



Dunton Bassett Primary School Newsletter w/e 31/03/2023

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Many thanks to our fabulous PTA for organising the Easter Egg raffle and cake sale this week. We all hope that you have a fabulous Easter break. Take care, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 17th April.

Mr. Howard

Next (School) Week's Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

Day	Event
Mon 17/04	C3 Forest School Mobile Library Discovery Club (paid) 3.15 - 4.15 pm Yr 4 Parents Times Table Check Info Session, 3.30 - 4.00 pm *
Tue 18/04	Guitar Lessons (paid)
Wed 19/04	Lego Club (paid) 3.15 - 4.15 pm Yr 6 SATS Club (by invite) 3.15 - 4.00 pm
Thu 20/04	Film Club YR-4 3.15 - 4.30 pm
Fri 21/04	#

Easter Holiday Clubs: Please follow the link for more information on a wide range of local Easter clubs and activities:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/dunton-bassett-primary-school/Uploaded/Document/8cb001d4-6ca0-4ff9-a036-06afbc3c5b17/easter-camps-2023.pdf>

E Safety:

We will provide information about a different aspect of E safety every week in this publication; we hope you find it useful. This week's topic is: **Minecraft**



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School Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

Summer Term 2023	
Mon 17/04	Start of Summer Term
Mon 17/04	Leics Mobile Library
Mon 17/04	Y4 Parents Info Session: Time Table Check. 3.30-4.00 *
Thu 04/05	Dance Festival (C2) @ Luttt College 3.45-5.30 *
Mon 08/05	Kings' Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed
w/c 09/05	KS2 SATS Week
Mon 15/05	Leics Mobile Library
Mon 15/05	Tennis Festival (Y3/4) @ Luttt High School 3.45-5.30
Sat 20/05	PTA Garden Clearance @ School: Volunteers. 11.00-1.00 *
Mon 22/05	Saffron Lane Athletics (Y3-6) 9.30-12.30 *
Fri 26/05	Class Photos
w/c 29/05	Summer Half-Term Week
Mon 05/06	Start of Summer 2nd
Wed 07/06	Transition Sports Festival (Y6) @ Luttt College 3.45-5.30
Thu 08/06	Parent Forum 2.00 – 3.00 *
Sat 10/06	Village and PTA Summer Fete *
Fri 16/06	PTA Fathers' Day Craft 3.15-4.15
Fri 23/06	School Sports Afternoon 1.30-3.00 *
w/c 26/06	Bikeability Yrs 5&6
Mon 26/06	Annual Reports Out
Tue 27/06	C3 Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 *
Thu 06/07	Leavers' Assembly 2.30-3.00 *
Fri 07/07	Minnie Burman Awards Assembly 2.30-3.00 *
Wed 12/07	Last Day of School Year

Class One Weekly News

This week's awards:		
Excellent Work: Jaxon	Values: Harry	
This Week's Learning: This week we have been learning to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr R - read words containing the sound air, read the tricky word your and write the tricky words no and go• Yr R - make number bonds to 10• Yr 1 - spell words using air and writing a short narrative• Yr 1 - apply our knowledge of addition and subtraction to use the number line effectively• use mark making skills and explore different media in art• locate the capital cities of the UK and know that the weather can differ in various parts of the UK• retell the story of Easter and discuss the ways that we celebrate Easter		
Next Term's Learning: After Easter we will be learning about plants in science, fruits and vegetables in DT, and using watercolours in art.		
Homework & Reminders: Notices: PE sessions weekly on Mondays . We will keep your child's PE kit in school until the end of this half term. Homework: Phonics books / quizzes will be added weekly on Fridays onto Oxford Owl. Please access these via https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students with your child's unique login. RWI Phonics Online Consolidation of Learning at School (please note that these links change weekly to support the children's current learning and can be accessed at home on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. They are only active links for 7 days.) Reading: Please add a comment in your child's reading book each day they share their phonics online learning with you at home. Thank you for sharing your child's reading scores and feedback via Oxford Owl. Stickers will be added to the children's reading charts at the end of each week. Tapestry - Please continue to add any learning your child is doing at home. Thank you to all the parents who have sent in learning from home this week.		

Class Two Weekly News

This week's awards:	
Excellent Work: Class 2 for amazing job with our class production!	Values: Teamwork and confidence - Class 2!
<p>This Week's Learning: I was so proud of everyone for the fantastic job they all did in our class production. They were all stars 😊. It's a huge thing to get up on stage and perform in front of an audience and everyone rose to the challenge. It was lovely to see the growth in confidence that so many of the children had. Some real stars in the making! Once again thank you for all your support with learning lines and providing costumes and props. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Doyle for embellishing our Superstan costume and Mrs Barton Harvey for creating some of our larger than life props! Mr Golby went above and beyond with Stan's Candy stall! Mrs Grubb did a fantastic job teaching the songs and choreography. Miss Holliland and Mrs Hill were a great support with stage direction. Both Mrs Hills, Mrs Hnylycia and Mrs Jones all made valuable contributions to the props and scenery - a HUGE thank you to all! But most of all a HUGE thank you to the children who showed great teamwork and commitment and are all amazing! In maths the year 2s looked at measuring in g and kg and the year 3s looked at understanding the whole and comparing fractions. In history we found out more about the impact that Columbus's voyages had.</p>	
<p>Next Week's Learning: I hope you will all be enjoying a lovely Easter break!</p>	
<p>Homework & Reminders: Homework has come home with children in their homework books as usual, those that didn't have their books should have the sheets in their bag. Instead of spellings work over Easter there is information about the Alberta Costa design a card celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III competition and in place of the values homework children have come home with the Active Easter 14 day challenge sheet from South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership.</p>	



