



# Burlington Junior School Newsletter



Thursday 21st December 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 Mrs Utting, Headteacher:

What a lovely end to a long Autumn term! Wonderful Christmas concerts, delicious lunches, jolly parties and general festivities. Christmas is such a happy and special time in school.

Thank you to our fabulous PTA volunteers who worked so hard to make the Christmas fair a success. It was a lovely event that brought our community together and everyone had a brilliant time.

The children have accomplished so much this term - our early September Ofsted visit seems a long time ago! It has been fantastic to see their progress and look through their books at how much learning they have achieved.

I must also thank my dedicated, hard working staff who ensure the children in their class are successful and confident learners. While my staff have a well deserved holiday, for those who wish to dip into any activities over the Christmas period (no obligation), we always encourage Times Tables Rock Stars, crossing off a few book bingo choices in the reading diary or trying out some [‘Things to Do Before I Leave...’](#). There are also lots of ideas on our website [here](#). Finally you may wish to take a look at what the children will be learning about in the Spring term, the curriculum overviews are also on our website [here](#).

I wish all our families a very happy and peaceful Christmas holiday. We especially think about our community who are affected by war and conflict in the world and we hope for peace and stability in those countries.

I look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

# Christmas at Burlington...

In the first week of December, Year 5 members of the choir went to Fenwicks Kingston and Year 6 to John Lewis to sing Christmas songs. What a fantastic way to kick off the festive season! It was wonderful to see so many people there to support us, including members of the public doing their Christmas shopping.

"I was a bit nervous at first but then I really enjoyed it when we started singing." Alex

"I was excited and nervous. My favourite part was the final song because it sounds really nice." Maliha



Year 6 at John Lewis



Year 5 at Fenwicks (Bentalls)



## Panto in a Day

PTA funds were used to bring Panto to Burlington this month. Panto In A Day performed Jack and the Beanstalk to much laughter in the Junior Hall. Many thanks to the PTA and all the hard work that they do raising funds for events like this.

We estimate that the Christmas Fair raised over £7,500. Wow!



# Christmas at Burlington...

## The White House

The White House Nursing Home was the final stop of the Christmas tour for the Upper School Choir this festive season. On Monday 11th December, the residents of the home enjoyed a variety of



songs sung beautifully by the children and even brought their tambourines and bells out to play along! It was a wonderful afternoon and both the residents and staff at the White House were really impressed with the choir.

*Thank you so much for coming in to our Home! We all truly enjoyed listening to the incredible singing so much, and it was lovely to see the smiles that were brought to everyone's faces. The children have such beautiful voices and you must all be so proud of them, and our residents keep saying how sweet they all were and what a great time they had listening to them sing.*

## Lower School Choir

On Friday 8th December, the Lower School performed at the Burlington Christmas Fair. They showed off their spectacular signing skills with *Christmas Alphabet* and *Yes We Can* from Nativity 2. They were then joined by the Upper School Choir to make the biggest combined choir in Burlington history! I think everyone who watched would agree that they all sounded fantastic. Upper School Choir then sang their songs, *That's Christmas to Me* and *Ding Dong Merrily on High*. Miss Golding, Miss Gorman and Mrs Cleaver are so proud of both choirs and would like to thank everyone for their support this festive season.





# We Are Super Learners...

## 144 Club - Our New Members

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

A big 'well done' to :

**Year 3** - Adam A, Aydan, Evan, Jaymond, Jessica, Toby M

**Year 4** - Denise, Dhilan, Joey C, Jose, Nivaan, Sabrina Ch

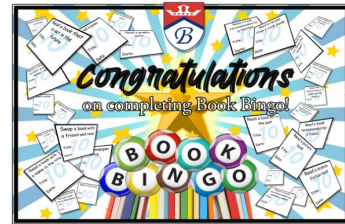
**Year 5** - Luca

**Year 6** - Danish



## Book Bingo

Congratulations to Anabia, Asvinth, Daniel G, Hannah F, Hannan, Muhammad S, Oleks and Sarah P who have 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 Junior School. 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.

