching. Our vision is to grow our Trust from within, providing opportunities for existing staff to support and lead the schools alongside welcoming new expertise and innovation to ensure we are constantly developing."

Karen Burns
Chief Executive Officer

Victorious Trust Values

- Inspiring – Encouraging all to be as creative and motivating as possible;
- Discovering – Seeking opportunities to expand knowledge and experience;
- Caring – Providing support and guidance for the whole Trust community;
- Improving – Striving to better ourselves at all times; and
- Achieving – Teaching to attain aspirational targets.

Responsibility - Honesty - Respect - Happiness - Aspire to Achieve - Believe

Stargazing Event:

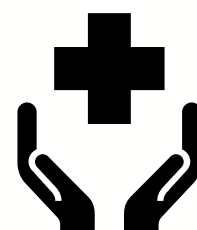
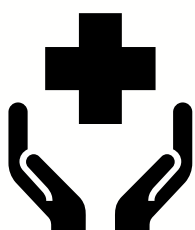
We hope that you enjoyed the stargazing night. The school was buzzing with excitement and it was lovely to see children with their grown ups for this event.

Even though it was cloudy, it was interesting to see the telescopes and use the iPads outside, to see which planets and stars are in the Northern Sky. All the crafting, rocket making and firing, biscuit decorating, quiz and treasure hunt were busy and great fun.

The app that we used on the iPad was the free SkyView Lite version.



Children's Medication Procedure



A polite reminder to all parents.

We are only permitted to administer medication to your child if this is prescribed by the Doctor, and contains a prescription instruction label.

Medication forms must be filled in at the School Office for medications to be administered in school.

Any medications not containing a prescription label, will need to be administered by the parent. This can be done by arranging with the School Office to visit the school.

Thank you

Lunch Menu:

Dinner Times

CHOICE SUMMER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

V = Vegetarian, VG = Vegan
CF = Gluten Free

Week 1 17th Apr, 8th May, 29th Jul 19th Jun, 10th Jul	Week 2 24th Apr, 15th May 5th Jun, 26th Jun, 17th Jul	Week 3 1st May, 22nd May 12th Jun, 3rd Jul, 24th Jul
<p>Hand Stretched Margherita or Pepper Pizza (V) Italian Tomato Pasta (VG) Sandwich of the Day (V) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Potato Wedges (VG) (GF), Peas, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V) Vegan Sausage Roll (VG) Sandwich of the Day (V) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Crushed New Potatoes (VG) (GF) Garden Peas, Baked Beans (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Ice Cream (V) (GF) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Hand Stretched Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza (V) Baked Bean & Potato Pie (VG) (GF) Sandwich of the Day (V) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Potato Wedges (VG) (GF), Sweetcorn, Peas Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>
<p>Oven Baked Sausages Cauliflower Cheese Loaded Yorkshire Pudding (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Mashed Potatoes (VG) (GF), Cabbage Carrots, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Banoffee Crumble with Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>The Dolce Burger Pasta Neapolitan (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Potato Wedges (VG) (GF), Sweetcorn Pepper Sausage, Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate Flapjack (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Dolce All Day Breakfast Italian Tomato Pasta (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Lemon & Courgette Drizzle Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>
<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Cheesy Pasta (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Skin on Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF), Carrots Roasted Cauliflower, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Blueberry Swirl Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Roast Cammon (GF) Macaroni Cheese (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Skin On Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF), Gravy (VG) (GF) Carrots, Steamed Cauliflower</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) New Potatoes (VG) (GF), Carrots Steamed Broccoli, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Ice Cream & Fruit (V) (GF) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>
<p>Cottage Pie Baked Bean Quisadilla (V) (Layered crisp wrap with cheese and beans) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Steamed Rice (VG) (GF), Green Beans, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate Pear Cake with Chocolate Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Beef Exeter (Tender beef mince in gravy topped with savory biscuit) Vegetable Sausage Casserole (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Mashed Potatoes (VG) (GF), Broccoli, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese Bolognese Pasta Bake (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Green Beans, Carrots Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Marbled Sponge & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>
<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Authentic Vegetable Curry with Wholegrain Rice (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Melting Moments Cookie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Plant Based Jambalaya (VG) (GF) (Wild Spiced Ruffly Rice with Beans) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Poached Pear Crumble with Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Homemade Leek & Pastry Parcel (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF) Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate Cookie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>

Lunch costs will be **£2.55** from 1st April 2023

Information:

Inspire Sports:

Links for the new after school clubs:

<https://inspire-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk>

Parents can book and pay directly via this INSPIRE Link.

Do you want something included in the Newsletter?

If you want to celebrate your child in the next newsletter for something they have achieved outside of school, please get in touch with Leanne Frankish on lfrankish@victoriousacademies.org

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