



NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2023



School Lunches

Week commencing Monday 18th September, we will be on **WEEK 3** of the menu. The full menu can be found on our website.

Monday: Quorn nuggets, potato wedges & coleslaw

Tuesday: Beef bolognaise, garlic bread & carrots

Wednesday: Quorn sausage, mashed potato, yorkshire pudding, vegetables and gravy.

Thursday: Chicken tikka, rice and naan bread

Friday: Fishcake, chips and baked beans

There is also freshly baked bread and the salad bar available every day. Enjoy!

Lunchtime Vacancies



We currently have a number of lunchtime vacancies advertised on our school website:

Senior Lunchtime Leader

Lunchtime First Aider

Midday Supervisor

<https://bluecoatprimaryacademy.co.uk/vacancies/>

If you are interested in applying for one of the above vacancies please complete an application online. If you

Phonics Parent Workshops

We can't wait to tell you more about the phonics sessions and group reads. Please come along to our parent workshops that are happening next week:

KS1 - Monday 18th September at 2:30pm

EYFS - Tuesday 19th September at 2:30pm

Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

All Year 6 children will have brought home a letter from Nottingham City Council. Now is the time to visit secondary schools for open evenings and make your online application. The closing date is 31st October.



We hope you will be continuing your journey within the Archway Learning Trust. Below is the link for information about all of our Trust open evenings:

<https://www.archwaytrust.co.uk/our-year-6-open-evenings/>

School Toilet

Please be aware that from Monday the adult toilet near the school office will no longer be in use for parents.



We are having a large number of parents using it at pick up and drop off times and regularly there is a queue. As the toilet is located in the school we have to escort people to the toilet, wait outside while in use and then escort people back afterwards. Unfortunately we do not have capacity to offer this service as it takes a member of office staff away from reception at the busiest times.

Roving Bookshop

What a wonderful start to the week we had with a visit from the Roving Bookshop. It was amazing to see so many children excited and enthusiastic about books! A huge thank you to all of



BPA community for purchasing so many books. We managed to make £255 in commission! We will be gathering some pupil voice to see which books the children would like in school and letting them take ownership of updating our reading areas.

Little Wandle

It has been a busy start to the term in EYFS and KS1 with the introduction of our new phonics scheme: Little Wandle. Our children have been engaging extremely well in lessons and are really enjoying their group reads. Children in KS1 have started to bring home their books! We hope you are enjoying reading them as a family. Children in EYFS will bring home books in Week 4.



We have invested a huge amount of money in our new reading books for our children so ask that families do take extra care with them.

PE Kits & Equipment

If your child has PE, please remember to send them into school with their kit. We are having lots of children without a kit or kits being dropped in during the school day. The timetable for PE lessons is below:



Mon: Eagles, Penguins, Emus, Peacocks, Falcons

Tues: Kiwis, Puffins, Owls, Flamingos, Toucans

Wed: Emus, Nest, Hummingbirds, Kingfishers, Kiwis

Thurs: Owls, Ospreys, Eagles, Parrots

Fri: Hummingbirds, Kingfishers, Ospreys, Ducklings, Falcons

Children who arrive to school without a kit will still participate in the lesson but in their school uniform.

Could parents also ensure that lunchboxes, swimming kits, water bottles, coats etc. are also sent in with your child in the morning and not delivered to the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminders

Jeans for Genes Day

At Bluecoat Primary Academy, we will be raising awareness on Friday 22nd September. We will be inviting children and staff to come into school wearing jeans on their bottom half and normal school uniform on their top half. If you are able to, we are also asking for a donation of £1 for this good cause. Class teachers will have a collection envelope in their classroom for any donations. During the day, children will find out more about what causes a genetic condition and watch some videos, sharing some real life accounts of children with different genetic conditions.



Some dates for your diary:

- **Monday 11th September** - Roving Bookshop
- **Thursday 21st September** – Ospreys Library Visit
- **Friday 22nd September** – Jeans for Genes Day
- **Thursday 28th September** – Falcons Library Visit
- **Thursday 5th October** – National Poetry Day
- **Thursday 5th October** – Emus Library Visit
- **Friday 6th October** – Individual & Sibling Photographs
- **Friday 6th October** – World Dyslexia Awareness Day
- **Thursday 12th October** – Kiwis Library Visit
- **Thursday 19th October** – Toucans Library Visit

This week in school...

Nursery have really enjoyed their first full days at Nursery. They particularly love playing together in the sand and water.

The Nest have been learning about their facial features. They are learning to explore their faces using mirrors. Some of the children created some beautiful self-portraits.

Reception Flamingos and Peacocks have started phonics lessons. In the environment, the children have already been showing us what they have been learning by practicing their letter formation and talking about the sounds they know. So far this week we have learnt s, a and t.

Year 1 have had a blast at the roving bookshop. Where the hall was transformed into a moving bookshop, with over 4,000 book for the children to explore!

Year 2 have been using manipulatives to partition numbers into tens and ones during maths. They did a great job!

Year 3 have continued their Science learning this week by taking an in depth look at the different parts of a flower. They used their knowledge to help create this class display.

Year 4 have been experimenting with different pencil types and techniques to create depth of field when sketching rainforest plants. They will continue with learning different techniques and use of colour before creating a final piece inspired by Henri Rousseau.

Year 5 have been busy experimenting with water resistance and learning interesting facts about our oceans. They have particularly enjoyed all our reading about sharks - why not ask them to share a shark fact with you?

Year 6 had a great time looking around all the books at the Roving Bookshop. It was great that some of the books the children had previously studied were for sale as well as ones that we are currently reading in class. Some even managed to get a sneaky peek!

