

# **Burlington Junior School Newsletter**

## **Friday 29th September 2023**

### **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 2022/2023:**

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**

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 for 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.

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.

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.

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.

## **We Are Super Learners**

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

Year 4 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.

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 to 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, Year 6 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>

## **News from the BSA**

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

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](mailto:info.burlingtonpta@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/BurlingtonSchoolsAssiciation](http://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonSchoolsAssiciation)

## **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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc19iUA3u4pgkTZuE73aCSvNSThckGHDy3esOa9rTEQUxVykg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **MANGO morning**

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

**Friday 6th October 2023**

**In the Junior Hall**

### **Writing Workshop**

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!

### **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.

### **School Governors**

We are looking for two 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.