Class Three Weekly News

This week's awards:		
Excellent Work: Cameron Gracie	Values: Billy (kindness)	
This Week's Learning: On Thursday the Open the Book team came in and set up different activities around the school where they shared the Easter story with the children and gave them all a small Easter egg. Certainly the group I went round with were fully engaged in asking and answering questions. We had the opportunity on Wednesday to enjoy the Class 2 production. We made an Easter card and some children managed to finish their sewing. We have also completed our persuasive writing holiday brochure and continued our Fraction work in year 4 & 5 and our Area, Perimeter and Volume work in year 6.		
Next Week's Learning: Next week we will all be enjoying our Easter holidays. When we return after Easter we will be in the run up to SATs for year 6 and the Multiplication test for year 4. The children will be doing a little more work on the Mayans and beginning to look at Life Cycles in Science. We will also have our play rehearsals beginning shortly after SATs.		
Homework & Reminders: Homework has been set as usual with the additional opportunity for the children to design a card celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. Any designs brought in at the start of term will be submitted to the office of Alberto Costa and the winning design will be sent to congratulate the King and Queen on behalf of the local area. Year 6 has 3 additional pieces of revision homework for SATs (including activities for each weekday of the holidays) and you should have received a booklet to support parents with Grammar terms. In June we will be visiting Leicester to explore other cultures and religions and in July we will be performing our class play. We also have year 6 SATs in May and Year 4 Multiplication tests in June.		

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT



Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive; it's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unsettle young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.



TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.



Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



Active Easter 14 DAY CHALLENGE

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Move It Monday

Be as active as you can. Sprint on the spot, followed by 10 star-jumps or can you create your own circuit of exercises and push yourself to be as active as possible.

Check out some easy exercises for kids [here!](#)

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Flexible Friday

Improve your flexibility; static stretches: quadriceps, hamstrings, groins, abdominals and shoulders. Hold for 20 seconds each and repeat each stretch if you can.

Go Noodle can help you, again, with some great ideas [here!](#)

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Tuneful Tuesday

It's time to dance! Put on your favourite song(s) and dance like nobody is watching. What amazing and original moves can you come up with? Can you create some Easter themed dance moves? Check out [Go Noodle](#) for lots of cool ideas.

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Fun Friday

Can you go to your local park or find a nice open space and simply enjoy being outside? Ride your bike, scoot along on your scooter or play tag, football or catch. Why not find your local park or even discover a new one to explore? Check out our guide to local walking routes and beautiful green spaces that South Leicestershire has to offer [here!](#)

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Time-out Tuesday

Take some time to switch off... literally. Try to avoid screen time, today, and look after your mental health. Why not do some arts and crafts or relax with some mindfulness colouring. Check out these fantastic Free Easter colouring page [here!](#)

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Smoothie Saturday

Why not plan and create your own smoothie? You can help your family with their balanced diets by inventing a new super smoothie. You could even make it Easter or spring themed. Check out the BBC Good Food website for some inspiration [here!](#)

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"We made it" Wednesday

Can you and your grown up make a healthy snack or meal? Maybe try a pitta pizza or a delicious fruit kebab. Be imaginative, creative and eat the rainbow! Check out [these recipes](#) for some inspiration!

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Super Saturday

Can you create your own home or garden gym? Use objects like water bottles and do some shoulder presses, bicep curls and seated exercises. Can you design and create your own home or garden gym? Use objects like water bottles or baked bean cans and do some shoulder presses, bicep curls and seated exercises. Or can you create your own PE equipment? There's some fantastic ideas [here!](#)

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Workout Wednesday

Squats, high-knees, heel-flicks, sprinting on the spot and any other exercises you wish - do each exercise for 20 seconds and repeat as many times as you can. Why not try some online workouts? Check them out [here!](#)

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Sporty Sunday

Train for or play your favourite sport. Choose the sport that you love the most, this may be football, tennis, netball, golf or anything else. You can do a training session for the sport or get friends and family involved to play the sport with you.

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Thoughtful Thursday

Relax! It is Yoga time. Try your favourite moves like the Downward Dog. Check out the 'Cosmic Kids Yoga' - Easter edition and enjoy being mindful and in the moment. Check out the Spring & Easter Yoga videos [here!](#)

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Mindful Monday

Time to relax in the great outdoors. Take some time out and use all of your senses. Take 15 minutes to go for a stroll, or go into the garden. What can you see, touch, hear and smell? Put all those gadgets away and be in the moment and really notice what is around you.

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Track It Thursday

How many skips can you do in 1 minute? Can you and a partner challenge each other to see who can do the most skips in 60 seconds? Or can you time yourself to complete one lap of your garden and then see if you can beat your time and get a new personal best? **Good luck!**

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Searching Sunday

It is time for the classic an Easter Egg hunt. Why not make it an Active Easter Egg hunt! Can you plan and create an Easter egg hunt for your friends or family to complete? Make it creative, challenging and, most importantly, fun! **Eggs-tra challenge** - can you create an Easter themed obstacle course? Make them work hard for their Easter treats!



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Eggs-ercise and have fun!
#ActiveEaster