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BUTTON LANE NEWS

Friday 15th March 2024



Gifted & Talented

This week we hosted other local schools for a Gifted and Talented session. Some children from year 2 took part and the focus was thinking skills. The children learnt a variety of speaking and listening skills and took part in a range of debating activities. They discussed motions like 'This house would allow children to bring their pets to school' and 'This house would ban violent video games'. The children were enthusiastic, shared some brilliant ideas and worked really well with the other children from different schools. A special shout out to Lottie (2A), Ethan.L (2A) and Marnie (2F) who represented Button Lane beautifully!



Science Week - Monday 18th March

We are having a whole school science week from Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March. On Tuesday 19th March, for years 1 - 6, there will be a "science goodie sale" during the school day. Your child will get the opportunity to purchase science goodies. The items are priced from 50p - £2. If you wish, please send your child into school with the money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. All money raised will go towards transforming the school bus into our Button Lane Science Lab. On Wednesday 20th March, the Royal Institution will be coming into school to perform a science show to the children, they will also deliver a community show for parents/carers to attend with their child/children (years 1-6), from 5 - 6pm, tickets are available this week on a first come first served basis and can be purchased via Parent Pay. Tickets cost £3 per adult and £1 per child. On Thursday 21st March your child can come to school dressed in anything sciencerelated, it could be a famous scientist or it could be space-themed/ food/ health/doctor/ nurse/ computers etc. On this day, we are asking for a £1 donation per child, all money raised will go towards transforming the school bus into our Button Lane Science Lab.



Class 5G Assembly

On Thursday, 5G performed their class assembly all about their learning on the Industrial Revolution. They treated their audience to poems and songs and amazed everyone with their extensive knowledge about a history topic that they thoroughly enjoyed. All the children spoke confidently and performed with enthusiasm. Well done 5G!



Year 4 Trip

Year 4 really enjoyed their visit to Eureka in Liverpool this week. They investigated how the digestive system works and explored how the body works. It was a real 'hands on' experience. The children loved the demonstration, even though parts of it were disgusting!

They all had a great time investigating different parts of their bodies and looking at different habitats of various animals. A great day was had by all and the pupils were a credit to the school.



Year 3 Irish Festival

On Monday, year 3 enjoyed taking part in the Irish Festival at Wythenshawe Forum. They learnt some Irish songs, took part in some dancing and played some instruments. In the afternoon, they performed Roddy McCorley on the tin whistles for everyone. All the children were very sensible on the tram and a credit to school!

Well done year 3.



Mr Walker's Sports News

Wow what a busy crazy sports week we have had!

Our year 5/6 football team went to Dixons Brooklands Academy on Monday. They played against two teams, coming away with 4 points from the games. The boys played really well against two difficult teams! Well done! On Wednesday our year 5/6 mixed netball team competed in a netball tournament at Whalley Range High School. The children got really stuck into a new sport, learning lots of new skills and positions. They played 4 games; won 1 and drew in the other 3 games! It was such a good result, especially as they have never played the sport before. The whole team was a massive credit to the school!

On Thursday, the year 5/6 football team competed in a 9 aside tournament at St Paul's High School. They played against two other schools, coming out on top in both games; 3-0 and 2-1. The boys are progressing so well as a team, continuously learning and listening to each other, they are starting to shape into a really good school football team! Mr Walker is waiting for other schools to play each other to find out if we have qualified for the last 16 schools in Manchester! Well done boys.

On Friday a group of children spent the morning at Eastlands Athletics Track, the children learnt what athletics was and what different sports come under the category "athletics". It was a fantastic morning and the children had a lot of fun.

Keep your eye out for lots more sporting events coming up!



Easter Raffle

Friends of Button Lane will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle again next week. They cost £1 per strip and there are lots of lovely prizes! You can send £1 in an envelope with your child's name on and the raffle tickets will be sent home.



Tesco Stronger Starts

We have been selected to be part of the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. The scheme gives community projects grants of up to £1,500. Tesco customers can vote for us at Tesco Baguley, Tesco Moorcroft Road and Tesco Express in Northenden, from the middle of January to the end of March. The more blue tokens we collect will result in us receiving more funding. Please support us next time you are shopping at Tesco. Please also share with your family and friends. Thank you for your support.



Bag 2 School

We are doing the Bag 2 School scheme again. We will be sending out bags nearer the time. Please fill it or fill your own plastic bag with the following items that you no longer need:

Ladies, men's and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories (no uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please).

The more bags we collect, the more money we raise for school. Please drop your bag outside the main office on **Tuesday 19**th **March before 9am.**



Spelling Bee

On Thursday, Thomas J from class 2A and Romeu from class 6P represented Button Lane at a Spelling Bee competition at Sandilands Primary School. They competed against 5 clusters schools. Both children did so well, spelling their words out clearly and confidently, cheered on by their classmate supporters. Thomas came 1st in the years 2-3 category and Romeu came 3rd in the years 4, 5 and 6 category. Well done Thomas and Romeu we are very proud of you both and your achievements.



Dates for your diaries



Monday 18th – Friday 22nd March – Button Lane Science Week Wednesday 20th March – Community Science Show-5pm-6pm Thursday 21st March – Science dress up day Wednesday 27th March – 1T class assembly Wednesday 27th March – Parents Evening Thursday 28th March – Year 3 trip to Manchester Airport Thursday 28th March – Break up for Easter holidays



Tuesday 9th April – Back to school

Nursery - September 2024

We are now accepting admission forms for children who are due to start nursery in September 2024. If your child will be three before the 1st September 2024 and you would like them to attend our nursery, please complete an admission form and return it to the school office. Admission forms are available via our website or a paper copy can be collected from our school office. Please tell your friends and family.



School Grounds

We have been busy planting lots of new bulbs and seeds around our school grounds.
With this in mind, we ask that extra care be taken when walking around the school grounds and ask that you ensure that children do not play with/use any of our outdoor spaces and equipment at the beginning and end of the school day.



Safeguarding Children

Every week we put on our newsletter the number for Social Services: 0161 234 5001. If you are ever concerned about any child, please report it to Mrs Jones.

Need Support?...some useful numbers

Women's Domestic Violence - 0161 636 7525

Men's Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 80100327

NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0800 800 500

Childline - 00 1111 Police (if not urgent) 101

Women's aid 0161 660 7999

For help with online safety NSPCC Advice Line for questions about parental controls, privacy settings, apps and social media. Call 0808 800 5002, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Safety

We are aware that parking is an issue around the school grounds, can you please ensure you park considerately and safely around school. We are also still having problems with parents/carers driving down the school drive. This is a danger to our pupils and staff and also causes serious problems with our staff car park. Please do not drive down the drive during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent App

We still have some parents/carers who have not yet signed up for Parent App. The app is our main source of communicating with parents/carers about everything that is happening within school so it is very important that you sign up. If you need help to sign up, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

School Uniform and PE Kit Reminder

School uniform and PE kit reminder.

Trainers are not part of our school uniform.

Can you please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform and black school shoes. Please find below a reminder of the school uniform your child is expected to wear:

Blue jumper/cardigan Yellow polo shirt, Black/grey skirt/trousers, Black shoes (no trainers)

Football tops or bright coloured sports tops are not part of our PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school with them:

Plain white t-shirt/black Marcus Rashford tshirt

Plain black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings
Plain black jumper/hoody

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is 97% or above.

This week's attendance is 93.1%. The top class this week was 6B with 97.4%. The year to date attendance is 92.6%.



