

Burlington Junior School

Newsletter



Friday 20th October 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-Matthews



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:

It was lovely to see so many parents in school for their Autumn term meeting with their child's teacher. I hope you found it informative. If you were unable to attend, please do make a new appointment after the holiday.

We continue to work closely with Morgan Sindall, our building contractors. They are keen to involve pupils in various projects. The first project is an art competition. They would love the children to design their dream school. What would it look like? Might it have marshmallows as paving stones and a zoo on a rooftop garden? Anything goes, be creative and colourful with your designs. Please can any child wishing to enter this competition put their name on the front of their design and their class on the reverse of their entry. Please use A4 plain paper, no writing please on the design and return it to school on Monday 30th October. There will be a £50 voucher for the winner in lower key stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and the winner in upper key stage 2 (Years 5 and 6). There will also be a runner up prize of a £25 voucher. For entries judged 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 4th - Morgan Sindall will enlarge your dream school, professionally print it and then display it on the hoarding that surrounds the building site. Good luck!

There is another competition that the Mayor of London is inviting you to take part in about school lunches. See details [here](#)

School finishes today for half term. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 30th October. Have a relaxing and happy holiday.

Finally, we are thinking about all our families who have been affected by the shocking, sad and deeply troubling events in Israel and Gaza. Our thoughts are with you as we hope for peace and an end to the conflict.

Best wishes, Pip Utting

Key Dates: See new 2024/5 dates [here](#)

30th October - Return to school

W/C 30th October - Governor Week

30th October - Harvest Festival.

31st October - Individual school photos

3rd November - Non uniform day: Bring a new toy

3rd November - Y6 Eliot Class Assembly

7th November - Y3 Stone to Iron Age Workshop

10th November - Y5 Jemison Class Assembly

8th November - Y3 Stone to Iron Age Workshop

13th November - Odd Socks Day - Anti bullying week

17th November - FUDGE morning (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads and everyone)

17th November - Children in Need - wear yellow £2

17th November - Y3 Samba Class Assembly

22nd November - Full Governors' meeting 6.30pm

24th November - Y5 Wakata Class Assembly

We Are Super Learners...



Our House Captains have been busy finding out what our pupils have been learning about over the past few weeks.



Anisa
Emma



Aanandh
Aksara



Flo
Yeon-Sung



Felix
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Year 3 Music - Let Your Spirit Fly

Year 3 have been learning about how to write music notes and have been singing "Let your spirit fly". We interviewed two students named Otto and Deveena about what they enjoyed most in music.

Otto (Samba): "I enjoyed singing the song we learnt, which was 'Thank your lucky stars' because sometimes you sing quietly and sometimes you're singing loudly."

Leo (Kusama): "We are learning about music notes and how many beats each one has. I enjoy music because it's very creative."

We hope they continue to enjoy music throughout their time at Burlington Juniors.

Written by our house captains: Anisa and Felix



Year 4 Music - Ukulele

Kesavi and Lilly from Carver class, Yr 4 have been telling us about what they've been doing in music. Every Friday, Yr 4 has been having ukulele lessons and they enjoy learning to play the ukulele. This has inspired Kesavi and Lilly to think about what instruments they might want to play.

Kesavi said she would like to learn the piano and Lilly would like to play guitar. They have been practising their harvest song and can't wait to perform it at the Harvest Festival!



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Year 5 Music - Living on a Prayer

Peake - Teddy and Abe Peake class liked learning about Living on a Prayer. They have performed in singing assembly and they enjoyed it. They liked to play games about music notes and matching musical words to meanings. Miss Golding taught them and they really enjoyed it

Sharman - Orla and Freddie They enjoy music and they're learning about Living on a Prayer. They liked songs with a similar style and said that the music lessons were fun and Mrs Cleaver was a great teacher.

Wakata - Suhailah and Luca They liked Living on a Prayer and thought it was a calming lesson. They also enjoyed the music lessons. They also liked playing games about music , games about music notes and matching musical words to meanings. Miss Golding taught them and they liked the lessons a lot.

