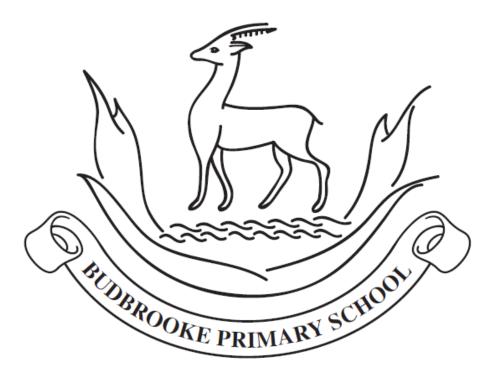
# **Budbrooke Press**

Friday 14th February - Spring Term 1, Week 6

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#### A message from the Acting Head of School



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful half term we have had with many whole school and pupil achievements, deep and diverse experiences and opportunities to celebrate your children. It has been really lovely to welcome you all into the school environment please look out for more school events coming soon. I would just like to take this opportunity to personally thank you all for your positive and supportive engagement with all the new experiences that we have been providing.

There was much excitement this week as Maple and Redwood Class experienced Hatton Country World to support their learning about Ready, Steady, Grow and Sow, Grow and Farm as part of their immersive curriculum - I think that meeting the guinea pigs was a particular highlight!

Congratulations to the Athletics team who were wonderful ambassadors for our school and demonstrated all of the 5 core values of consideration, collaboration, confidence, challenge and curiosity through their great team spirit. We are all exceptionally proud of everything

that they have achieved. A huge thank you to all of those who provided transport to enable pupils to participate in such a wonderful event and thank you to Mr. Brereton for organising and supervising this opportunity to develop these skills beyond the PE curriculum delivered in school.

I hope that you have a wonderful half term with your family and we can't wait to welcome all pupils back on **Tuesday 25th February 2025** (Monday 24th February 2025 is a professional development day for all staff, pupils do not attend on this day). I can't wait to see what the next half term brings!

Kind regards,

Mrs Lisa Hopkins

Acting Head of School/DSL/SENCO

#### **Inset Day**



A gentle reminder that Monday 24th February is an INSET day.

#### Parents Evening



Parents' evenings are on Tuesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th March and appointments will be able to be made from 17:00 onwards on Monday 24th February. Please ensure that you are able to log in to School Spider so that you are able to book an appointment and share your child's achievements with their class teacher. Year 6 Parents' evening will be rescheduled for another date.

#### Book Fair 2025



The Book Fair will be visiting Budbrooke Monday 17th March - Thursday 20th March. The Book Fair will be in the school hall and will be open every morning 8:15 - 8:45 and every day after school 15:30 - 16:00. Please enter the Book Fair through the door into the hall that is near the Year 3 and 4 playground, please do not come through the office entrance. Please come along and see the wonderful selection of books on sale - more details will be given nearer the time.

#### **School Values Rewards**



- Confidence: Dougie, Chestnut
- Collaboration: Teddy, Chestnut
- Curiosity: Caleb, Holly
- Challenge: Edie, Beech
- Consideration: Rosie, Cherry

#### **Golden Book**



Maple- Daisy

Elm- Molly Beech- Hettie Holly- Freddy Chestnut- Martha-Rae Redwood- Jack Cherry- Ella-Rose Deputy Head- Matilda M

#### Writer of the Week



Maple- Julian Elm- Jay Beech- Freddie Holly- Katie M Chestnut- Chloe W Redwood-Tabitha

#### NSPCC Number Day



Winner of 'Mrs Hopkins' Number Quiz:

Jay - Elm Class

Winners of the Number Hunt:

Reception- Arthur Year 1/2- Francesca Year 3/4- Martha-Rae Year 5/6- Luca

## **Class Spotlight**

Wow – what a half term Holly class! We started our new project of Rocks, Relics and Rumbles by looking at how a volcano erupts and looking at a real-life example of one, the Kilauea volcano in Hawaii, which went on to erupt for the ninth time this year on the 11th February!

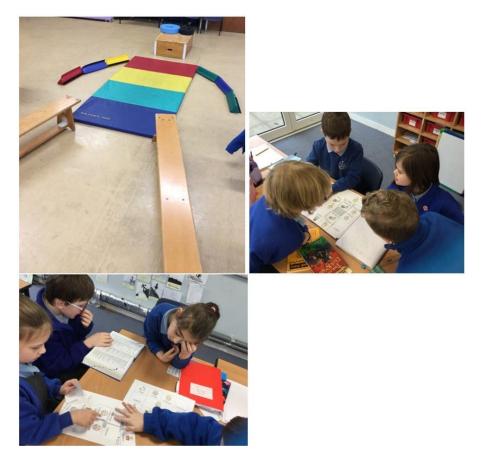
Speaking of which, on that day as a class we spoke about safer internet day and how to avoid being scammed online. Lots of us could talk about this experience through computer games, where we had been promised a prize which never arrived. After our learning we know how to avoid this now and more importantly how to use the internet safely and avoid being scammed!



