



# Buckminster Bites

## Newsletter



22ND DECEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this 15-week term and my first 15-weeks at Buckminster, I want to say a massive thank you for your continued support in all we do at school. The children have worked so hard and like the teachers, are very ready for this break!

Although we are still very much on our journey to make Buckminster the best school in the whole wide world, I was very pleased with our Ofsted visit in October. It recognised the journey we are on, the massive improvements already made and the next steps we need to take.

I have loved all the festive activities over the last few weeks – the Christmas fair was a huge success, raising just over £200, children enjoyed the Christmas film and disco, and although the weather stopped us from completing the Santa run, the Christmas dance in the hall was brilliant!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Sammy for everything she has done for our school this term as today is her last day. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Next term we have some exciting things planned in school:

Mr Setchell will be starting with us full time as the Year 4,5,6 class teacher – he is very much looking forward to teaching the children and has lots of exciting and engaging lessons planned already! There is also talk of a Pokémon club!

When the weather improves, we are looking to get the children back into the spinney more regularly, with hopefully a local company and the Buckminster Estate to help with some needed maintenance. We will also be holding some meetings regarding getting the school farm up and running again, but this will need a team of volunteers to help run it– if this interests you, please look out for the meeting and come along!

There are multiple class and whole school trips planned – the first of which is to JFC with Year 5&6 to watch their performance of FAME. We have also planned a trip to the Space Centre in Leicester for Yr1-6 and a farm visit for EYFS.

I'm excited to let you know that our extra-curricular offer is improving after half term and we are now looking forward to: KS1 and KS2 Arts and craft, Chess, Sky Dance, Baking, Table Tennis, Pokémon and Football club as well as our wrap around care with Mrs. Watkin before and after school. All clubs are charged at £4 (with a reduction for siblings) .

Finally, next term we will be officially joining the Mowbray Education Trust which we are very much looking forward to. There is still no finalised date yet and it's now looking more like March. However, they are already supporting us in many ways, and we feel very much like we're a part of their family of schools already.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy New Year.

Take care,  
Mrs. Orridge



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## Dates for your diary.

### Monday 8th January

- Teacher Training Day - school closed to children.

### Tuesday 9th January

- Children back to School

### Thursday 11th January

- Sam Ruddock Inspire+ Assembly

### Monday 15th January

- Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming.
- Year 2/3 Inspire+ Cadets

### Tuesday 16th January

- Year R&1 Dental Survey.

### Wednesday 17th January

- Dai Green Inspire+ Assembly

### Thursday 18th January

- Spring Census - change of lunch menu.

### Monday 22nd January

- Year 5/6 FAME Trip at John Ferneley
- Year 2/3 Inspire+ Cadets

### Monday 29th January

- Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming.
- Year 2/3 Inspire+ Cadets

### Tuesday 30th January

- Year R and 6 Heights and Weights measurements. School Nurse.





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Please see below our new range of clubs which will be starting on Tuesday 9th January 2024 (Pokémon will start on the 18th January).

These will be available to book over the Christmas holidays on Arbor.

Day	Club	Year Group	Staff Member
Monday	Table Tennis	R, 1, 2	Mr Henson
Tuesday	Table Tennis	3, 4, 5, 6	Mr Henson
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts	3, 4, 5, 6	Miss Ireson
Wednesday	Chess	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Mr Henson
Wednesday	Dance	3, 4, 5, 6	Miss Shepherd
Wednesday	Arts and Crafts	R, 1, 2	Mrs Roberts and Mrs Floyd
Thursday	Football	R, 1, 2	Mr Henson
Thursday	Baking (Max 6)	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Wright
Thursday (starting 18/01)	Pokémon	3, 4, 5, 6	Mr Setchell
Friday	Football	3, 4, 5, 6	Mr Henson



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## Attendance

The Whole school attendance for this week was 95.5%.

We aim for our attendance to be 97% or above. We look forward to achieving this in the New Year.

## Weekly Certificates

	<u>Star Writer</u>	<u>5Rs</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
R & 1 -	Arthur	Edie	Edie
2&3 -	Tyler	Phoebe	Ronnie
4, 5&6 -	Sam	All of 4,5&6	Francesca

Well done to everyone who received a certificate today together with all of the children who achieved their 50 Dojo points certificate and 100 Dojo points certificate and prize!



May we wish you a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy  
New Year from everyone  
at Buckminster School.



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**THANK YOU**

**Buckminster Primary School**

for raising a fantastic  
**£50.00**

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

**BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**

BBC Children in Need has not verified the above fundraising. This is not a receipt.  
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## Macmillan Coffee Morning

# A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you so much for paying in £126.87 and being part of this year's Coffee Morning.

We hope you and your guests enjoyed spending time together over a cup of coffee and some yummy treats.

**We'll put the money you've raised straight to work.** It could mean someone with cancer can get help with how they're feeling on our Support Line. Pay their bills during treatment. Or turn to a Macmillan nurse for vital medical, practical and emotional support.



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## Have your say on the 0-11 Healthy Child Programme in Leicestershire and Rutland

Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council, who commission Healthy Together to deliver the 0-11 Healthy Child Programme across Leicestershire and Rutland, are looking for feedback from service users to ensure the commissioned service is the best it possibly can be.



**You are invited to complete the anonymous questionnaire by scanning the QR code, clicking the short link below or by typing it into your browser**



**[bit.ly/HCPQuestionnaire](https://bit.ly/HCPQuestionnaire)**