

BILTON NEWS

Newsletter December 2024



Year 7 Blackwell Adventures

Be the best you can be!



Our Year 11 were busy writing CVs tailored to a Job Specification of their choice in prep for mock interviews from Microsoft

Another busy half term



The Autumn term, 2024 has been full of inspiring learning activities both in and out of the classroom. Theatre trips to supplement learning, sporting events developing respect and

excellence as well as participation, wellbeing ambassadors developing their understanding of diversity and considering how to implement this in our school community, kindness at the very core of all they do. Students applied their learning in mock exams, Years 10, 11 and 13 showing incredible resilience both in sitting the exams and in receiving results. As these students start to make decisions about their next steps be that Sixth Form, college or higher education our form tutors and subject teachers have supported these young people to make well informed choices to fulfil their ambitions. Bilton is a real school

community. Bilton has drawn together with our remembrance poppies at St Marks Church and our student's respectful remembrance service in school. In the lead up to the festivities the Parent Teacher Association organised and run the Year 7 disco, the Christmas fayre and the PTA quiz. December saw the return of our first face to face parents evening since Covid, welcoming our school community back into the building. Parents and teachers expressed they found the experience more meaningful in both to giving and receiving advice. Face to face events will be continuing into the new year with all parents being able to experience one face to face event. 2025 promises exciting opportunities for Bilton School and its community, I thank you for your ongoing support. I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and look forward to welcoming students and parents back into school in 2025.

Ms Delves, Headteacher

Blackwell Adventures



This December 102 of our Year 7s had an amazing time testing their resilience at Blackwell Adventures. Rain or shine, our Y7s took part in lazer tag, zip lining, indoor climbing, 3D swings, leap of faith and more. Brilliant balance, agility and teamwork skills were shown across all activities whether competing to see who could stack the highest crates or kindness shown when motivating their peers to do the leap of faith.

A memorable experience for all. What an amazing way to end 2024!

Many thanks to all staff who gave up their time to come along too.

Miss Nash



Human Rights Day



On “Human Rights Day “ Bilton students from Years 11 and 12 attended a Human Rights workshop led by the Amnesty group at Southam College to engage and educate about human rights issues. Following today’s engaging and motivational session Bilton students are going to officially launch their own Amnesty group to enable further discussion and collaboration with Southam .

Today’s workshop at Southam was a springboard to engage schools across the Stowe Valley MAT with further debate and discussion

The Amnesty group at Bilton will officially launch on Tuesday 17th December in the library at lunchtime (year 9 upwards)

For more information speak to Ms Ansell



PTA Quiz Night!

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to our Quiz Night last Friday!

A great night was had by all and we raised over £220 for the School.

Special thanks to Gary and Chris who devised and delivered the quiz so brilliantly.

Well done to the quiz winners: team "To quiz, or not to..."!

Watch this spaquizce for our next Quiz Night in 2025...

Many thanks from the PTA.



OddBalls FOUNDATION

Raising awarenesssss of testicular cancer.

Year 10 had an important presentation from Ben at Oddballs all about testicular cancer – signs and symptoms and the vital work that the Oddballs Foundation undertake.



Year 9 were delivered a drama performance on Road Safety covering peer influences and decision making. The company RIOT Act travel the local area delivering meaningful and important workshops to help keep our young people aware and safe.

Bilton Christmas Market

We would like to thank all the stallholders and everyone who came along to support our Christmas Market last night. It was a fabulously festive evening! We had 25 stalls featuring beautiful produce from local small businesses, parent businesses and students, and a good turnout from parents, carers, staff, students and the community who all enjoyed an evening of shopping, food, drinks and Christmassy treats.

A special mention goes to our student stall holders; Evangeline y8, Cerys y9, Amelie, y11, Eleanor y11, Connie y11 and huge thanks also to the following students who helped throughout the event: Mazie y7, Dylan y7, Liam y8, Thomas y9, Emily y9.

