



Burlington Junior School

Newsletter



Friday 29th September 2023



Banksy - Miss Albury
Kusama - Mr Kim
Riley - Mrs Didcote-Hayward
Samba - Miss Harris



Carver – Miss Grinsted
Goodall - Miss Edwards
Tesla - Miss Duncombe/Mrs Harvey
Turing – Mrs Le Voir



Jemison - Miss Gava
Peake - Miss Phillips
Sharman - Mr Panesar
Wakata - Miss Golding



Bloom - Miss Gorman
Eliot – Miss Dunne
Silverstein - Mrs Kreczman
Zephaniah – Mr West

A Message from the Headteacher:

We have had a very busy start to the term with the Ofsted visit after just one week back from the Summer holidays. The report is on our website [here](#) and we are very pleased with all the extremely positive comments the inspector (rightly) made about Burlington Junior School.

The building work has finally started and it is exciting to see the footprint of the new building take shape. Senior leaders and Governors meet regularly with the building team to make sure everything is running smoothly without interruption to learning. It was lovely to see so many parents at the year group welcome meetings. If you missed it please see the presentations [here](#).

I am looking forward to meeting you on MANGO day on 6th October, please do let your child's class teacher know if you can spend a few minutes talking to the pupils about a hobby or your job. Photos and any props/resources/visuals really help to engage the children.

Finally, congratulations to our Assistant Headteacher, Natalie Yendole, who had baby James in August.

Best wishes, Mrs Utting

Key Dates for October:

4th October - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

6th October - MANGO morning (Mums, Aunts, Nana, Granny and others)

6th October - Y5 Sharman class assembly

13th October - Parent Forum meeting 9am

13th October - Y6 Zephaniah class assembly

13th October - School disco

W/C 16th October - Scholastic Book Fair after school

W/C 16th October - NO CLUBS

17th October - Parents' evening 4-7pm

18th October - Parents' evening 2-6pm

20th October - Wear it Pink day for £2

20th October - Y4 Tesla class assembly

20th October - Children break for half term. School closes at 3.25pm



Meet Our House Captains...



Anisa
Emma



Aanandh
Aksara



Flo
Yeon-Sung



Felix
Khloe

My name is Anisa and I am 10 years old. I am one of the house captains for Earth house. I am in Silverstein.



I like watching my favourite TV show, A Series of Unfortunate Events. I also enjoy making comics in my spare time. I have a younger brother in Year 3.

My name is Emma and I am 11. I love to read and am very sociable. I am excited to be a house captain because I want to help improve the school and would love to hear all your ideas. I am in Earth house and I can't wait for sports day to lead you around the activities.

Written by our house captains:
Anisa and Emma

My name is Felix and I am a house captain for Water. I am in Silverstein.



My hobby is football and my favourite food is pizza. My favourite animal is a lion.

My name is Khloe, I am one of the house captains for Water in Year 6. I am a very sociable person and love to help out. I have been at Burlington since nursery so about 8 years; I have wanted to become a house captain ever since I heard about it. My favourite subject is English and I want to encourage other children to also like it! My hobbies are doing gymnastics and listening to music.

Written by our house captains:
Felix and Khloe

My name is Aksara and I am 10 years old. I am the house captain for Air house. I am in Eliot class.



I have 2 sisters. My favourite hobby is reading books or drawing. My favourite animals are pandas and dogs.

My name is Aanandh and I'm 10 and $\frac{3}{4}$. I am the house captain for Air. I have been in the school since Infants and I am excited to be a house captain because I love sports and want to help the school become even better. I am helpful and a great listener and would love to encourage more people to partake in lots of different forms of exercise. My hobbies are chess, football, drawing and reading. My favourite subjects are geography and maths.

Written by our house captains:
Aanandh and Aksara

I am Yeon-Sung and I am 10 years old. I am in Eliot class and I am the house captain for Fire house.



My favourite foods are cheese and Doritos. I have a dog, my favourite animal, and no siblings. My hobbies are chess, eating and playing video games. I used to like wolves until I got a dog. I am studying for the 11+ exams.

My name is Flo and I am 10. I like guinea pigs and I have two of my own. My hobby is reading. I am excited about being a house captain of Fire because I like interviewing people and I enjoy being a leader. I like listening to music and I am also in the school choir.

Written by our house captains:
Flo and Yeon-Sung

We Are Super Learners...



Anisa
Emma



Aanandh
Aksara



Flo
Yeon-Sung



Felix
Khloe



Year 3 had a visit from the Wonderdome recently. This is what the children had to say about it.

"We went into a huge silver dome to look at space. Inside we saw a space shuttle and a spaceship. I liked it because it felt like I was really in space."