1 - In science we have been studying forces, through the push and pull force and in particular, friction, we done this by looking at the tread on our school shoes and then testing the force using a force meter, measuring in Newtons.



2 - In maths we have been learning all about measuring in length, we know how to do this in millimetres, centimetres and metres we can even successfully convert one to another unit of measure. We combined this skill into real learning through our explorations in DT making a cam mechanism and even English where we took our knowledge outside to plan the size of a bedroom... This has been important learning as we now start to look at perimeter and what this means first of all in squares and then bringing the two pieces of learning together.



3 - In English our core text is a beautiful story, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We are thoroughly enjoying this story and can't wait to see what happens (some of us may already know as we haven't been able to put the book down). Our learning has

been immersive, engaging and imaginative and I can't wait to see the fabulous persuasive letters you will write following on from this work as your ideas so far have blown me away! I am sure your parents and carers will agree from the great story writing you produced for National Story Telling Week.



4 - Lastly, I would like to add a note of thanks to Mrs Hall, Miss Cole and Mr Philpott, who attended our class trip to the Nottingham City of Caves and allowing the children in Holly class to have an amazing day out, which was filled with life long memories through an action-packed day of learning. I am sure you have heard all about the children being geologists and cave hunters. Here is a sneak peek of what we got up to on the day.

Have a restful half term and I can't wait to see where our learning takes us next half term!



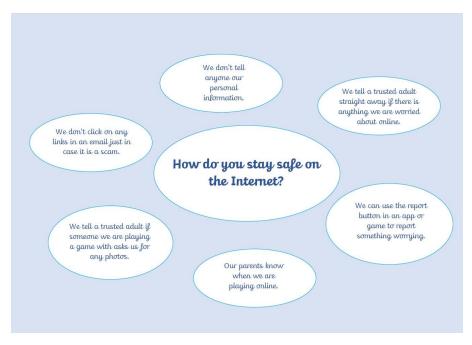
#### A Message From Digital Leaders

This week, we have been celebrating Safer Internet Day which was all about protecting ourselves from online scams.

We led an assembly to the whole school to help other children to recognise a scam and to know what to do and who to ask to find help.

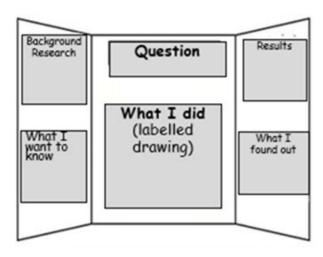
We also challenged children to take part in a class quiz about staying safe online.

This useful website has lots of information for parents and carers about staying safe online. saferinternetday.org.uk



### **Pupil Voice- Staying safe online**

#### Science Fair Project 2025



British Science Week is entering its third decade in 2025, taking place from 7th-16th March, and the theme to mark the start of this new era is 'Change and adapt'. All the children across the school will be taking part in scientific experiments as part of our science lessons during this week.

As part of this, we are excited to announce the launch of our Science Fair Project competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to work together with their families to investigate an area of science that interests them and share their findings with the school community.

For this competition, we would like children to pose a **science-based question**, then research, experiment and present what they find out. For example; Does the angle of a ramp change the distance a toy car will travel? Which liquid makes a surface the most slippery? Does the colour of water affect the time it takes to freeze? Which surface will make a car move faster? There is no suggested theme so they are free to get your inspiration from the world around you and choose something that interests and inspires you. Remember it does not need to involve expensive materials – sometimes the simplest ideas are the best!

Projects can be completed individually or as a family group. Siblings may enjoy working together.

Children will ideally present their project on a 3-part notice board that can sit on a table top (see an example here). A cut-up supermarket cardboard box, taped together and covered in wrapping paper is ideal. Any models made need to fit in the space in the middle of the board.

Projects **must be submitted to school by Friday 7th March**. This is to allow judging and showcasing of entries to take place. On Monday 10th March, children and families may come into school to view their own and others science investigations between 3.20-3.40pm at our Science fair in the main school hall. The winners will be announced on Friday 14th March.

