

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 12 - 29th November 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

It was wonderful to see so many Parents and carers attend this term's Parent Consultations. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Parent Survey whilst they waited. We are delighted to share that 96% of parents reported that they would recommend Great Bookham School to others, 97% of parents felt that their child feels safe at school and 96% of parents feel their children are supported to achieve in all areas of the curriculum.

On Monday, we had a school visit from Merryl Ansah, who plays Nala in the West End show 'The Lion King'. She spoke to the children about what life is like for an actress and performer and the level of dedication and resilience you have to have to succeed. The children enjoyed listening to her perform her solo from the show and then joining in for a sing along.

Year 3 had a fantastic time at Butser 'Ancient' Farm on Wednesday where they experienced what life was like in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age! The children took part in various hands-on activities, such as building a wattle fence, making jewellery and digging for artefacts. They explored replica buildings and learnt all about the different techniques to make them, as well as imagining what it might be like to live in them!

This term in RE, children in year 5 have been learning about Judaism and on Monday they enjoyed a visit to the North West Surrey Synagogue in Weybridge. They were given a very informative talk while there and were able to see many of the things they have been learning about in class, including the scrolls. They also had the opportunity to ask questions and were congratulated upon their excellent knowledge and behaviour.

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Great Bookham School. We hope at Parent Consultations, you enjoyed all the wonderful Christmas stars that your children created, which are now hanging from our hall ceiling. It has been wonderful to see the pile of gifts around the giving tree growing larger and larger and we know that the Rainbow Trust will be very grateful for all your generous donations.

Thank you to the Friends of GBS for organising a truly magical Christmas Fair, it was lovely to see it so well supported. The snow globe and reindeer really added to the Christmas spirit and the children thoroughly enjoyed the event! If you won a Golden ticket at the Fair please bring this to to the office to arrange your prize.

Next week we look forward to the KS1 Christmas Show on Tuesday 3rd December, followed by the Early Years Nativity and first Christingle Service the week following.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at The Spirit of Bookham event tomorrow. We are meeting at the top of the Hight Street at 1pm and excited to be singing at 1:10pm. Make sure you wrap up warm and don't forget to wear your best Christmas accessories!

Warm regards,

Miss J. Allen







Thank You

Thank you to all families who have kindly donated a gift under our Giving Tree in support of The Rainbow Trust. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and some of our school council members are looking forward to taking the gifts to the charity on Monday.



Upcoming key dates

30th November- Spirit of Christmas in Bookham High street

3rd December - 9am Y1 & Y2 Nativity

3rd December - Y4 Surrey Police visit

5th December - Y5 European Christmas Day

9th December - School Flu vaccinations

10th December - 9:15am EYFS Nativity

11th December - Christingle performance

12th December - Christmas Jumper day

17th December - School pantomime visit

18th December - Christingle performance

19th December - School Christmas Dinner

20th December - Last day of term 3.25pm finish



Class Assembly Dates

Parents and carers are invited to attend and these will take place in the junior hall 9-9:15am

January 31st - Falcons

February 7th - Foxes

February 28th - Hawks

March 7th - Hedgehogs

March 21st - Rabbits

March 28th - Dragonflies

May 2nd - Ladybirds

May 16th- Eagles

May 23rd - Squirrels

July 4th - Bumblebees

Spirit of Christmas Event

On Saturday 30th November, Great Bookham School will be taking part in the Spirit of Christmas shopping event on Bookham High Street. All children are welcome to come and join us in singing some festive carols so if you are available do come along to get involved in this worthwhile community event then please do. We are meeting at 1pm to start signing at 1:10pm.

BOOKHAM SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024
1:00PM - 4:00PM

SPiRiT OF CHRISTMAS

HIGH STREET, BOOKHAM

What's happening when and where?

Time	Where	What
1:10pm	Top of High Street	Great Bookham School choir
1:10pm	Mid-High Street	VIVO choir
1:40pm	Top of High Street	Decibelles choir
2:00pm	Top of High Street	Santa arrives & travels to his Grotto in Patrick Gardner
2:00pm	Mid-High Street	Rampant Rooster Morris Dancers
2:30pm	Top of High Street	Soundbytes choir
2:30pm	Mid-High Street	Churches Together choir
3:00pm	Top of High Street	Eastwick School choir
3:30pm	Top of High Street	Action Theatre Club singing
3:30pm	Mid-High Street	Rampant Rooster Morris Dancers
4:00pm	Santa leaves his Grotto and heads back to Lapland	

Don't forget to look out for Santa on his Sleigh runs in and around Bookham - full details in winter 2024 edition of Bookham's Bulletin.

