



School News

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Computing at Burdett –Coutts

The **School Council** visited **BETT** to look at new software that would enhance our writing lessons.

BETT or The **BETT Show** (formerly known as the *British Educational Training and Technology Show*) is an annual trade show in the United Kingdom marketing information technology in education organised by Ascential.

Mr Carden and Mrs Camplin also visited **BETT** to view software and new hardware for our school.

We will be sharing information about the resources that we use and how to keep your child safe at our **Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February**.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to the workshop where our children will present information.



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2018 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org



Coffee Mornings in the spring term



We have a range of coffee mornings during this spring term. We hope that you will find a topic that interests you – come to one – come to all!

Venue: The First Floor Hall, Time: 9-9.30am

Tuesday 6th February – Computing and Internet safety, led by Mr Carden.

Thursday 22nd February –PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) led by Miss Mattey

Wednesday 28th February- Provision for the More Able child, led by Miss Sweeney

Thursday 8th March, Collective Worship, led by Mrs McMullan

Thursday 22nd March, Religious Education Policy, led by Miss Henning

Thought for the week  1 Peter 5: 6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Writing at Burdett-Coutts!

Here are this week's examples of how you can support your child in improving their sentence writing.

This week numbers **7 and 10** are suitable for Key Stage One and numbers **7, 8, 9 and 10** are aimed at Key Stage Two children.

6. De:De

Rule: A Description: Detail or De:De sentence is a

- A compound sentence in which two independent clauses are separated by a **colon**.
- The first clause is descriptive.
- The second adds further detail.

Examples:

I was exhausted: I hadn't slept for more than two days.

7. Verb, person

Rule: A sentence starts with a verb to give it more importance. The verb is always followed by a comma and then a name or personal pronoun (he, she, they, it) followed by the rest of the sentence.

Examples:

- a) **Running, Sarah** almost tripped over her own feet.
- b) **Tiptoeing, he** tried to sneak out across the landing without waking anybody up.

8. O. (I)

Rule: They are Outside: Inside sentences. They are made up of two related sentences. The first sentence tells the reader a character's outward action and the second reveals their true feelings.

Examples:

- a) Kate ate the cake that was given to her with enthusiasm and delight. (Inside however, she wished she had turned down the offer).
- b) She smiled at the cheeky little boy. (At the same time, she was hurt by his tricks).

9. If, if, if, then

Rule: Summarising a dramatic plot (key plots) at the beginning or end of a story in groups of 3. The emphasis is on using a comma after each clause.

Examples:

If the alarm hadn't gone off, **if** the bus had been on time, **if** the road repairs had been completed, **then** his life would not have been destroyed.

If Hannibal hadn't been lost, **if** Rome hadn't won, **if** Carthage hadn't fallen, **then** the Mediterranean would be very different today.

10. Emotion word, (comma)

Rule: Emotion first, followed by the actions that are caused by the emotion. Putting the word first gives more weight to the emotion.

When teaching, produce an A-Z list of emotions the children could use (e.g: Afraid, Brave, Cantankerous etc.).

Examples:

Desperate, she screamed for help.
Terrified, he froze instantly to the spot.
Happily, she skipped along the gravelly path.

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Dates for your diary- Spring Term 2018

Dates	Events
5th – 9th February – Science, STEM Week	
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day 9am, Safer Internet Day Coffee morning for parents and carers
12th – 16th February – Half Term	
Monday 19 th	Year 3 Educational Visit to the Science Museum
Thursday 22 nd	9am, PSHE Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 23 rd	9.15am, Lewis class assembly – year 5
Wednesday 28 th	NEW DATE : 9am , Provision for the More Able child coffee morning for parents and carers
26th February – 2nd March – Book Week	
March 2018	
Thursday 1 st	St David's Day World Book Day
Friday 2 nd	9.15am, Burningham class assembly – Year 1
Thursday 8 th	9am, Collective Worship Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 9 th	9.15am, Rowling class assembly – Year 4
Monday 12 th	Year 3 Educational Visit to the London Central Mosque
Thursday 15 th	Parents' Evening for years 1 – 6 parents
Friday 16 th	9.15am, Cowell class assembly – Year 3

Dates	Events
Saturday 17 th	St Patrick' s Day
March 2018 (cont)	
Thursday 22 nd	NEW DATE : 9am, RE Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 23 rd	9.15am, Carle class assembly – Nursery
26th - 31st March – Holy week	
Maundy Thursday 29th	Last Day of the spring term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

Glasses Reminder



During half term, please try and take your child / children to the optician.

