

The Bliss Charity School

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Term 6



Welcome back everybody,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and you're looking forward to the final seven weeks of the school year. Term 6 is set to a good one ... so good in fact that I've barely got any space to write this message because there are so many events scheduled in the diary below! Working in a school is such great fun – in what other job would you return from a holiday to be greeted by a band of fearsome (mini) pirates ready to set sail on the high seas? Make sure you follow us on twitter to keep up with all the action from across the school.

Mr. Carter

Dates for your diary ...

This is a list of events scheduled for Term 6. If your child is involved in any activities that require special arrangements (e.g. permission to leave the school site or participation beyond normal school hours), you will receive more information from their class teacher or the school office.

June - July			
5 th June	Class 1 (Pirates) topic dress-up Class 2 (Around the World) topic dress-up	29 th June	<i>Friends of Bliss</i> summer discos – times TBC No KS2 football club
7 th June	Dare to be Different trip Women's Tour trip	30 th June	KS1 Celebration Assembly (9:10 in the Hall) <i>RSPB Wild in Art</i> competition deadline
8 th June	House names vote Year 5/6 cricket tournament (3:00 – 6:00)	3 rd July	Campion transfer day 1 (Year 6 pupils) 'Change over afternoon' – new classes
9 th June	KS1 Celebration Assembly (9:10 in the Hall)	4 th July	Campion transfer day 2 (Year 6 pupils)
12 th June	Year 5/6 athletics competition at Moulton College Radio workshop in Class 6 New reception parents' meeting (5:30)	5 th July	Basketball event at Campion (KS2)
13 th June	Reception trip to Butterfly Farm	7 th July	KS2 celebration assembly (9:10 in the Hall) Class 1 trip to Hunstanton Reports home
14 th June	School photos (8:15 for families with pre-school aged children)	10 th July	Inclusive sports event at Campion 'Wild in Art' competition winners announced Full Governing Body meeting (6:30 – 8:30)
15 th June	'NMPAT: The Festival 2017' at The Derngate: Rehearsal in the afternoon during school time Evening performance (7:00 start)	12 th July	Reception trip to 'Muddy Education' (Holdenby) Class 4 trip to Tesco Year 5/6 performances of <i>The Pied Piper</i> (2:00 & 6:00)
16 th June	KS2 celebration assembly (9:10 in the Hall) Save the Children 'Den Day'	13 th July	KS1 potted sports event at Campion
19 th June	Class 3 trip to Lunt Roman Fort	14 th July	Final celebration assembly of the year (9:10 in the hall)
20 th June	Sports day (9:00 – 12:00) Year 3/4 netball competition at Campion	17 th – 21 st July	No school-run clubs this week
26 th June	Poetry Jam (5:00)	20 th July	Leavers' service at St. Peter & St. Paul's (9:30) Year 6 leavers' prom
28 th June	Class 4 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park Class 1 Punch and Judy workshop	21 st July	Leavers' assembly (1:30 – 2:30) Last day of Term 6

Please be aware that these dates are subject to change and other activities will be added into the diary throughout the term. A feature of good teaching is to respond to children's interests as a topic or a unit of work progresses, therefore not all events can be planned too far in advance. Also, some activities – such as sporting fixtures and musical opportunities – only become available a few weeks (or sometimes days) before they take place. There is a calendar on the school website that is kept up-to-date by Mrs. Howard and the school office will always endeavor to give parents/carers as much notice as possible about upcoming events, additional activities or diary changes.

Metacognition

The Bliss Charity School's metacognition programme is a fantastic way of developing children's ability to learn. Whilst the pupils can achieve all ten skills and all ten attitudes at any time, we focus on one skill and one attitude per month explicitly as a whole-school. Last month we looked at *responsible* attitudes and *reasoning* skills.

Responsible – In a democracy-themed assembly linked to the general election on June 8th, we explored what it means to be responsible. We defined this attitude as being reliable, taking control and being trusted to make your own choices. We established that being responsible is about making good decisions for the right reasons. This led into a discussion about the significance of the general election and how being able to vote is a right in our country, but also a great responsibility.

Reasoning – After solving some mathematical problems collectively, we explored the skill that had led to finding the correct answers. We agreed that reasoning had enabled these solutions and we defined this skill as thinking about something sensibly and logically, from all angles.

Our whole-school skill for June/July is *applying* and our attitude is *pride in myself and others*.

Applying



Pride in myself and others

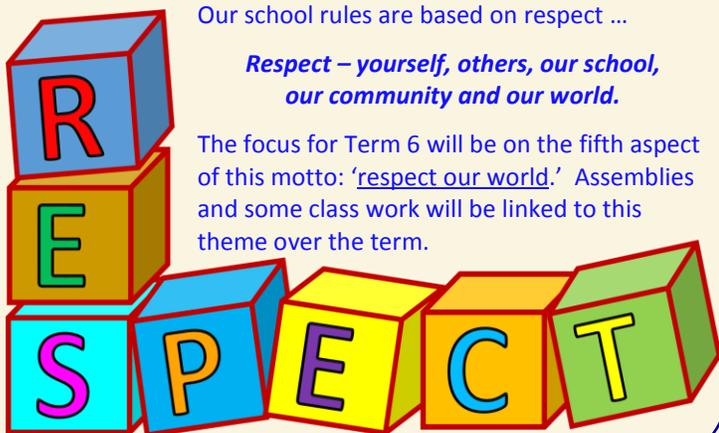


Respect

Our school rules are based on respect ...

