



**BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**'Achieving Together'**

**November 2022 - Newsletter**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for our school, and for helping us make this term such a success.

The coming weeks are always very busy, with lots of Christmas activities including our Christmas performances and Christmas Fair. Please make sure that you check our website regularly so that you do not miss out on any of our exciting events.

**Librarian of the Month**



We were delighted to present our Junior Librarian of the Month awards to Florence (September) and Oliver (October). Mrs Patrick, our Librarian, is delighted with the support she has received from her junior librarian team.



**Eco Schools**



We are taking part in Switched off Fortnight, a fun and rewarding campaign led by our pupil and bringing STEM focused energy education to life. The average energy saving reported by schools taking part in Switch Off Fortnight is 10%. We are making changes both to our school and learning how we can make changes in our home life to save energy and help to protect the planet. Some of our pupils have been reading the meters with Mr Price, Site Manager, to find out our weekly savings!

## Children in Need



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November the children and staff supported the BBC Children in Need appeal by wearing 'Pudsey' related outfits or their own clothing.



£309.76 was raised and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

## Anti-Bullying Week



On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November pupils and staff took part in 'Odd Socks Day', an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness.



## School Remembrance Service

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, pupils and staff held their own Remembrance Services in their classrooms. Some children attend the Flaybrick Memorial Gardens Remembrance Service and read Bible readings and a poem by Wilfred Owen.



## Home School Partnership (HSP)

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Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select Bidston Avenue Home School Partnership as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features
3. Select **Bidston Avenue Home School Partnership** as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app or use the following link:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173377-0>



### HSP Helpers Required

The HSP is looking for helpers to make toast (9.00 – 10.30 am) and to distribute toast (10.30 – 11.00 am) to pupils. If you are interested in helping, whether it be one day a week or more, please leave your details with Reception or email school office ([schooloffice@bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk))

**Good Luck**

This term we say 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Bell. Mrs Bell has been our Attendance Officer/School Secretary for over 11 years and previously volunteered to work in the school office and was also a member of our HSP. We wish her all the very best in her new job.

## Harvest Collection



Our Harvest collection took place in October and was very successful. The food collected helped our local community through Wirral Foodbank. Once again, thank you for your kind donations.



## Story Time

Some of our Year 4 children have recently started their own lunchtime story time for younger children. The story time takes place in the library and is proving very popular, with up to 19 children attending every Tuesday.



## Uniform Donations and Pre-Loved School 'Shop'



We still have pre-loved uniform available (and a small selection of winter coats and new back packs) so please email your requests (item, sizes etc) ([schooloffice@bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk)) or call in at reception.

We are still accepting donations of clean, good quality, uniform, winter coats etc.

Thank you to everyone who donated school uniform.



Please can you pay any outstanding monies on ParentPay by the end of this term. Thank you.



Should you need to drive to school, please ensure that you park considerately and safely. This will help make sure that we continue to keep congestion to a minimum and keep our children safe. Please remember not to park on the zig zag lines, park on corners or block residential driveways or ride bicycles/scooters on the pavement.

As the days are getting darker, there are increasing levels of children walking and cycling to school, please be considerate. Thank you.

### Wirral Deen Centre

Year 3 had a Children's Rights workshop with Neil Sledge, as part of Wirral Deen Centre's C2C delivery project. He showed and read books about children's Rights. It was really interesting to learn about children who don't have access to their rights and find out what they do to resolve this!

We also enjoyed listening to Rights songs. We drew what we would like to have for ourselves and our world if we had a magic pencil. We loved playing: 'If we were the Government what our priorities would be for our country.'