The evening raised just over £400 for the PTA which will provide necessary resources to benefit all students in school.

We are looking forward to our next market!



Thank you everyone. Bilton PTA



WELLBEING AMBASSADORS
BILTON SCHOOL



Wellbeing Ambassadors

Ms Ansell and our Lead Wellbeing Ambassadors hosted an assembly via teams with Cawston Grange Primary School to launch their Christmas Jumper Day and to chat about the role of the Wellbeing Ambassador.

We look forward to working with Cawston to embed their Wellbeing programme in their school.



Winter Wellbeing Boost

DHL Rugby Gateway kindly supplied Boost Bars for a Winter Wellbeing “Boost” in school. Today our Wellbeing Ambassadors delivered Boost Bars to Bilton staff to give them ALL a Boost and thank them for all the hard work they do, day in and day out .



Chess Club

Mr Norman's chess club has been growing week on week. They meet after school on a Friday and have a mix of boys and girls from all year groups and chess abilities.

Mr Norman is arranging a competition/tournament with different schools in the area starting with Ashlawn – Hopefully in January.

He is also challenging Harris and Rugby Free School to take on our Bilton chess players.



Mr Norman would like to say a huge well done to the Bilton chess club students, amazing effort this term.

Shoebox Appeal



Thank you to everyone who donated a shoebox, brought in a donation, or helped wrap (especially 8B4 with their amazing wrapping skills!).

A big thank you to our Year Ambassadors who helped load boxes and showed great organisational skills!

We managed to donate 80 shoeboxes which have been sent off with T4U and will be distributed across countries in Eastern Europe for children in need this Christmas.

A real show of kindness and compassion from Bilton!



CAKE SALE



Charity Cake Sale

Another successful cake sale at Bilton School, this time in aid of Children In Need and run by our Sixth Form Leaders.

£130 was raised and there were many happy faces with a range of cakes on offer.

Up N Atom

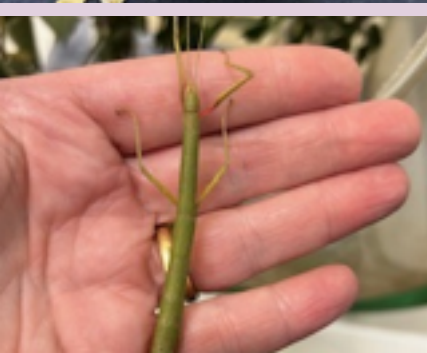
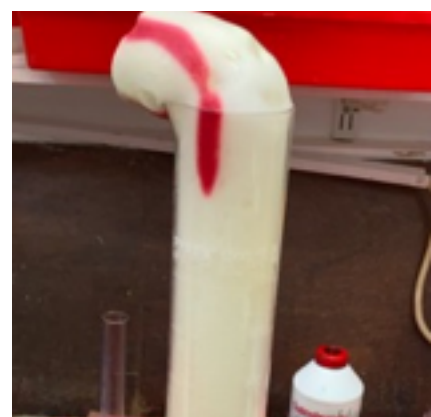
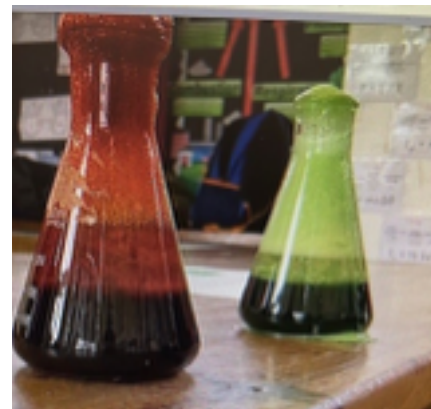
This term we have had a fantastic time at “Up N Atom”, our science club that is held weekly after school on a Thursday!