# Well done!

Congratulations to Anabia, Kesavi, Sabrina Ch and Zayn M who completed their Things To Try Before You Leave Year 4. Well done all of you!

And a huge congratulations to Josh N who has completed his Things To Try Before You Leave Year 5. Super work Josh!

## **Beyond Fussy Eating programme available on SEND Local Offer**

Refusing known and new foods is a normal stage of a child's development, often starting between 18 and 30 months of age and with most children growing out of it by 5 years-old.

But for some children, feeding becomes a persistent and serious problem which, if ignored, can lead to serious weight loss and nutritional deficiencies. These problems can include eating a very restrictive diet made up of a small number of foods, only eating foods which are a certain colour – for example 'beige foods' like cheese and pasta, chicken nuggets, chips and white bread – or food with a certain texture, or eating very small volumes of foods. It can also involve becoming highly anxious when asked to try new foods, and showing disgust or fear when presented with new foods.

Research shows that children on the autistic spectrum and those with developmental disabilities are much more likely to experience these problems. But help is at hand! There are tried and tested methods which can help children start to make steps in the right direction and these are presented in a new Beyond Fussy Eating programme, designed for parents and carers dealing with children who are extremely selective eaters and/or who may have little interest in food and eating. The programme will also help health, education and care staff who work with these children.

Beyond Fussy Eating consists of five modules covering: exploring feeding difficulties; mealtime strategies; learning about new foods; planning for changes; and a parent's perspective (video). It was developed by children's speech and language therapists at Your Healthcare CIC, whose expertise covers speech, language, communication and swallowing problems.

You can find out more here.

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/parenting-courses/beyond-fussy-eating>





## **Wraparound Care**

The local authority are asking for your views on wraparound childcare.

Please click [this link](#) or scan the QR code to give your opinion.



**Thanks to the hard work of the PTA, each class had £100 to spend and here are some of the things that they bought;**

- Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk
  - Wet play games; board games, card games, Top Trumps, sets of colouring pens and pencils, Lego, putty and magnetic building shapes.
  - Cushions for reading area
  - Christmas gifts and treats for the children
  - Fidget / focus / calm corner toys
  - Stickers for the classroom
  - Caddies for our tables to put our shared equipment in.
  - Y4 science bags
  - A few classes saved some of their £100 until a later date.
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- The classes also had £5.00 per child towards a school trip of the teachers' choice

# And Finally...



## Kingston Beats



Kingston Beats are a local group founded by Hongkongers who immigrated to Kingston. They offer support to members of the Hong Kong community who have moved to the UK. They recently visited our Christmas fair with information for the adults and activities for the children.

## Opal

The children are very much enjoying playing with the mud kitchen and other Opal equipment. However, in the current weather it can get very muddy and it would be very useful if your children could have a spare pair of outdoor shoes/wellies in school.

## Ms Cusack

We are saying a very sad farewell and thank you to Ms Natalie Cusack who is leaving Burlington after 8 years. She is starting a new job at Raynes Park High School after Christmas and we wish her lots of luck in her new role. We will all miss her very much.

## Dates for January

8th January INSET School Closed

9th January Spring term starts

Spring date card [here](#)

## KickstART - The Art Project with a kick

Free weekly Art sessions for young people to take part in. Activities range from Tie Dye, Calligraphy, Dream Catcher Making, Candle Making, Making and more.

Young people will also receive AQA Accreditation for each session they attend. Book your place on KickstART - go to our [Linktree](#). For more information contact **Danielle Hutchinson**.

[Click here](#) to view the Kick Start.

## Would You Like To Become A School Governor?

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. We have 2 vacancies so 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. The next meeting is on 31st January. Please email if you wish to attend. For more information and to see who is already on our Governing Body, please use the following link to our school [website](#)

## Christmas Concerts

We raised a grand total of £351.22 for Shooting Stars, and some welcome donations for the foodbank. Thank you so much.