

Burlington Junior School Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

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.

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5120&type=pdf>

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, Mrs Utting

Key Dates for 2023/2024:

30th October - Return to school

W/C 30th October - Governor Week

30th October - Harvest Festival. Please bring in food items

31st October - Individual school photos

3rd November - Non uniform day for PTA 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

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!

Written by our house captains: Flo and Emma

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

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 October, 10 children from Year 5 and 6 attended the Primary SEND 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.

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

News from the BSA

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 chair, 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 BAS 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.

Pre-loved Christmas jumper sale

Donate your (clean) pre-loved jumpers at school on the morning of the 3rd November. Jumpers will be sold at 3.30pm on Friday 3rd November,

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:- tinned meat, coffee, long life milk, rice, tinned vegetables, jam, pot noodles, and sanitary wear.

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>

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**](#).

Quiz Night Thursday 16th November

The Big Burlington Quiz Night is back.

A fun, friendly and only slightly competitive night out for the grown-ups.

More details to follow.

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.