Rotary in Bookham & Horsley helps individuals and organisations, both locally and internationally, with donations of our time and money.

With more help we could do so much more, if you would like to get involved, in whatever capacity, please drop us an email at info@bhrotary.org.uk - we'd love to hear from you!

Rotary Charity number 264727

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Bookham & Horsley

Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds	Danny & Deum
Bumblebees	Freya & Kiril
Dragonflies	Caitlyn & Theo
Foxes	Poppy & Ruah
Squirrels	Daisy M & Max
Hedgehogs	Mudiwa & Rocco
Rabbits	Hugo & Izzy
Eagles	Henry & Niamh
Hawks	Charlie P & Emily
Falcons	Phoebe & Rupert

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to **Squirrels** for winning the attendance certificate this week with **97% attendance!**

MAC the attendance bear will live in Squirrels for the week.



Tea&Talk - Device Safety

On Thursday 12th December 2:30-3:15pm, Miss Berenson will be hosting the next parent Tea&Talk session.

With the awareness that some children may be gifted with new devices over the festive season, this session will be focused on device safety and top tips for parents when setting up new devices with their children. If you wish to attend the session, please express your interest via the School office so we can gain an idea of numbers.

If you cannot attend this session but would be interested to learn more about keeping your children safe online, Miss Dawson has booked a speaker to come in for Safer Internet Day on February 11th at 2:45pm which we will provide more information on nearer the time.

Online Safety

Roblox

You may have seen the recent investigation about Roblox by Hindenburg, which highlights very worrying concerns about the content that can be seen on Roblox, even when users have listed their age as under 13. You can read the full report here:

<https://hindenburgresearch.com/roblox/>

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in-game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. Most of the content is user-generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, monitoring what your child is accessing and setting up appropriate parental controls is important.

PEGI rates Roblox with a Parental Guidance label; this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user-generated content.

What should I be aware of?

- Game content – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.
- Chat Facility - Players can chat with each other. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicating with friends.
- Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories.

Age Categories

This article discusses the difference in accounts based on age (under age 13 and aged 13 – 17): <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428367965460-What-happens-as-I-get-older-on-Roblox>

Roblox accounts with Parental privileges - **NEW**

Roblox has just launched a new system to manage your child's experience on Roblox through 'Roblox accounts with parent privileges.' The new format allows you to view and update parental controls from your own device. Controls include setting content restrictions, managing screen time and setting a spending limit. You can find out more here: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

Content Labels - **NEW**

Roblox has begun labelling experiences based on the type of content rather than by age. You can set limits on which content labels are accessible in parental controls. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted. You can find descriptions of each here: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620Parental-Controls-Overview>

How do I report abuse and block users?

This article outlines the different reporting facilities: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-toReport-Rule-Violations>

What else can I do?

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

The Friends

Big thanks to all the volunteers and organisers who have made the Christmas fair possible. A huge amount of personal effort goes into organising these events and it would not be possible without every single helper.

Jolly Jars - a special thanks to everyone who made their jolly jars. There was 414 jars in total and the winning class with the most jars was Hawks who made 80! Hawks will get a special Christmas treat of squash, biscuits and festive music!







Community and Local events



Great Bookham School is at the centre of a wonderful community and we are keen to support local events. Many children are members of clubs, associations and take part in activities outside of school.

Please click here¹ to visit our community and local event page on the school website. Some of the information you will find include:

Spirit of Christmas event in Bookham High Street. The school will be singing at 1.10pm

Bookham Colts football club

Weekly groups for babies - toddlers

Swimming lessons

Little Bookham Christmas Market on 30th November

Whats on at the Mole Valley Hub

Free showing of Muppet Christmas on 14th December

Mega Camps during the Christmas holiday

MVDC is currently reaching out to the Bookham community, residents and businesses, to give their views, comments and ideas about the Bookham Masterplan consultation.

Please see the article about the Bookham Masterplan published on the Leatherhead Living social media page.

<https://newleatherheadliving.wordpress.com/2024/10/24/bookham-masterplan-consultation-underway/>²

¹<https://www.greatbookhamschool.org.uk/page/?title=Community+and+Events+Page&pid=159>

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