

Burlington Junior School

Newsletter



Friday 26th January 2024



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:

Happy new year! Thank you everyone for all the kind gifts and treats for all the staff at the end of last term, they were very much appreciated. It was a long term (!) but the children achieved so much and it is lovely to see them back for the new spring term energised and refreshed.

You may have seen in the news that the Mayor of London is extending the free school meals programme for Junior children for another year. This is fantastic news. Children can still bring in a packed lunch of course but there is always a delicious selection of food on offer each day, including vegetarian. If you would like to come and have lunch with your child please book at the office and come and see for yourself how good they are.

You are also no doubt aware how concerned school leaders across the country are about recruitment difficulties (especially support staff), rising staffing costs and budgets. Burlington is no different. Teaching staff have had well deserved, long awaited for pay rises but they have not been adequately funded. Of course utilities have risen for schools too and every company seems to have put their costs up in the last 2 years, the gardeners, the cleaners...it goes on. Governors and school leaders constantly look at ways to reduce costs but your support for PTA events, paying for school trips in full and your voluntary contribution (which is in your Gateway account and can be paid in installments) really does make a difference. If you have already paid the £50 per family, thank you so much, it means we can fund the 'extras' in school that the children really do benefit from.

Finally, we are still looking for 2 Governors to join the board. If you are interested, please do come along to our next meeting in school on January 31st at 6.30pm. Please let the office know you would like to attend. It is an excellent way of understanding how a school delivers teaching and learning, manages a budget and maintains the safety and wellbeing of the school community.

Best wishes,

Mrs Pip Utting, Headteacher

We Are Super Learners...



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



Anisa
Emma



Aanandh
Aksara



Flo
Yeon-Sung



Felix
Khloe



Year 3

In Year 3 we decided to interview 2 pupils on what they have been doing in PE and if they enjoy it. In indoor PE they have been doing dance.

This is what they said they like doing during indoor PE. "I like how we can be creative and do whatever style of dances that we want!" While learning different moves this allows children to express themselves. They like practising their underarm and overarm movements.

In outdoor PE they have been practising handball with our wonderful PE teacher Mr Malinic. They say it helps them to practise their agility, stamina and strength. In previous weeks they have enjoyed football. On Tuesdays there is a chance to play football as an after school club, there is also a girl's football club available on Mondays. They said that they feel very welcomed when they play at lunch time. They all told us that they find it helpful that the teachers practise all the things we would need to do in a match for around 4 weeks and then after we know everything we would do during an actual match. We hope you find this information useful.

Written by our house captains: Khloe and Aanandh



Year 4

TESLA: Everly, Hayden

Year 4 are learning about netball in P.E and they really enjoy it. They also think that the P.E lessons are too short. They are swimming in indoor P.E and they think that there should be only one day for swimming. They like front crawl and they enjoy netball because they can learn more sports. They think outdoor P.E is more fun. They also do fun games in P.E.

TURING: Hardee, Denise

Year 4 are learning about golf in outdoor P.E but do swimming for indoor P.E. They like Outdoor P.E because they get to take random shots to practise at the start. They like to swim as fast as they can. They want to move up to a higher stage in swimming and want to improve the P.E lessons by making them longer.

CARVER: Dharun, Isabel

Year 4 are learning netball in outdoor P.E and swimming. They enjoy playing netball and like to do stuff you can't do outside. They think that the outdoor P.E lessons are enough for them and think it is good that they are learning a new sport. They think that none of the P.E lessons need improving. They also just like P.E in general because they can work with new people.

GOODALL: Hannah, Finlay

Year 4 are learning about swimming and golf in P.E. They like doing sports, working as a team and fresh air. They think that golf should be longer and that it is good that they have two days for P.E. They like sports in general and like playing sports. They are both at high levels in swimming but this is good because it could save someone's life.

Written by our house captains: Aksara and Yeon-Sung



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Year 5

Orla and Brandon, from Yr5 Sharman, have been doing bhangra and street fusion in indoor PE as well as warm up games in outdoor PE. They are learning the dance in parts, and Orla has been having fun practising the routine. Brandon enjoys getting a break from the classroom and participating in new games outside with his classmates during PE. They both like getting active and being involved with the different activities.

