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BULWELL BULLETIN



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Executive Principal's Message

Welcome back for Term 5

We are looking forward to a fresh start for all students in Term 5, and we are here to support your child and your family in any way we can. If you need to get in touch with anyone in school, you can find useful contact email addresses on the Academy website by clicking on the link below:

bulwellacademy.org.uk/main/contactus

In this issue, you will find news stories from the end of last term, details of how to sign up to our four additional Bulwell Boost Clubs, a wonderful letter of support from a parent and a reminder about uniform. We hope you enjoy reading.

CHRIS KEEN, EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL



Well done to all students who got involved with our World Book Day celebrations, back in March, and tried to work out each staff member's costume. Congratulations to our winner, Tanya (pictured far right in our windy photo), who correctly identified 39 characters! She and our three runners-up (Zane, Samantha and Amelia) won book vouchers kindly donated by Five Leaves Bookshop. We hope they enjoy spending them!

SIGN UP TO CLUBS WITH ARBOR APP!

New Clubs starting 22 April 2024

Dodgeball, Tennis, Rounders, Cricket

Using the Arbor App or the Arbor Parent Portal on your laptop or PC, you can now view your child's personal data, timetable, clubs, trips and attendance.

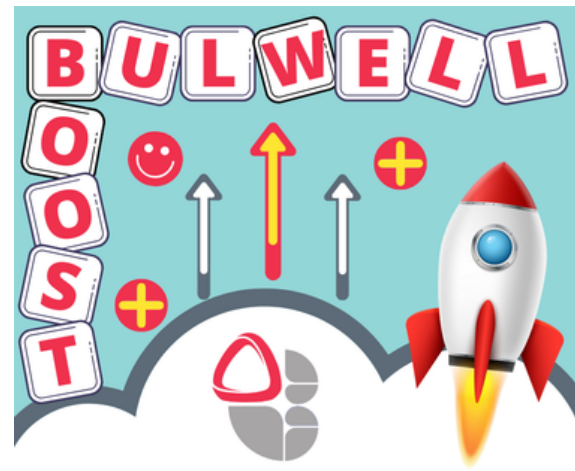
We are also going to begin sending messages and notices from school to you through the Arbor App, helping you keep up to date with instant notifications.

All primary guardians have been sent a letter outlining the Arbor App along with details of how to log in. Find out more here: [Arbor App & Parent Portal](#)

Once logged into Arbor, you will be able to check your child's current clubs and add them to any new ones. This will be much simpler for everyone - there will be no need for any online form or paper consent form.

The new clubs will be added shortly. We will let you know when they are available for you to add your child to the club. Spaces are on a first-come first-serve basis.

- If you have any queries about the Arbor App, please email: arbor@bulwellacademy.org.uk.
- To update your email address (needed for Arbor App login) [please complete the online form here](#)
- For any Bulwell Boost Club queries, please email: sarah.cruse@bulwellacademy.org.uk





STAR STUDENTS



Booksparks Winner!

A huge congratulations to Year 7's Alleah for being a Booksparks competition winner! Schools from all over Nottingham submitted alternative book cover designs for one of ten selected Chapter Chasers books. Alleah's colourful entry was selected as one of the winning designs. Alleah received a certificate and two free books, as well as winning a free book for our library.

Let's celebrate!

Year 11 enjoyed a Mock Results Day complete with awards for students who had made the 'most progress' since the last round of Mock Exams or who had achieved the best grades in their year group. Pictured are some of our Award Winners with their certificates. We wish all of Year 11 all the best for their final exams. Don't forget to attend the after-school Masterclasses to help you prepare!





STAR STUDENTS

Drama Superstars!

Sit back and watch Ayaan and Kyle from 7N - Miss Anderson's star students from Term 4.

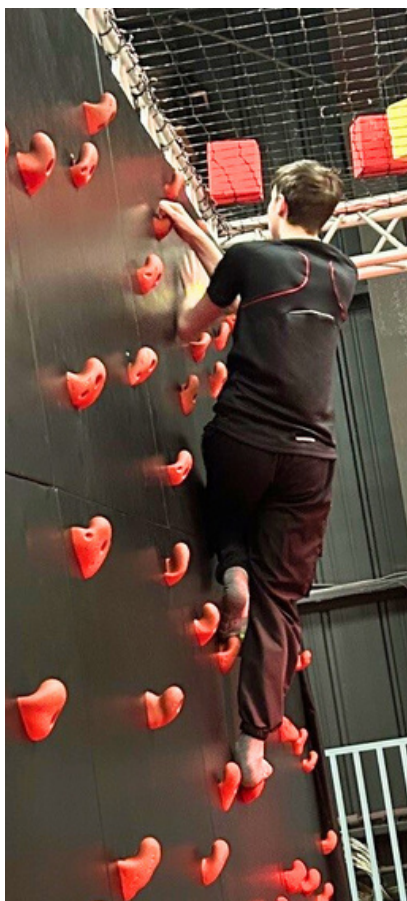
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The pair have worked fantastically within their melodrama unit of work this term. Exploring and developing a range of drama skills to suit the style of melodrama, the two superstars have created an outstanding soap opera around a young schoolboy admitting he has stolen from his own father. Amazing work from the two! It felt like we were watching an episode of Eastenders!