Pupils have really tested their science skills in lots of different ways, from using oranges, lemons and potatoes to build an electrical circuit that could light a bulb, to showing off their chemistry skills when they had a go at making beautiful blue salt crystals and seeing whose were the biggest! They also made lava lamps that produced a spectacle of colour in the lab!

Elephants Toothpaste was another popular experiment and we were all waiting to see who produced the best “toothpaste” that would be big enough to clean an elephants teeth! They certainly gave Colgate a run for its money!

There were plenty of gasps and excitement during Halloween week as pupils used their witchcraft and wizardry skills to brew their own lotions and potions; they used bats blood, spiders spit and a vampires kiss to turn water pink and then clear again with their amazing chemistry skills!

This week we have been making LED Christmas cards; and have seen some wonderful designs, which I am sure family and friends will be amazed to see. We are looking forward to seeing what exciting activities we can get up to next term!



Creatures and Critters

We also welcomed Bilton Schools newest resident, a crested gecko, who the pupils very aptly named “Olympia” because she loves to climb and jump high!

Everyone has mucked in and helped with cleaning the animals out, feeding them and of course learning how to handle them correctly. We also had a visit from a staff members guinea pig, “Lollipop” which the pupils loved!

Next term we plan to hold a cake sale so that we can raise funds for more equipment for the animals and maybe even save up to buy some new animals, once we have researched how to look after them properly of course!

Recommended Christmas Reads

Here are the recommended Christmas reads, available from Bilton School library:



Linguists of the Month November & December 2024

Mr McShane's classes

Year 7: Emmie D, Ava H, George B, Ethan G, Naapaag H, Harvey S

Year 8: Luca M, Bilva R, Maisie C

Year 9: Binta J, Masoud A, Lola G, Harry S, Paige D, Thomas M, Lena B

Mrs Elana's classes

Year 7: Eirik R, Blake H, TJ, Ella M, Vikishan V, Surin T

Year 8: Nasara A, Pak Hei C, Martha D, Jerica B, Isabella R, Jordan O

Year 9: Jacob R, Kayla W, Marcus G

Year 10: Ana D, Lauren M

Year 11: Constance M, Jordan R

Mrs Mawee's classes

Year 7: Evie B, Shriya S, Zach J, Ryhan T

Year 8: Jess G, Mike E, Florence J, Ishan B, Sienna F, Dylan C, Amelia P

Year 9: Natalia P, Kai H, Ruby P, Ella M, Hanna S, Paddy M

Year 10: Sandra M, Caitlin P

Year 11: Oliwia S, Sophia W

Sports Results

Year 11 Netball

Came 2nd in the league, only losing to RHS – POM Fraya

30-8 Win against Ashlawn. POM Natalia

35-8 Win against RFSS 35-8. POM Jordan

16-8 Win against Harris. POM Jordan

Year 9 Netball

Undefeated, 1st in the league

22-2 Win against Harris. POM Daisy-May

23-3 Win against AVS. POM Esme

30-9 Win against RHS. POM Olivia

43-0 Win against Houlton. POM Esme

20-5 Win against RFSS. POM Esme

Year 8 Netball

3-8 Loss against AVS. POM Orla

10-4 Win against RFSS. POM Phoebe

10-5 Win against Houlton. POM Orla

5-5 Draw against Harris. POM Orla

5-5 Draw against RHS. POM Mila

Year 11 Basketball Results

42-18 Win against Harris

18-10 Loss to Avon Valley

24-12 win against Lawrence Sheriff

Y11 Football

Undefeated in the league

Notable result: 2-1 win v Ashlawn

Y10 Football

Notable results: 5-2 win V Lawrence Sheriff

Y8 Football

Finished 3rd in the league

Notable results: 5-0 v Harris, 6-1 v Rugby Free

Y7 Football

Finished 3rd in the league

Notable result 3-1 Ashlawn

Mathmagician of the Month Award

You have been nominated for your outstanding effort and achievement over the last month.

