



BUXLOW
Preparatory School

Buxlow Bulletin

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Update from Mrs McLelland

It has been such a delight to welcome the children back to school this week. They have all settled brilliantly into their new classrooms with their teaching teams.

Earlier this week, the teachers had their first Philosophy for Children (P4C) training session and have begun to deliver their first sessions. I have enjoyed two sessions with Year 6 already and look forward to joining in with more sessions across the school over the coming weeks.

Next week, our Music lessons will commence with our new teacher Miss Karunakaran. The children will have the opportunity to learn new instruments including Djembe drums, ukulele and the recorder. French and Italian will also start next week.

There are spaces available in these clubs, please book and pay via Wisepay:

Monday - French, Music

Tuesday - Eco Club, Drama, Italian

Wednesday - Puzzle Club, 11+ Club

Thursday - KS1 Art Club,

Friday - Debate Club, Chess

Thank you to those who queried the timings and payment for After School Care. The club is free of charge until

16:30. £10.00 thereafter.

School Lunches

Please note that School Lunches must be ordered and paid for in advance on Wisepay. We are no longer able to accept cash and card payments for school lunches.

Please remember to book your child's lunches in advance to ensure that a meal is prepared for them.



Reception

We are thrilled to report that Reception class has had a fantastic start to the week! All the children have been settling in well with happy faces and eager attitudes towards learning. This week, the children have been busy learning their new routines and getting to know each other. Together, we have created classroom rules to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment. The children have enjoyed talking and learning about each other, fostering a sense of community within the classroom.

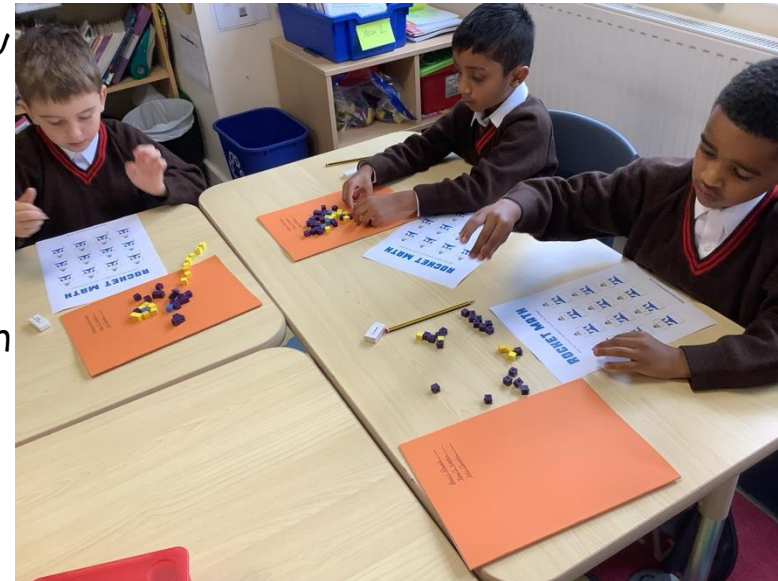
We have also created an "All About Me" wall where the children can showcase their interests and special talents. To commemorate our first day together, we stamped each child's hand as a special memory. In terms of activities, the children have been engaged in a variety of learning experiences. They have enjoyed playing with constructions, solving puzzles, being creative through art and crafts, and engaging in role-playing activities. The children have also had the opportunity to explore and learn through free-flow play, allowing them to follow their interests and develop their imagination.

Academically, the children have been working on writing their names and numbers up to 5. They have been practicing their fine motor skills and letter recognition in a fun and interactive way.

Mrs Patel



Year One



What a fantastic start to Year 1! Our first week was a great success, and we're thrilled with how well the children have settled into their new routines. They have been interacting beautifully with one another and embracing the excitement of being in Year 1.

This week was all about getting to know each other and becoming familiar with our classroom environment. The children enjoyed a variety of interactive activities, including drawing self-portraits and engaging in fun maths and phonics puzzles. These activities helped them ease into the year ahead.

Next week, we are excited to dive into our fantastic curriculum, filled with fun and engaging lessons.

Miss Qureshi

Year Two



Children transitioned nicely into Year 2! They spent this week discussing and writing about their summer holidays, solving maths problems, and discussing what it is to be respectful and responsible. They were also introduced to their first Philosophy for Children lesson. They were each given an animal and had to discuss why their animal would be the best animal to be. Children had engaging conversations and even persuaded Mrs Bhana and Miss Harrington that out of all the animals, elephants and kittens are the best.

Overall, Year 2 had a wonderful start to the school year and is ready to jump right into the curriculum next week!

Miss Harrington



Year Three

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the school year, full of energy. This week we have had a *soft start* to ease the children back into routine.

We would like to welcome Kika who has joined Year 3. It has been great to see the children welcome him so warmly.

The children have worked together to create classroom rules, they have written a description about their Summer holiday and what they did. They have created a lovely poster about themselves, written interesting stories, created the tallest tower using newspapers as part of a STEM activity and worked on mental maths.

Latin is the new addition to Year 3, the children had their first lesson with Miss O'Gara on Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed it. Next week we will be having our first P4C lesson!

Mrs Zaman



Year Four

First week back!

Everyone has been so excited to be back in school and we all have had such fun in these first days.

Firstly, a very warm welcome to Ayeza! She has fit in so well with us it seems as though she's been with us for years.

We have already had some P4C sessions this week, and the students have taken to it brilliantly.

We've established our *classroom contract* and already dived into Maths and English with gusto, so I'm very pleased at the great progress we're sure to make this year.

Mr Smith



Year Five

Year 5 have been settling in really well to Upper Key Stage 2! They have anticipated the increased rigour and responsibility that this year brings by creating a class charter of rights and responsibilities. This was based around the theme 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'.

Another fun induction activity was creating book covers for a 'Little People, Big Dreams' book about ourselves. We used our Art skills to create self-portraits for the cover and wrote the blurb, summarising what we think our achievements will be later in life.

The children have also participated in some of what will be their usual lessons and activities going forward, such as Latin and Sports. It was great to work with Ms O'Gara and Coach Luke again. We also started our P4C lessons by exploring the question "is it better to fail or never make an attempt?" with very profound results!

Ms Stanton



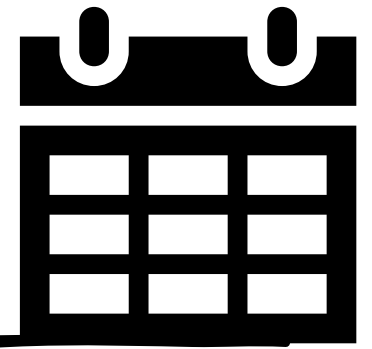
Year Six

WELCOME BACK YEAR 6!

Year 6 have had a great start to the year, with some fun activities, new lessons and straight back into 11+ preparation. We're looking forward to the year ahead!



Dates for your Diaries



- Monday 9th September: After School Clubs start
- Friday 13th September: School Photographer in - Individual and sibling photos
- Friday 20th September: Jeans for Genes Day - all children in non-uniform and denim. Donations to the charity are welcomed.

School Trips and additional dates will be relayed to you closer to the time