Jemison - Leo and Nela They loved singing Living on a Prayer and learning about percussion instruments. They liked the music lessons as they loved singing. They liked music lessons but music wasn't their favourite lesson. They liked Mrs Kleaver because she was a really good teacher to them, teaching them about notes and songs.

Written by our house captains: Aksara and Yeon-Sung



Year 6 Music - The Fresh Prince of Bel Air

In music this half term we have been learning to sing a rap song called 'Fresh Prince Of Bel Air.'

We recorded our first attempt a few weeks ago and today (16.10.23) Year 6 will be performing the complete rap song in front of the rest of Year 6.

The classes have worked together to create an exhilarating performance. They have created teams and each completed a dance for a little section.

Over the weeks we've been perfecting it with dance moves and more and we have enjoyed it a lot.

Written by our house captains: Khloe and Aanandh

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144 Club - Our New Members

Congratulations to our children who have become members of the 144 Club this half term after working hard on their multiplication and division facts.



A big 'well done' to:

Year 4 - Ajjai, Ajeeve, Aleks, Amy, Arabella, Denise, Finlay T, Hannah, Harri, Leo, Meena, Stella, Yenuli, Zayn

Year 5 - Aariz, Abe, Aidan, Aiza, Alexia C, Anais, Anvitha, Ashvigan, Asvinth, Brandon K, Claire, Ellie, Emma, Freddie M, Jiyun, Kent, Leo G, Leo M, Leon, Nela, Robyn, Saatvik, Sarah, Sheldon, Sybil, Yeil, Yusuf.

Year 6 - Aanandh, Aanya, Aarusan, Adhavan, Aksara, Akshayan, Arash, Archchikan, Ashmitha, Clara, Dominic, Ella, Emmanuelle, Ewan I, Ewan K, Felix W, Hajun, Haryad, Hassan, Joey B, Juwon, Kabesan, Lena, Leo P, Nathan, Olisa, Paranitha, Raif, Rayaana, Reyansh, Rose, Sabeeh, Sahana, Sethuki, Summer C-J, Sungha, Talha, Tvisha, Vithuran, Vivian, Yeon-Sung, Zayd

Book Bingo

Congratulations to Ajjai, Ajeeve, Aneesha, April, Archchikan, Ashwin, Olisa, Sabrina C, Sara, Vithuran, Yenuli, Yeon-Sung, Zayn M and Ziad who have all completed their Book Bingo in their diaries this month.



They have received their certificates from Mrs Utting.

Things To Try Before You Leave Burlington

In pupils' reading diaries, and on the [school website](#), children can find a list of things to try before they leave Burlington. These lists contain a range of tasks which aim to deepen children's understanding of the world around them, support pupils in developing positive attitudes and challenge them to read a variety of texts. Try and do at least 3 in the holiday!



Well done to Leo and Ashwin who have already completed all the things to do before leaving Year 4.

Enrichment at Burlington...

Music

At a concert organised by Kingston Music Service, Rosa from year 4 performed *Swans on the Lake* on the piano and Daniel from year 5 performed *My Dog Fritz*. The concert took place Sunday 8th October in All Saints Church, Kingston.

I was very proud of their performances.

Julie Cooper, KMS piano teacher



Sports

On Tuesday 10th October the school hockey team played a tournament at Surbiton Hockey club. They played 5 matches and won one. They played so well and we're very proud of them. Well done team!



On Monday 16th, 10 children from Year 5 and 6 attended the Primary Sports Festival at Fulham Football Club training ground in Motspur Park. They participated in a range of activities in the morning and competed in a mini tournament in the afternoon. They had a fantastic time and were excellent ambassadors for our school! We are very proud!

"I feel like I am at the World Cup" *Grayson*

"This is the best day of my life" *Ella*

MANGO Morning

On Friday 6th October we welcomed our female family members and friends into school to see our work and find out more about reading and writing here at Burlington.



Mr West gave a presentation in the hall so that our visitors could see how we improve writing skills and help children with spelling.



It was lovely to see so many grown-ups in school and we hope that our upcoming FUDGE (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads and Everyone) morning on 17th November will be just as well attended.

