

## **Burlington Junior School Newsletter**

**Friday 24th November 2023**

### **A Message from the Headteacher:**

We have been very busy in school this month. The children have been thinking about how we can be inclusive for all our community and we welcomed members from the England Wheelchair Rugby team who brought specially adapted wheelchairs in for the children to experience the game. Thank you so much for sending in money for the Poppy appeal, we sold out of poppies and wristbands and other items and of course all your donations support our amazing armed forces community.

Last week we thought about anti bullying and shared the 'Calling Out' video that Andy and the Odd Socks filmed here last year. The children loved looking for themselves on the film.

We also welcomed 'Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandpas and Everyone' into school last Friday for FUDGE morning. Relatives learnt about how we teach maths in school and enjoyed going into classrooms to share their occupation or hobby and to see children's work.

This month the School Council chose Children in Need as one of the charities they want to support and it was fun seeing lots of spots, dots, yellow outfits and teddies in school on 17th November. Thank you again for your kind donations which go directly to support national and local children's charities.

Finally, I can hear the sounds of Christmas songs drifting through the corridors and we look forward to inviting you to hear the children singing later in December. We have put together a Christmas date card for you on our website to help you keep track of the festivities.

Please do come to our Christmas fair on the 8th December after school, all the funds raised go directly back to your children. For example, we subsidise school trips, pay for Year 6 end of year events, buy outdoor play equipment for our OPAL project and used some of the PTA funds to pay for an in-school pantomime from a theatre company.

Best wishes, Mrs Utting

## **Key Dates for December:**

1st December	Y4 Turing Class Assembly
8th December	Non uniform day bring a bottle
8th December	Christmas Fair 4pm
12th December	Y3 Christmas Concert 9am.
12th December	Y4 Christmas Concert 2.15pm.
14th December	Y5 Christmas Concert 9am.
14th December	Y6 Christmas Concert 2.15pm.
19th December	Christmas jumper day
19th December	Christmas lunch
20th December	Class parties
21st December	End of term. School closes at 2.00pm
9th January	Spring term starts

## **We Are Super Learners**

### **Year 3**

Year 3 enjoyed an Ancient British History workshop this term. They made a timeline to begin with and discovered that the Stone Age was a very long period in history! They then moved on to being archaeologists, discovering artefacts and putting pieces of the past together. After this, they created a whole class museum. The children also made some ancient pottery and had a go at using some ancient technology. We all had a great time. Thank you to Ian who ran our day.

### **Year 4**

Year 4 have started a Geography topic about the Arctic. We have learnt how it is the same and different to the Antarctica. We have learnt about the different lines of latitude on our Earth including the Arctic Circle.

Within lessons we have learnt about the tundra biome, which is what the Arctic is. We are looking forward to watching two interviews from people who have been to and explored the Arctic to help us learn more about this freezing place!

### **Year 5**

At the beginning of November, Year 5 went on a local visit to Kingston to learn

about the Anglo-Saxons. We are very lucky to have so much history on our doorstep! The children took part in workshops at Kingston Museum and All Saints' Church, with a visit to the Coronation Stone in between. They were very excited to be able to handle real artefacts from the Anglo-Saxon period and even took part in a re-enactment of King Athelstan's coronation!

## **Year 6**

This week Year 6 took part in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities organised by our building contractors, Morgan Sindall. The children used everyday materials such as newspaper to create free standing structures.

## **Inclusion Week by Year 6**

### **House captains interviewed children about their Inclusion Week activities**

#### **Rafi and Tianna Peake Class**

They enjoyed doing wheelchair rugby and learning about ADHD. They enjoyed learning new things and learning about dyslexia and sign language. They also thought it was useful to learn about disabilities because they found that it would be good to understand people with disabilities. They thought that Inclusion Week was fun. They also thought that it needed no improvements.

#### **Brandon and Ella Sharman Class**

They learned about ADHD, diabetes, dyslexia and autism. Wheelchair rugby was their favourite because they thought it was a good and diverse sport. They thought that wheelchair rugby should be longer and there should be more sports. They thought that inclusion week should be compulsory because it was better than Maths and English. Overall, they enjoyed it.

#### **James and Anshiha Wakata Class**

We learned about different disabilities. They learned sign language and read ALL DOGS HAVE ADHD. Their favourite part was wheelchair rugby. They thought that inclusion week could have more sports next time. They thought that it was important to learn about disabilities and thought it was a good day. They also thought that it was important to learn about Inclusion Week.

## **Yusuf and Nathan Jemison Class**

We did wheelchair rugby and it was their favourite thing. They also thought that wheelchair rugby should be longer and thought that it was important to learn about Inclusion Week. They thought that learning about people's disabilities was important. They thought that Inclusion Week needed more sporting activities.