**School Lottery Winners: 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Mrs M, Miss D, Mrs A, Mr D and Ms H.

Emails are sent to the winner to claim each week's prize

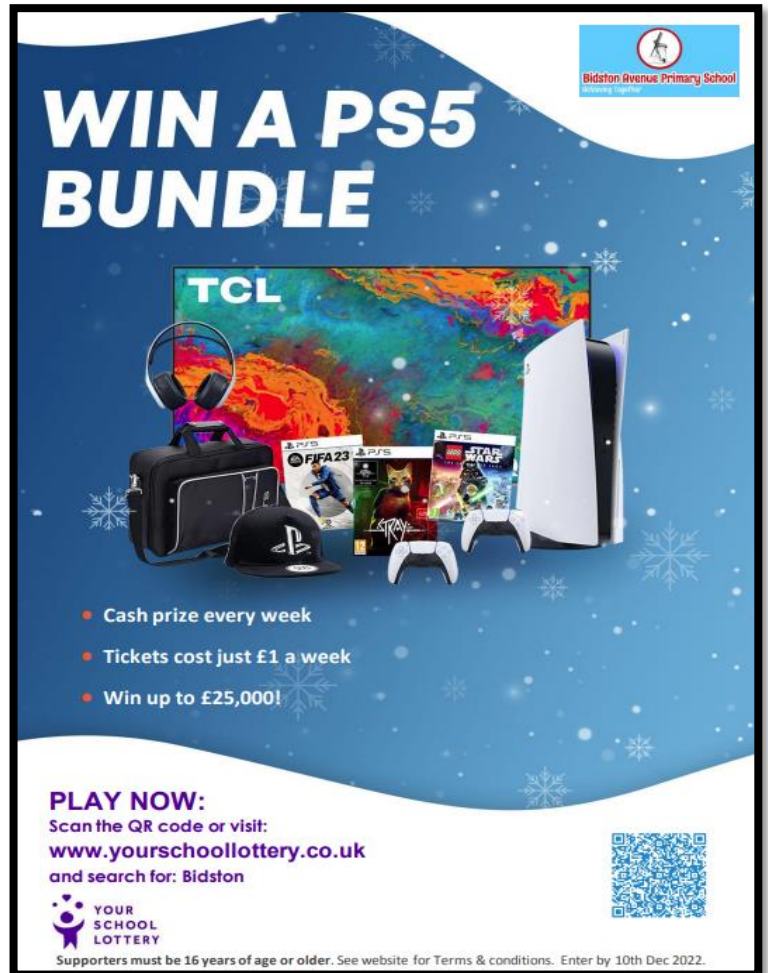
***Welcome to Bidston Avenue Primary School Lottery.***

The lottery was set up specifically to raise money and make a difference to our children and is a fantastic way for our parents, carers, school staff and wider community, in partnership with the school, to give something back.

We hope to continue to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children – by aiming to provide extra resources, improve the school environment as well as supporting extra- curricular activities such as clubs. Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week.

- There is a guaranteed cash winner for our school every week.
- Match 6 numbers and you win the £25,000 jackpot.
- The draw takes place every Saturday and winners are notified by email.
- For every ticket you play 76% goes to our school.

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**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 10th Dec 2022.

**Year 3 Stem Ambassador Visit**

Year 3 had a visit from a Stem Ambassador, who inspired them to think like Scientists, show resilience and aim for University when they grow up. The Ambassador also helped them learn about what humans and living things need to stay alive.



**2022 – 2023 Academic Year Dates for your Diary**  
*Please keep up to date by viewing the school website & app*

| Date   | Information  |
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| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December             | St James Church Community Carol Concert  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December            | Choir Only: Concert at Oxton St Saviours   |
| Week ending Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December  | Last week for Sports Clubs until next term   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December            | Elf Run<br>Christmas Dinner: F2 to Year 6  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December          | F2D Christmas Performance: 9.30 – 10.00 am<br>1B Christmas Performance: 2.00 – 2.30 pm<br>Christmas Disco's                    |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December           | F2C Christmas Performance: 9.30 – 10.00 am<br>Nursery Christmas Performance: 2.00 – 2.30 pm<br>Last Choir Club until next term |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December             | Nursery Christmas Performance: 9.30 – 10.00 am<br>1CM Christmas Performance: 2.00 – 2.30 pm                                    |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December            | School Carol Service, St James' Church<br>F2 – Y6 Christmas Party Day (Afternoon)  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December          | School Closed for Christmas  |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b> | <b>School Closed for Teacher Training</b>  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023        | School Open to Children  |

**Holiday Dates 2022 - 2023**

| <b>AUTUMN TERM 2022</b>             |                                     |
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| School closed for Christmas Holiday | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December |

| <b>SPRING TERM 2023</b>               |  |
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| School closed for Training Day        | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 |
| School opens                          | Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023  |
| School closed for half term           | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February       |
| School opens                          | Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February       |
| School closed for Spring Break/Easter | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April           |

| <b>SUMMER TERM 2023</b>                      |                                    |
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| School opens                                 | Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 |
| School closed for May Day                    | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May         |
| School closed for Training Day /Election Day | Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May       |
| School closed for half term                  | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May        |
| School opens                                 | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June        |
| School closed for Summer                     | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July       |

**1 INSET DAY IS STILL TO BE SET FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023**

# 10 tips for parents and carers

## HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?  
**Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!**

### 1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

### 2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

### 3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

### 4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

### 5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

### 6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back, to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

### 7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

### 8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

### 9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

### 10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

## Meet Our Expert

Neil Allen teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rabbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: [www.rabbishscience.com](http://www.rabbishscience.com)



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**2pm to 5pm ring 0151 666 5050**

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