Respect – yourself, others, our school, our community and our world.

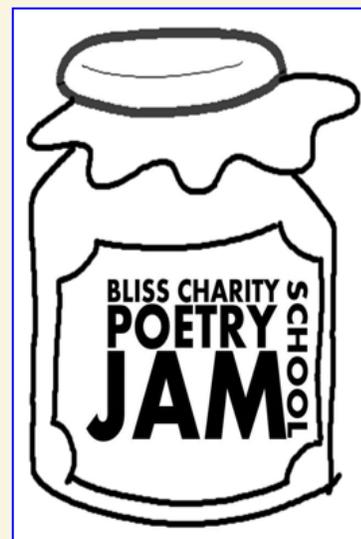
The focus for Term 6 will be on the fifth aspect of this motto: 'respect our world.' Assemblies and some class work will be linked to this theme over the term.



Poetry Jam

The Bliss Charity School's fifth annual poetry jam will take place on Monday 26th June at 5:00 pm. Please bring a picnic to the playground and enjoy the jam – all the classes will be performing.

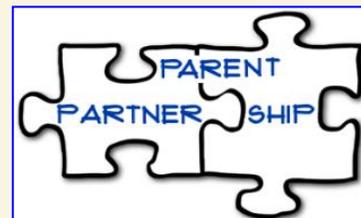
If you would like to perform individually, with friends or even with family, please see Miss Thompson for a slip.



Please be aware that no term-time holidays will be authorised. Taking your child out of school during term-time affects their education and that of others in the class. End-of-year assessments take place in every group during the final term, which are very important for the next academic year. All schools have a duty to act on attendance that falls below the national level and the persistent absence threshold of 90%.



As part of our ongoing commitment to provide the very best for our pupils, the school regularly reviews its own practice with external partners. On Thursday 15th June, there will be a teaching and learning review in school and we welcome the contributions of parents/carers as part of this process. If you would like to contribute, there is an opportunity for a limited number of parents/carers to meet with our advisor (Gill Clarke) before school (times TBC) to share your views on the school's strengths and areas for development. Please contact the school office if you're interested.



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust



Pupils from The Bliss Charity School will be performing at The Derngate on Thursday 15th June as part of 'NMPAT: The Festival 2017'. This show is an opportunity to share in and celebrate arts performances by young people from Northamptonshire's primary and secondary schools, who will be showcasing their talents, skills and irrepressible energy. If you would like to come along and support the school, tickets are available from The Derngate box office for £9: <http://tickets.royalandderngate.co.uk/single/PSDetail.aspx?psn=49178>



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World Environment Day

In today's assembly we focused on the 'respect our world' element of the school rules and explored the origins and purpose of World Environment Day.

World Environment Day is organised by the United Nations and it occurs on 5th June every year. The purpose of the day is to appreciate our planet and encourage worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

World Environment Day was first held in 1972 and since then it has been raising awareness of emerging environmental issues, from marine pollution and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime.

Each year, World Environment Day has a new theme. The theme for 2017 is 'Connecting People to Nature'. World Environment Day 2017 implores us to get outdoors and into nature, to appreciate its beauty and its importance, and to take forward the call to protect the Earth that we share. This year's theme invites you to think about how we are part of nature and how we depend on it. It challenges us to find exciting ways to experience and cherish this vital relationship.

Linked to this year's theme of 'Connecting People to Nature', the UN Environment Programme is attempting to create the world's biggest nature album and they're asking for people to share photos or videos of the places in nature that matter the most to them:

