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## People's Book Prize Winner Visits School



The award-winning, bestselling children's author, Billy Bob Buttons, visited school recently.

The author of sixteen very popular children's books inspired the children by reading to Mercury, Earth and Venus then working with KS2 classes. He explained how he plans and writes his stories; using his ideas then children's and editors' opinions to make his stories funny, exciting and dramatic.

The children listened attentively, asking super questions and learning strategies to keep the reader hooked right to the end. It was exciting to hear that two stories are in the process of being made into films and Billy Bob emphasized the importance of perseverance.

At the end of the afternoon there were lots of families buying signed copies of books and even some of our own authors showing their work and getting a professional opinion.

Find out more about Billy Bob Buttons at [www.bbbuttons.co.uk](http://www.bbbuttons.co.uk). See what he's up to on twitter @BillyBobButtons

## World Book Day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** is World Book Day. We will be having a book themed week at BBS but on Thursday children are welcome to come to school dressed as a **character from a children's book**.

## Useful Websites

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>



We always value your support with helping to extend your child's learning at home but we also understand that sometimes knowing exactly where to go to get ideas and resources can be challenging, particularly with the number of different websites that are available.

Oxford Owl for home provides free resources to support learning in reading and maths as well as advice and support for parents. There are lots of educational activities and games and a free eBook library with lots of titles for 3- to 11-year-olds that are compatible with tablets and e-readers. It is free to use. All you need to do is register.

**BBS highly recommended!**

## Supporting Selby Foodbank



We have had an amazing response from you all to our first 2 themed foodbank collections (Tooth Set Tuesday and Warm Drink Wednesday) with our collection bags overflowing with donations. We have also had people donating unwanted non-perishable items, such as cans, to our collection point outside Venus and Earth classes. Selby Foodbank volunteers were surprised and delighted when they arrived to collect everything. The School Council have worked hard to promote this cause and organise the events, having been inspired by their visit. Barlby Bridge is proud to be a community school and over this year we want the children to learn about, understand and be a part of their local community. Your help in achieving these outcomes and your generosity is hugely appreciated! Thank you.

## Well Done!

We are very proud to inform you that we now have two accredited North Yorkshire County Moderators here at Barlby Bridge!

Moderators work with NYCC education advisors to moderate teacher assessments in schools across the county. Accreditation is hard to achieve through a rigorous selection process based on a range of tasks. Ms Burroughs has successfully passed as a KS2 moderator for English and Mrs Aston has achieved moderator status for the Early Years. I am sure you will join me in saying a well done to them both!

## Important Dates for your Diary

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	World Book Day- Dress up as a children's book character.
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Earth Class Open Morning 9.00-10.00am
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mars Class Open Morning 9.00-10.00am
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Experience Easter at Selby Abbey - Year 3 and 4
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Good Work Invitation Assembly
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	STEM curriculum day at Barlby High School. Year 5
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Migration Project Celebration Event at Ripon St John University- 4-6pm Equality Team
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Parents Evening 3.10-6pm
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Jupiter class open morning 9.00- 10.00
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Comic Relief Day
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Closes for Easter
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School Opens for Pupils

## The Library

Over the last 18 months a huge amount of work has been put into developing our school library and growing our book stock. We have an online check-in system and each child has their own unique number to allow them to take books out and take them home to enjoy. Currently the Library is open for lending on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning playtimes and is staffed by our own trained school librarians. We have a wide range of fiction titles and non-fiction books to suit all interests. We currently have a dedicated display of Billy Bob Buttons work, as our featured author. Soon we will be launching after school lending, where you can join your child and choose a book together. Look out for details soon!