Mae, Samba class



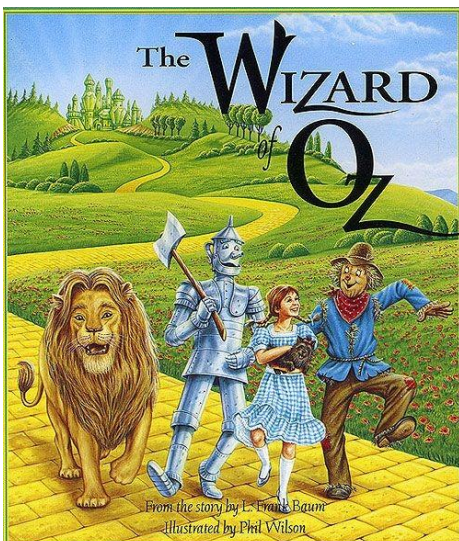
"We went into the dome and watched an interesting video about space.

I liked it because it felt like I was in a spaceship!"

Arthur, Samba class



We have been starting our English learning by reading *The Tin Forest*. We have been describing the forest the character dreams about and describing our own dreams for the future.



We have just started reading the *Wizard of Oz* in English and Guided Reading lessons.

In Geography, we have been learning about different climate areas within the world and comparing the weather in these places.

In Science, we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases and what things in our world fit into these different states of matter.

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On Monday 11th September, Year 5 went back in time and became Anglo-Saxons in a workshop to kick off their history topic. They learned all about the different tribes and how they would fight their enemies in battle, even getting hold weapons, shields and armour that the Anglo-Saxons wore!

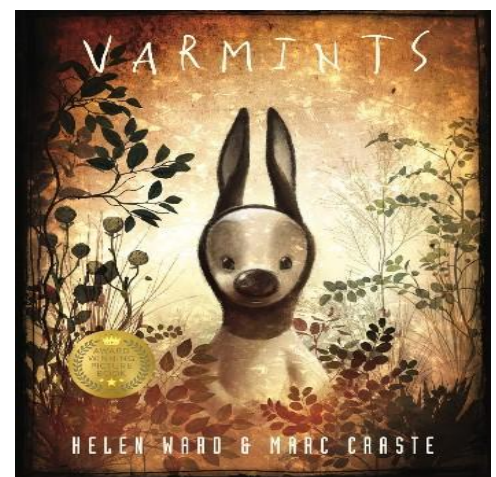


They also had a closer look at some genuine artefacts. The workshop leader was very informative and engaging and the children had an amazing time.



In English, we have been reading a book Called Varmints, which is about the environment with all the creatures living in it and how their home was destroyed by builders building a city over it.

During indoor PE, we have been playing Dodgeball and doing different games and activities.



Whilst doing geography, we looked at natural disasters and how volcanoes are created. Our homework is also based around this subject.
Emma in Zephaniah class



We are Readers...

Class Readers

At Burlington Junior School, we are passionate about reading.

Alongside high quality texts used in our English lessons, all classes will have a carefully selected class reader. During dedicated story time, our teachers aim to choose books that inspire and engage our pupils as well as reflecting the wide variety of cultures found in our school.

You can find a list of some of the class readers your children will read during their time with at BJS on [our website](#). We see this list as something that should be always evolving as we strive to share new books with our children that we, as teachers, are passionate about.

Reading Shed Lending Library

Just outside the Year 6 doors we have our Lending Library.



Inside are books for your children to take home and read. Once you have read the books please bring them back for others to also enjoy. We are also happy for you to leave books inside the shed for others.

Our Recommended Reads

Teachers are often asked where to find lists of recommended reading books for children. We thought we'd share some useful websites which may help when making choices.

Book Trust's Book Finder:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>



Books For Topics:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>



School Reading List:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>



CLPE Book Lists:

<https://clpe.org.uk/books?f%5B0%5D=year-group%3A345>



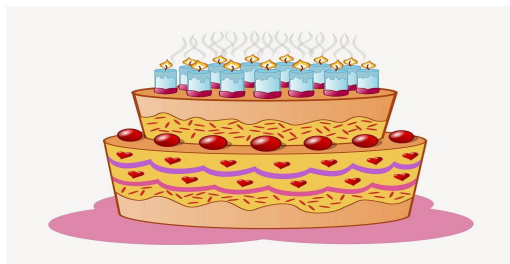


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News from the BSA

Up and coming events

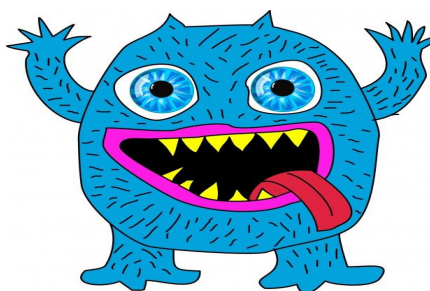


Cake Sale - Friday 6th October - Year 4. Please bring your cakes into school in the morning and leave them at the school office. Cakes will be on sale at the end of the school day

MEETING



BSA - AGM - Monday 9th October in the Great Hall - all welcome

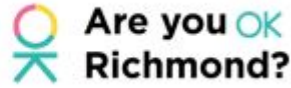
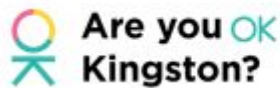


Monster Ball - Friday 13th October 6pm - 8pm

Please note that tickets are limited due to space. General ticket sales will open on the 3rd October, but there will be a pre-sale of tickets from Friday 29th September for those who sign up to volunteer.