## **Maths at Burlington**

During the week beginning 13th November, five children were chosen from each class in Year 5 to take part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge.

"The challenge is across the UK and we had to complete 25 questions online in 45 minutes. We felt a bit under pressure and some of the questions were challenging as we haven't learned some things in maths yet, and some of the questions were easier." - Ellie and Adam (Wakata)

"It was fun to do but also quite challenging. We felt proud to be chosen to complete this challenge." - Diana, Evie and Malachi (Wakata)

## **FUDGE Morning**

We welcomed family members into school on Friday 17th November. Lots of Dads, Grandads, Uncles and friends came to see the children's work and hear a little bit about maths here at Burlington.

## **Local Councillor Visit**

On the 2nd November we had a visit from two of our local councillors, Lesley Heap and Mark Durrant. They had a look at the building site to see the new school progress and then met with our school councillors to answer questions about their role. Please see the children's questions [here](#).

## **Governor visits**

Governors were invited into school for 'Governor week' this month. They spoke to children about their learning, what extracurricular activities and clubs they enjoyed and what they would do if they had any concerns about bullying or unkind behaviour at school, in the community or on-line. Thank you to all our School Governors for the time you give to support senior leaders in maintaining high standards across the school.

## **Thank you**

We were lucky enough to be gifted some Geography supplies, including atlases and globes, which the children are very much enjoying.

### **Girls' Football**

On Thursday 16th November, 16 girls from Years 3 to 6 attended a Girls' Football Festival run by the Fulham and Education team at Raynes Park High School. The girls enjoyed a carousel of activities and played in 6 mini matches. Not letting the cold weather put them off, they showed incredible resilience and determination against some tough teams! They did a fantastic job and we are, as always, very proud of them!

### **Indoor Cricket**

On Tuesday 15th November, Mr Malinic and 8 children from Year 3 and 4 attended an Indoor Cricket Festival at Chessington Sports Centre. They had a fantastic time being coached and taking part in fun cricket activities. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of them!

### **Children In Need - Friday 17th November**

Thank you to everyone who kindly gave to the Children In Need Charity. The children dressed up in their best spots and Pudsey ears and had their faces painted at lunchtime. We raised just over £400.

### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you so much for your generous donations for the Harvest Festival at the beginning of the month. We were able to donate many bags of food to the Dons Local Action Group

### **Residential Trips 2024**

Thank you to all those parents who have now started to make payments using the payment plan set up. We would like to remind all parents that the full and final payment is due by 5th March 2024.

### **Would You Like To Become A School Governor at Burlington Junior School?**

It is important to the Governors of Burlington Junior School that the Governing Board has a sufficient range of viewpoints, to enable robust decision making and also to aid their understanding of the full diversity of cultures within the school and

the community it serves.

If you are interested in being part of Burlington Governing Body, please email your name and contact details to the school office using [parent@bjs.rbksch.org](mailto:parent@bjs.rbksch.org).

Any member of our local community is welcome to observe a Governing Body meeting. This may be particularly useful if they are interested in becoming part of the Governor team. Please email if you wish to do this and we will pass your email onto the Clerk of the Governors.

For more information and to see who is already on our Governing Body, please use the following link to our school website :-

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Governors&pid=25>

### **Festive Events Coming Up**

#### **Non uniform day - On**

Friday 8th December

children may wear their own clothing/Christmas jumper in return for bringing in a bottle for the school fair.

**BSA Christmas Fair** - On Friday 8th December from 4pm. Please come along and enjoy the festive stalls, Santa's Grotto and listen to our school choir sing. If you would like to help please email the BSA at [info.burlingtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:info.burlingtonpta@gmail.com)

**Christmas Concerts** - Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December in the Junior hall.

12th December 9am - Year 3

12th December 2.15pm - Year 4

14th December 9am - Year 5

14th December 2.15pm - Year 6

Children can wear a Christmas accessory with their smart school uniform, such a hat, headband or Christmas necklace. Due to restricted seating/standing room we are limiting entry to 2 people per family. Please arrive 10 minutes before each concert.

**Christmas Lunch** is on the 19th December. If you would like to book your child a **lunch bookings are open until 8th December**. Please remember to indicate your choice of main course on School Gateway. Children may wear a festive Jumper with their school uniform.

**Class Parties** - Wednesday 20th December. Festive jumpers may be worn with their school uniform.

## **Kingston Music Service**

Kingston Music Service provides music lessons to many children in the school during the school day. However, Burlington is only the venue and we do not manage these lessons. If you have any queries regarding the music lessons please contact KMS directly. **Email: [musicservice@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:musicservice@kingston.gov.uk)**  
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