The projects will be judged on their Content, Visual Display and the children's ability to communicate their findings. All entries will get a Homework Hero star, and there will be a prize for the overall KS1 and KS2 winner.

To help you with ideas, there are lots of websites full of fun ideas such as:

https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/science-projects https://www.britishscienceweek.org/the-theme-for-2025-is-change-and-adapt/ https://sciencebob.com/science-fair-ideas/ideas/

https://edu.rsc.org/primary-science/find-resources/experiments-and-investigations

Thank you in advance for your entries.

Mrs Montgomery.

### Road Safety- Keeping our pupils safe.

Younger children need lots of hand-holding and supervision when near roads – the street can be a distracting place for them to be, with lots of sights and sounds particularly when they are arriving to or leaving school.

Please encourage young children to get into the habit of holding your hand and being sensible when near a road.

#### Learning the Green Cross Code

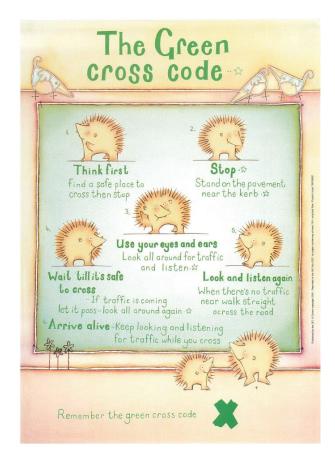
Younger children find it difficult to judge the speed and distance of traffic – so they don't know when it's safe to cross the road.

You can start teaching children the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging them to stop, look, listen and think before crossing the road.

It can be a fun activity to teach children while you're on the school run or a walk to the park. Focus on the core steps of crossing the road safely:

- Think! First find the safest place to cross.
- **Stop!** Stand on the pavement near the kerb.
- Look and listen! Look all around for traffic and listen.
- Wait! Until it's safe to cross. If traffic is coming, let it pass.
- Look and listen again! ...
- Arrive alive!

https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/green-cross-code/Green cross code -Roadwise



# **School Uniform**

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Budbrooke we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning.

#### Uniform list (non PE days):

- School logo sweatshirt/cardigan
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Mid-grey skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or shorts
- Plain dark socks to be worn under trousers, dark grey socks or tights to be worn with skirts/pinafore dresses

- Black plain shoes. Trainers are only to be worn for PE
- Pale blue/white checked dresses (optional) may be worn from the Summer Term until Autumn Half Term with white socks.
- Dark coloured coat.





#### Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove these during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. If for some reason they cannot be removed, they must be taped over.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

- Hair bands, ribbons/bows should be plain
- Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school, this includes temporary false or acrylic nails.

Watches Analogue and digital watches are acceptable when your child is able to tell the time.

SMART watches are not allowed due to safeguarding.

School uniform is available from:

"Brigade" website: www.brigade.uk.com

or

My Clothing: <u>www.myclothing.com</u>.

If you require any support with school uniform please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

You are now able to purchase School Uniform from Stitch Tech who are based in Learnington Spa.

Orders can be placed in person at their showroom located at:

Stitchtech Ltd,

7C Jenton Road,

Sydenham Industrial Estate,

Leamington Spa,

CV31 1XS

Or online for home delivery or click and collect

https://www.stitchtech.co.uk/product-category/school-uniforms/budbrooke-primary-school/

If you have any questions please email them direct using <a href="mailto:sales@stitchtech.co.uk">sales@stitchtech.co.uk</a>

#### **No Nuts School**



A gentle reminder that **nuts of any type or any form are NOT allowed in school.** 

We have multiple pupils with life-threatening nut allergies. Please help in keeping the chances of nut exposure to a minimum.

Thank you.

#### **Absences and Lateness**

All absence must be reported via telephone to the school office.

Absence due to illness may be left on a voicemail.

All other absence must be requested prior to absence date. Please contact the school office for application forms.



If your child is unwell and unable to make it into school for any reason please notify the school office of this absence giving a clear reason by **9.00am**. This can be done via email or calling the school office and pressing option 1.

If you child is going to be late after **8.55am** (this is when registration closes) please could you also report this by calling the school office and pressing option 1.

This helps with numbers for the catering team in the kitchen.

#### **Diary Dates**



February

17th-21st Half Term

24th Inset Day

March

4th Parents Evening

5th Parents Evening

6th World Book Day

w/c 10th British Science Week

#### w/c 14th Book Fair

**31st** Year 1 Phonics Screening Information Evening (Year 1)

# Upcoming promotional lunches for 2025!



#### **Additional Information**





Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am



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