To contact the BSA - info.burlingtonpta@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/BurlingtonSchoolsAssiciation

Mental Health Webinars for Parents



'Helping children with...' series of webinars for parents

Achieving for Children's Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of primary aged children. The **'Helping Children with ...'** series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties. Below is a list of webinars on offer over the coming months. In the third and fourth columns of the table below, you will find the sign up links. Please note that sign up links will be added a month before the webinar dates.

Helping children with ...	Overview of webinar	Morning 9am	Evening 6pm
Worries	The 'Helping children with worries' webinar will help you learn ways to support your child in dealing with their big feelings, worries and fears. This webinar will give you practical ideas on how to help your child to think more positively and develop their self confidence. You will also be introduced to some helpful cognitive behavioural therapy concepts.	28 September 2023 28 September 2023 MHST Workshop: Helping children with Worries 08 March 2024	26 September 2023 26 September 23 MHST Workshop: Helping children with worries 07 March 2024
Resilience	The 'Helping children with resilience' webinar will support you in understanding how children develop resilience, while exploring a variety of helpful coping skills, and what you can do as a parent or carer to help them be their most confident self.	18 October 2023 18 October 23 MHST Workshop children with resilience 22 March 2024	16 October 2023 16 October 23 MHST workshop: Helping children with resilience 21 March 2024
Friendships	In this workshop we will learn how to support our children develop their friendship skills: learning to communicate better, repair difficulties, and negotiate solutions when relationships between peers are tricky.	17 November 2023 19 April 2024	15 November 2023 18 April 024

Challenging behaviours	Children often communicate their needs through their behaviours. The 'Helping children with challenging behaviours' webinar will help you to learn about the different factors that can impact children's behaviours, build or strengthen positive relationships by reinforcing the importance of giving positive attention. You will also learn strategies to establish home rules and boundaries to create a safe and structured environment for your children.	8 December 2023 17 May 2024	6 December 2023 16 May 2024
Screen time	In this workshop we discuss the positive and negative impact of screen time and gaming on a child's mental wellbeing. We will share the recommendations for screen time based on age, how to have this conversation with your child in a positive and effective manner and a simple and effective way to manage screen time.	25 January 2024 06 June 2024	23 January 2024 05 June 2024
Sleep	The 'Helping children with sleep' webinar introduces a number of key concepts and strategies to support you in creating a healthy bedtime routine for your child. This webinar focuses on the importance of sleep due to its impact on child development and wellbeing, and explores key components in enhancing sleep quality.	28 February 2024 28 June 2024	27 February 2024 26 June 2024

*All Webinars are 60 minutes long, with 15 minutes at the end for questions and answers.

****Please have a pen and paper handy for the webinar.***

How to sign up

Parents and carers can sign up to the webinars by clicking on the sign up links. This will take them to a google form where they will need to provide their email address, the school their child attends, and the year group their child is in.

Who to contact

If parents have any questions, they can contact the school who will direct queries to the allocated MHST practitioner.



And Finally...

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. If you are unsure you can check the NHS guidelines here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Parent Forum

The first parent forum meeting of the new school year is on Friday 13th October at 9am in the Junior Hall. We will be talking about the new school build and the Ofsted report.

Please use this link to raise any questions Parent Forum is for talking about school-wide issues, so if you have a question that's specific to your child, please talk to your child's class teacher. If you can get your questions in by Friday 5th October, that will give us time to be ready with answers the following week.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc19iUA3u4pgkTZuE73aCSvNSThckGHDy3esOa9rTEQUxVykg/viewform?usp=sf_link

School Governors

We are looking for 2 new Governors, if you are interested please come along to our next meeting to see if it's for you on Wednesday 22nd November at 6.30pm – just let the office know please if you are attending.

MANGO morning

(Mums, aunties, nans, grannies and others welcome)

Friday 6th October 2023

In the Junior Hall

Writing Workshop

Year **3** and **4** relatives: 09:00 - 09:30

Into class to see learning: 09:30 - 10:30

Year **5** and **6** relatives: 10:00 - 10:30

Into class to see learning: 09:00 - 09:30

We hope you are able to join us!

Would you like to be an SMSA?

We have 2 vacancies for lunchtime staff. If you are interested please contact Mrs Rogan or Mrs Khan in the school office on parent@bjs.rbksch.org

School Meals

Parents and Carers are welcome to join their child for lunch on their birthday or for a special occasion. To book please inform Mrs Rogan in the office. The cost is £2.70. We look forward to seeing you.