Year 7

Fraiya H
Courtne F
Lana M
Zoe W
Dithi M
Mia A
Angel G
King F

Year 8

Maya Y
Arina A
Denver P
Zane H
Kemi O
Harkamal L

Year 9

Freya P
Henley R
Lena J
Charlie S
Binta J
Connor C
Lewis J

Year 10

Abel T
Alviya O
Eva M
Isabel T
Maddie S
Lucas T
Abigail P
Denisa D

Year 11

Njoom N
Joshua R
Isaac F
Leoni L
Rohan P
Jasmine S
Ella P
Sarah K

6th Form

Benjamin B
Bethan S

English Successes!

Year 7 'Book in a Nook' competition

To help us get ready for the holiday season, we have invited our lovely Year 7s to enjoy Jolabakafloð – a lovely Icelandic tradition where you read a good book with a bar of chocolate on Christmas Eve. We know parents might have wished a fond farewell to the Elves on the Shelves as they returned to the North Pole, but we have invited the 'Book in a Nook' reading figurines to come and stay at Bilton School English Department. If our lovely Year 7s can find and locate the books they are reading during their English lessons, they will be entered into our prize draw at the end of term... to win a book and a chocolate bar of course! Lucky winners will be drawn on the last day of term – good luck!



Successful PPE1 for Years 10 & 11

A massive congratulations to both year groups for recently sitting their PPE1. Year 11 worked hard to perform to the best of their ability in their English Language Paper 2; a new area for them, having only studied English Literature last year. Our Year 10 students also performed admirably in their first ever mock examination, answering questions on Macbeth and A Christmas Carol. Masterclasses for both courses are still running so let's keep the momentum going!

Getting in the festive 'Spirit'...

On Wednesday 62 of our Year 10 students attended a performance of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' at Rugby Theatre. The performance was extremely atmospheric, really helping the students to visualise the events and characters they have been reading about over the last few weeks. Many of the students said how much they enjoyed it and the theatre staff and members of the public commented on how well behaved the students were. A great success all round!

Anti-Bullying led by our Year Ambassadors



Our Year Ambassadors with a keen interest in making our school a kind and respectful place to be, devised activities for each day during Anti-Bullying Week, researched celebrities who had experienced bullying and put together slides for our assemblies through the week.

Year 7 had a talk from an outside speaker on the serious consequences of bullying from charity Stand Against Violence – this was impactful and made our values of Respect and Kindness come to the forefront of our minds.

Year Ambassadors - Meet the Team

Blake Harvey Y7

Eirik Rasburn Y7

Ella Magee Y7

Evie Britton Y7

Henry Crawford Y7

Izzy Collins Y7

Sanjana Pradeep Y7

Nevaeh Shannon Y7

Amelia Parkitna Y8

Baani Chopra Y8

Marcus Greenwood Y9

Riley Mcveigh Y9

William Cahill Y9

Nancy Jideofor Y9

Jamaima Mansoor Y10

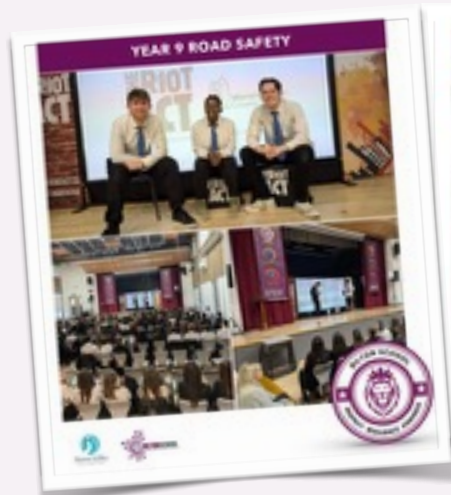
Arathana Sritharan Y11

Joshua Minks Y11

Matvejs Janopulo Y11

Road Safety

This half term Yr 7, 9 and 10 have had sessions on Road Safety – these focus, depending on the year, on Distractions, Peer Pressure and Being Aware – impactful and delivered by experts who travel to all of Warwickshire. Bilton School is a pioneer school for The Journey Programme as we are dedicated to share a message of safety on our roads with all of our year groups each year.