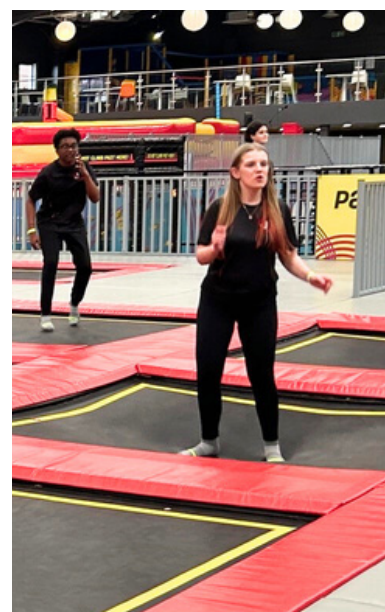
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Bounce away your cares!



Our Young Carers had a well-deserved trip to Red Kangaroo Park in Nottingham. They let off steam and enjoyed a range of fun activities on an afternoon away from school and a break from their caring responsibilities.



A young carer is a young person aged between 5 to 18 years old, who looks after someone who couldn't manage without their help. This could mean looking after a parent, brother or sister, grandparent or family friend who has a disability, long term illness, or drug and alcohol related issues. If this describes a young person in your household, please click on the link below to find out more about how we can support you and your child.

[Letting us know about Young Carers](#)





Students with good attendance in Term 4 were all entered into a Prize Draw at the end of last term. Year 8's Jack T won a bumper chocolate selection; Year 9's Heidi C won £20 in gift cards; and lucky Jessica G from Year 7 won an iPad donated by Creative Education Trust. Well done!

Special Breakfast Reward Winners

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE: TERM 4

7D	Mrs Beresford
8E	Miss Hopkinson
9L	Mr Grinsted
10K	Miss Crick

WATCH NOW

Here are the winners of our Special Breakfast Reward (click to play). At the end of every term, our kitchen staff prepare a little treat for the tutor groups in each year group who achieve the highest attendance. It is a nice opportunity for students to get together with their form at the beginning of the last day. Well done all.

Who will win at the end of Term 5?

Letter of support from a Parent



I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the excellent school communication plus teaching standards at The Bulwell Academy.

My second son is coming to the end of Year 11 within The Bulwell Academy. When he first started he was within himself and needed more learning skills. He was behind in his SATS from primary school. He excelled in leaps at Bulwell. He had supportive teachers throughout his time in school and continues to do so. The Bulwell Academy provided support and encouragement in every way, bringing him out his shell into the fine young lad he is today.

My eldest son left The Bulwell Academy in 2022. He has Autism and Tourettes. He had outstanding support in communication, day-to-day skills and teaching right up until his final year. Many teachers and support staff including Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Mellors and Miss O'Sullivan (these three especially) helped my eldest son with his confidence and moving forward ready to start college.

I visited several schools before my eldest son started as I needed the right school for him to attend due to his needs. The Bulwell Academy was the only school I had faith in from my first visit with my son (who fell in love with the red chairs). Through seeing my eldest son grow in confidence and seeing the support he received, this made me certain that Bulwell was the school for my other two boys to attend. Even though we have another secondary school close to where we live and I have to drive my boys to school, I chose The Bulwell Academy as my first and only choice.

I now have my youngest son left in year 8, and I know that The Bulwell Academy will excel in helping him too. He was shy when he first started but I see he's growing more confident as his time in this school continues.

I cannot thank the school enough for their support and teaching. I will always recommend this school to anyone who is unsure of where to send their child. The Bulwell Academy provides a safe school for my boys. The education it provides and the way the school conducts itself is outstanding. The Bulwell Academy is there for every student that attends, and I see that daily. From the moment my sons enter the school, I know they are in a safe environment with amazing education and support. Credit to the school and the Trust for my boys' education. And a massive thank you to all the staff involved in The Bulwell Academy for making it an enjoyable education for my boys.

**DONT
FORGET**



Be prepared for school every day by ensuring that all uniform is sorted out the night before and that bags and equipment are ready for the morning.

Students and parents have all been reminded recently of the correct standards for Bulwell Academy uniform. Please make sure your child has the following to wear to school every day:

- Academy blazer and Academy tie
- White school shirt
- Black trousers or black knee-length skirt (not tight fitting or stretchy fabric)
- Suitable footwear that is all black in colour

Your child must also bring a suitable bag to school every day to carry the necessary equipment. Students are responsible for having the full correct uniform and the correct equipment.

Students who are prepared will receive Bulwell Bucks. Students who do not have the correct uniform will be given the opportunity to correct their uniform. Those who refuse to accept help to correct their uniform will be sent to Alt Ex for the entire school day.



If you require support with uniform, please contact your child's Year Manager / Director of Achievement or email enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk

You can also pop in to view our recycled uniform stock during school hours. If you are able to donate any items that you no longer need, we would be very grateful.