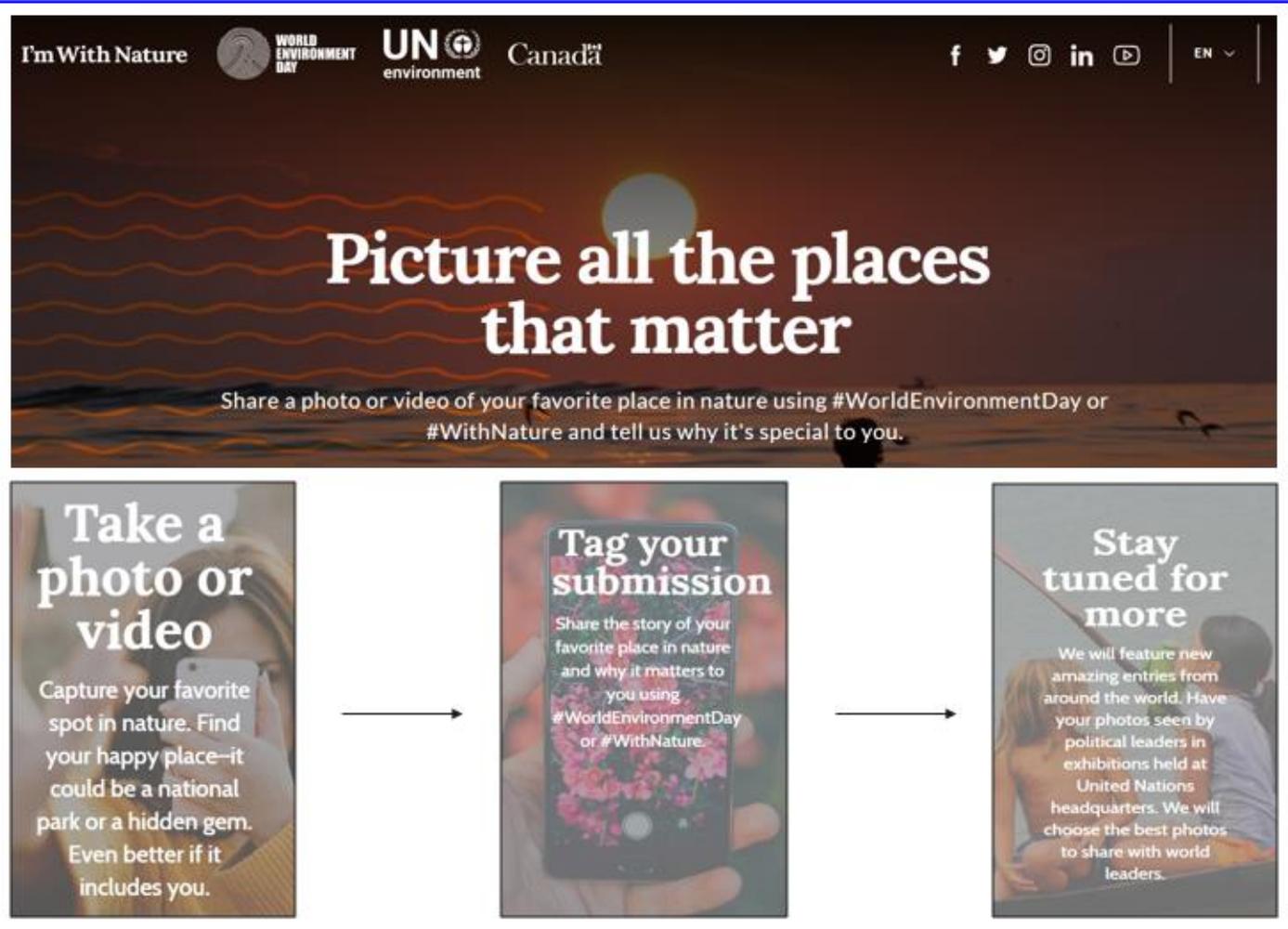


Join the global album

Help us create the world's biggest nature album by sharing a photo or video of the place that matters most to you.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



I'm With Nature  **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**  **UN environment**  **Canada**      **EN** ▾

Picture all the places that matter

Share a photo or video of your favorite place in nature using #WorldEnvironmentDay or #WithNature and tell us why it's special to you.

Take a photo or video

Capture your favorite spot in nature. Find your happy place—it could be a national park or a hidden gem. Even better if it includes you.

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Tag your submission

Share the story of your favorite place in nature and why it matters to you using #WorldEnvironmentDay or #WithNature.

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Stay tuned for more

We will feature new amazing entries from around the world. Have your photos seen by political leaders in exhibitions held at United Nations headquarters. We will choose the best photos to share with world leaders.

Let's see if we can get some images of pupils from The Bliss Charity School in the global album! Visit <http://worldenvironmentday.global/how-celebrate/picture-all-places-matter> for more details.

The Friends of Bliss

The Friends of Bliss held a very successful film night on Thursday 25th May – over 100 children stayed to enjoy the movie and refreshments with their friends. Thank you to all the members of The Friends of Bliss for the time and effort that went into planning and organising this super event. There is another *FUN*draising event planned for later this term too. On Thursday 29th June, there will be summer discos for the both the younger and the older children! The precise times and arrangements for the discos will be confirmed in the coming weeks. The Friends will also be organising the annual leavers' prom for the Year 6 pupils on Thursday 20th July. If anyone would like to help out with either of these events, or join The Friends of Bliss, please contact: friendsofbliss@hotmail.co.uk.



Be safe in the Sun

As we head into the summer, it is important that the children come to school prepared for warm weather. When it is hot and sunny, we encourage pupils to wear hats and sun-protection lotion. Repeated unprotected exposure to the sun can cause skin damage. Children's skin is particularly sensitive and needs protection from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays whenever they're outdoors. They can also bring an additional water-bottle to school so they can have a drink in lessons and at break time. There are water-fountains in school where these can be filled up.

BE SUN SMART



Put on a Shirt



Put on Sunscreen



Wear a Hat



Wear Sunglasses



Stay in the Shade



**SHARE THE SUN SAFE STORY
WITH YOUR CHILD**



School photographs will be taking place on Wednesday 14th June. Please ensure that children are in full school uniform on this day. The photographer will be taking individual and family group shots on this day.



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