There is always someone that can

HELP



During the Christmas holidays the **Safeguarding team** want to remind you that support is available



CHILDLINE

You can talk to us about anything. No problem is too big or too small.
Telephone 0800 1111



RUNAWAY HELPLINE

If you are thinking about running away, if you have already run away, or if you have been away and come back. You can also contact the Helpline if you are worried that someone else is going to run away or if they are being treated badly or abused.

Telephone 116 000 www.runawayhelpline.org.uk



SAMARITANS

24hr service offering emotional support.

Telephone 116 123 Email joesamaritans.org



LOOK AHEAD

Works with vulnerable people throughout the UK, those with learning difficulties, mental health, young people and the homeless.

Telephone 0333 010 4600 www.lookahead.org.uk/



STAY SAFE YOUNG MINDS

If you feel overwhelmed, or like you want to hurt yourself, support is available for you to talk things through. You deserve help as soon as you need it.

Telephone 0800 068 4141 Text 85258



KOOTH

Safe, anonymous online community and counselling for young people

Kooth.com



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SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION

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WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Looking for some help and advice? Try visiting Warwickshire FIS website for lots of free advice and guidance available to all Warwickshire residents

Website - www.warwickshire.gov.uk

EARLY HELP FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

For service for advice and guidance on:

Parenting and all aspects of family life, Children and young people's behaviour

To speak to a family support worker over the telephone, call 01926 412412, Monday to Friday between 9am - 4pm. If you would like to book a face-to-face consultation with a family support worker at one of the sessions shown below, please telephone the family support line on 01926 412412, Monday to Friday, between 9am-4pm.

Website - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/service-changes-children-families/2

WARWICKSHIRE REFUGE

If you are experiencing domestic abuse of any kind in Warwickshire, Refuge's regional Domestic Violence and Abuse Service can support you and your children to keep safe.

Call Refuge's Domestic Violence and Abuse Service Warwickshire Helpline on 0800 408 1552 (Monday-Friday 8:30am-8:30pm) to speak to one of our support workers.

Website - www.refuge.org.uk

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

Wellbeing for Warwickshire is 'joined-up' support service for adult mental health that can meet a number of needs in a way, and a time and a place, that suits people best. For ease of use, the service has a single phone number **0800 616171** and a single website address

www.wellbeingforwarwickshire.org.uk and these are available for Warwickshire residents 24/7, 365 days a year.

WORRIED A CHILD IS AT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM?

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the **Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door (Front Door)** immediately by calling **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately by calling **01926 886922**.

If you think that **a child is at immediate risk**, contact the Police immediately by calling **999**.





Dear Parent or Guardian

Trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public.

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network. As summertime approaches, we are already seeing an increase in the number of incidents being reported in the local area of Bugbrooke and incidents we're seeing involve children and young people:

- Walking along the railway lines
- Throwing stones at trains
- Placing objects on the railway lines
- Using the railway as a playground

I am sure you agree that all of the above activities are extremely dangerous.

The British Transport Police and Network Rail are seeking the support of parents, guardians and the local community to highlight the danger and implications of these activities to help us reduce the number of young people putting themselves and others at significant risk.

To assist with the conversation there are a number of online videos available and range depending on the age group of your child:

www.switchedonrailsafety.co.uk

www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/

www.youvstrain.co.uk

Key Messages

- ✓ Trains are **ALWAYS** running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass
- ✓ The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway
- ✓ Always **Stop, Look and Listen** before using a Level Crossing
- ✓ **DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?**

Trespassing on the railway is also a **criminal offence** which can involve your child obtaining a criminal record and a fine of £1000.

If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on Freephone 0800 40 50 40 or text the information to 61016.