Your child may have trouble seeing clearly and an optician or eye doctor may suggest that you get some glasses (spectacles) to wear.

Several children and staff wear glasses and they realise that when they wear their glasses, they can see so much better.

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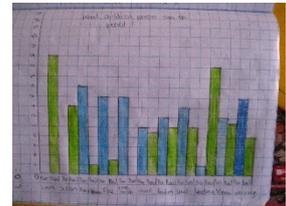
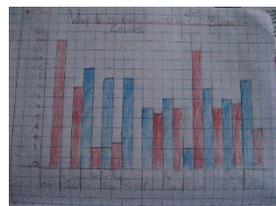
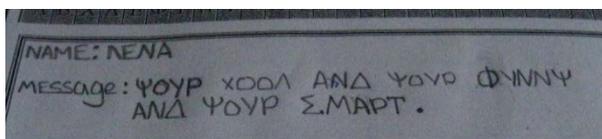
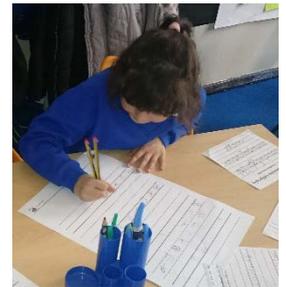
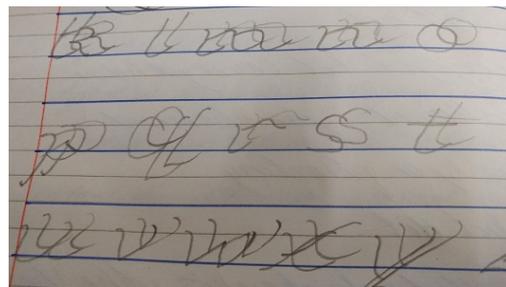
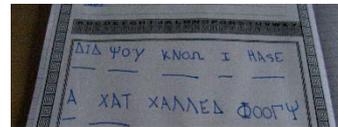
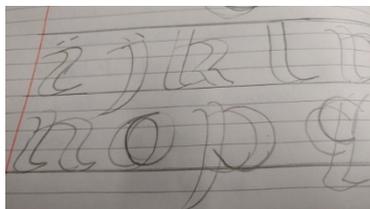
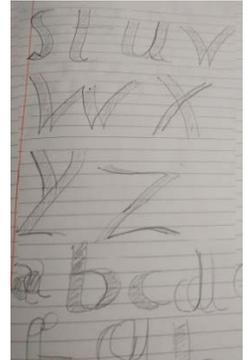
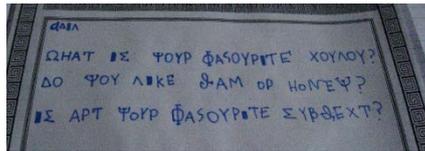
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National Handwriting Day at Burdett-Coutts



Wednesday 24th January 2018



Across the school, we looked at how handwriting has changed over time and in different countries. We concentrated on our pencil / pen grip and activities like cutting that help these fine motor skills. We also looked at gross motor skills and movements that will help us with our handwriting too. In our survey, we learnt that there were 26 left-handed children in school that day, and 201 right-handed children. Also, 116 children prefer writing with pen and 111 prefer writing with pencil.

	Left	Right	Pen	Pencil	Total in class
Carle	1	23	0	24	24
Jeffers	4	10	0	14	18
Bura	3	17	18	17	20
Fine	0	19	16	3	19
K.S	3	13	16	0	16
Cowell	3	16	10	9	14
Rowling	3	19	12	10	21
Lewis	3	21	14	10	24
Black	0	24	2	22	24
Pull	4	19	12	11	23
Morp	2	20	16	8	22
TOTAL	26	201	116	111	227
Adults	5	28			