If you would like to see the MANGO morning presentation it can be found on our website [here](#)



Fundraising

Wear it Pink Day



We had a very special assembly this morning courtesy of Mr Boa, a parent from Zephaniah class, who came in to play the trumpet to the children. What a lovely way to start the day! Thank you Mr Boa.

As you can see, the children were wearing their best pink clothes for our fundraiser in aid of Breast Cancer awareness. The grand total raised was £509.63!



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who has brought in donations for our Harvest Festival on Monday 30th October.

You can still bring donations on the morning of the 30th.

New School Build Update



The building work is moving forward quickly and the next step will be building the temporary MUGA on the existing field for use over the winter months. We are hoping this will be ready soon after we come back from our half term holiday. This will be replaced with turf for the summer. The photos above show the new route to the field and the outside toilets.



Then they will start to lay the ground floor slab which will really enable us to see the size of the new building.

Updates will be added to the website as soon as we have them

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/page/?title=New+School+Build&pid=191>

The contractors Morgan Sindall produce a regular newsletter which can be seen [here](#)



On behalf of the BSA, we would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM on Monday. We were able to review the past year and the activities that took place, and how we can improve future projects. We have also elected a new committee: Marcia Silva as chairman, Leanne Ellis as secretary and Susie Headley as treasurer.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sally Henderson, Zoe McKinnon, Amanda Ferebee and Holly Smith for their amazing efforts over the past years with their roles on the BSA committee.

The BSA team welcomes you to get involved by helping with organising or volunteering throughout the year and raise funds for school projects that enrich your children's learning.

Thank you so much for all your support.

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
3.30PM

PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

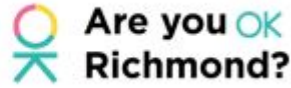
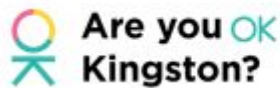


DONATE YOUR
(CLEAN) PRE-
LOVED JUMPERS
AT SCHOOL ON
THE MORNING OF
THE 3RD





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
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	15 November 2023
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	6 December 2023

*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 which will be available shortly. 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...

Children In Need

Friday 17th November

The theme this year is Be Spotacular! Children can come to school dressed in spots or something yellow and donate £2 to Children In Need or alternatively you can choose to donate an item to

Kingston

Food Bank such as:

meat, coffee, long life milk, rice, tinned

vegetables, jam, pot noodles, and sanitary wear.



BBC
Children
in Need

Quiz Night Thursday 16th

November The Big Burlington Quiz Night is back. More details to follow.

Things to do

If your child is away from school and looking for something to do, our website has lots of fun ideas to try.

Things to try before you leave Burlington

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/page/?title=Things+to+try+before+you+leave+BJS&pid=99>

Times Table Rockstars practise

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/page/?title=Times+Tables&pid=202>

Year 2 to 3 Transition Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the transition survey. Click [here](#) to read the results

Birthdays

Unfortunately we cannot allow children to bring in sweets or cakes for their birthdays due to allergies. If you would like to send something then we would be very grateful for a book for our library.

School Photos - Sibling Arrangements

Individual school photos will take place on Tuesday 31 October. We are offering photos with Infant school siblings from 8am – 8-30am so you are welcome to bring them over from the Infant School.

It will be on a first come first served basis, there is no need to let the school office know in advance. You will need to come through to the Junior office and we will take you to the hall.

Parent Forum Minutes

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Parent Forum on Friday 13th October. The minutes for this event can be found on the website or by clicking [here](#).

Secondary Applications - Yr 6

The deadline for your child's secondary application is **MONDAY 30th OCTOBER 2023**.

You must apply online at

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

if you are a Kingston resident.

Top Tips:-

- It is always wise to name up to six schools in preference order, including schools in the borough and out of borough schools.
- Remember to press the **SUBMIT** button and not leave the application in progress.
- Submit your application and any supplementary forms before Monday 30th October 2023.

You will find out your given school during the evening of Friday 1st March 2024 and you have until 15th March 2024 to accept or decline the offer.