



PARENT BULLETIN | 8TH NOVEMBER, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Sunflower & Ubuntu Class



Students in Sunflower and Ubuntu class have had the unique project opportunity to work alongside The Salmon School, Wild Salmon Connections and multiple Thames Project Partners.

The project provides students with the perfect platform to foster students' investment in our shared habitats, local rivers, other wildlife species and explore what a healthy river looks like (or should look like) in the Thames River Basin. Students have worked alongside their project leader to explore this, kick sampling and created natural artworks.

Some students had the opportunity to visit a local stream to investigate e-DNA from wildlife and the stream, and the results will be sent to the US for study, before going on an official database! Students may have the opportunity to attend a celebration event in London in January 2025, we will let you know more as soon as we can!

Would you like to help your young person be involved in creating artwork to support the project? Why not create a natural collage and send a picture to your class?

Create - leaf / grass / feather / bark rubbings
Photograph - streams / trees

6th Form



Sixth Form students supported the British Legion this week, they helped collect donations as part of their Poppy Appeal. Every year in November poppies are distributed to raise vital funds to help today's Armed Forces community. Members of the public were impressed with their hard work, one member saying "It's great to see all the young people working so hard".

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

I hope that you enjoyed the half term break. Every year there are students that struggle with the clocks changing as it is not always quick to reset their sleep patterns. This is normal and will ease over time.

While students were off for half term, the Facilities & Estates Team were busy with building improvements, such as replacing handrails and improving fencing, which can't happen while the students are on site. Now students are back they have a daily battle to clear the constant onslaught of falling leaves!

I am very conscious that there are rather a lot of roadworks again which are impairing journeys to and from school. If there are any issues with your child arriving home later than you would expect, please do make us aware (thanks to those who have already done so).

There are a small number of families who have not managed to catch up with the Teachers where parents' evening was missed. Please get in touch for a telephone call if you have not spoken to your child's teacher yet as we do want to share the progress they have made so far this year.

Our focus this half term is on friendship and kindness, two of our school values. Next week we will be thinking about these when we celebrate Children in Need on **Friday 15th November**. Students will be engaging in activities throughout the week that boost their wellbeing. We will hold a coffee morning on the 15th 10.30-11.30 for anyone who would like to come along.

Rhonda Gosney

SIGN OF THE WEEK

open	book	box

WEEKLY BEHAVIOUR TIPS

Let's Think Behaviour

Behaviour is a form of communication

If this is so... what is the communication behind the behaviour?

Think about what the child is telling you before you respond!

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THINK...

IS YOUR CHILD....

- UNCOMFORTABLE
- HUNGRY/ THIRSTY
- IN PAIN
- FRUSTRATED
- WANTING SOMETHING THEY CAN'T HAVE
- DISAPPOINTED SOMETHING GOOD IS ENDING
- CONFUSED/ NOT UNDERSTANDING WHERE THEY ARE GOING OR WHAT THEY ARE DOING NEXT
- CONFUSED BY CHANGE

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?



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MASKS WINTER FYRE

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at Booker Park School
Saturday 30th November

11am-2pm
Quiet Santa Hour
2pm-3pm

RAFFLE & TOMBOLA
FOOD, DRINKS & CAKE STALL
SNOWMAN GAME, LUCKY DIP
GUESS THE NAME
SENSORY TOY STALL

PLUS Special Guest
FATHER CHRISTMAS

All monies raised is for
musical experiences,
supporting transitions,
& school developments
for all The Vale
Federation students.

Please look out for raffle tickets which have been sent home in bags today – we have some amazing prizes up for grabs!

If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, sweets or chocolates you would like to donate towards the event, please bring them into the School Reception. (Please note that no cleaning products can be accepted).

We are also looking for help with manning stalls, setting up for the event and tidying away afterwards. If you are able to help us in any way, please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UyWsUgzK2U>, and the organisers will contact you with further details.

Thank you for your support.

RSE TOP TIPS

Relationships & Sex Education



Understanding Myself

Understanding myself is a framework within our curriculum. Pupils will be given opportunities to learn about their emotions, self-awareness and empathy skills. They will learn how feelings can change and how they can deal with this. Teachers will cover positive attitudes and teach pupils about strategies to use in order to promote positive mental health whilst also learning how to be healthy and keep their bodies healthy.

Recognising interests, developing skills and learning to enjoy a hobby will be an important aspect of this part of the curriculum and social and interaction skills, citizenship and how to communicate an opinion will also be a focus.

CHRISTMAS MEAL

We are pleased to inform you that on Thursday **12th December 2024**, all students who have ordered a meat or vegetarian school meal will enjoy a festive Christmas meal, in either a meat or vegetarian option, depending on the meal type originally ordered for that day. For those who ordered the meat option (katsu chicken curry), this will automatically change to the meat Christmas lunch.

For those who ordered the vegetarian option (vegetable and quorn paella), this will automatically change to the vegetarian Christmas lunch.

Please note that Arbor will still show the original meal choice, but the meal will be the Christmas lunch. The cost of the Christmas lunch remains the same as the usual lunch (£3.00), which is already in place for those who previously ordered a school meal for this day.

Please note that on this day, we will only be providing the Christmas lunch options. For those who ordered the option of a jacket potato or packed lunch and those who provide a packed lunch from home, you now have the option to change to either the meat Christmas lunch or vegetarian Christmas lunch. An email has been sent to those this applies to, with details of how to request this and the deadline for doing so. Those students requiring special textured diets, will still have their originally ordered textured meal. Whether you have ordered a school meal or not, we hope all students will enjoy Christmas lunch day!

Christmas MENU

MEAT OPTION

- Roast Turkey
- Sage and Onion Stuffing
- Pigs in Blankets
- Roast Potatoes
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Christmas Tree Brownie

VEGETARIAN OPTION

- Butternut Squash & Spinach Wellington
- Sage and Onion Stuffing
- Roast Potatoes
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Christmas Tree Brownie



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SCHOOL CALENDAR



Friday 15th November

Children In Need

Saturday 30th November

MASKS Winter Fayre - at Booker Park School

Thursday 28th November

Panto - Cinderella (all day)

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December

Royal Latin School - Christmas Santa Visit

Friday 20th December

Last day of Term - Christmas Holidays

USEFUL INFORMATION

ROAD SAFETY



With darker mornings and evenings now upon us, the Road Safety Team at Buckinghamshire Council would like to remind parents and carers that when buying new winter coats for their children, please look for some sort of reflective piping or bright contrasting colours to help them be seen whilst out and about.

Fluorescent fabrics work well during daylight and the hours of dusk but won't show up in the dark so it's important to also look for reflective fabrics and consider adding reflective tape to bags and clothes to ensure you can be seen in the dark by car headlights.

PREPARING FOR PUBERTY WORKSHOP

Buckinghamshire Council have a one off workshop for preparing for puberty, See below for more information.



Preparing for puberty workshop
for parents of young people with SEND

This one-off workshop will cover the topic of puberty. Brook's expert staff will equip you with simple tips and information to support these potentially tricky conversations.

The session will also include practical ideas regarding period products and how to support your young person to carry out their own personal care.

Brook are a national charity, working as part of Buckinghamshire's Integrated Sexual Health and Wellbeing Service.

For more information scan the QR code.

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Tuesday 19 November 6pm to 7pm
Elmhurst Family Centre
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Buckinghamshire Council
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Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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