Written by our house captains: Flo and Emma



Year 6

This term in PE, Year 6 have been learning dance during indoor PE and netball and invasion games in outdoor PE.

We interviewed two students in Eliot class. Aksara said, "I enjoy learning dance because we get to do lots of partner work. It's also fun when we do group work."

Will said, "I quite like doing netball in outdoor PE because we sometimes do defence and attack games."

Rocky said, "We are playing different invasion games and are learning how to work as a team."

We hope Year 6 continues to enjoy PE.

Written by our house captains: Anisa and Felix W



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 D, Aiden, Ha El, Jura, Yedam

Year 4 - Dharun

Year 5 - Alex, Diana, Aneesha

Year 6 - David, Rosie, Samanvi, Will



Book Bingo

Congratulations to Aarya, Adam A, Agatha, Aksara, Archie B, Daaaim, Emaan, Imogen, Jaymond, Kabesan, Kesavi, Lena T, Leo N, Nadeem, Rozelin, Sueda, Sungha, Talha, Tvisha, Vivian and Yeonjoon 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 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.

Pupils who have completed their Year 3/4 or their Year 5/6 list will be entered into a prize draw at the end of the school year.

Well done!

Well done to Daaaim in Year 3 who has completed all of his 'Things To Try Before You Leave' and to Yenuli in Year 4 who has got her Diamond Award also.



Safeguarding at Burlington



There is lots of support available for our Pupil Premium families...

FUEL

FUEL (which stands for 'Feed Ur Everyday Lives') is the name for the holiday activity and food programme (HAF) in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. It is funded by the Department of Education and run by Achieving for Children.

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/fuel-holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

Other support

School can provide food bank voucher for eligible families to support you through the cost of living crisis. Please ask in the office or speak to Miss Capon in confidence.

The DONS action group can also provide weekly food donations if eligible, again please ask Miss Capon or the school office.

BRITE Box is a family recipe meal kit. Every Friday, families receive a BRITE Box with all the ingredients you need and a step by step, child friendly recipe guide to cook a balanced meal for 5 together. If you would be interested in signing up for a BRITE Box every Friday please let the office know and you will be added to the waiting list for the next round. Brite Boxes are delivered to school every Friday and collected by students at the end of the day.

Safeguarding at Burlington

We would like to bring an app to your attention called **MYLOL**. "MYLOL" is the new teen dating website/ app, which offers 13 to 19-year-olds the chance to rate each other's pics, send private messages and contact strangers online" Please see the poster below for help when talking to your older child/ren who maybe using this application.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it's needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION 13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users "vote" on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being "catfished" until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or Wi-Fi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or "fence" and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech website The Register, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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Building Update

The build continues to develop and the school landscape changes everyday. Click on the [link](#) to see all of the updated photos that we regularly share with the children.

Do speak to your children about what they have noticed about the building site. Although there is a lot of activity on the site, it does not really have an impact on the school. However, the excitement is building as the new school and the sheer size of it begins to take shape.

The builders came and talked to the children in STEM week and explained their career paths, led by Kate McAdam - Morgan Sindall Project Manager.

The children were then involved in building structures to see which were taller. The winners then went onto the building site for their own guided tour on the 17th January which was very exciting. We have been showing the children pictures taken on the site and what they saw.

A metal frame will soon start being constructed around the lift shafts and staircases that are now visible on the site. We are also aiming to have a whole school walk through and also Y6 signing the stone slab of the floor.

Riley winners - Aida, Ghassan, Aarav, Kenzi, Taso and Hareem.

Zephaniah winners- Ryan, Summer W, Emily, Callum, Anne and Poppy R.

Silverstein winners - Rose, Sam, Olisa, Hajun, Leo and Clara.



NEW MALDEN GIRLS MID-WEEK SKILLS CLUB



**THURSDAY EVENING FOOTBALL
FOR GIRLS AGED 4 TO 9
IN NEW MALDEN**

BOOK VIA [FULHAMSOCCERSCHOOLS.COM](https://fulhamsoccerschools.com)

PTA Funds

Every year we ask staff and children how they think we should spend the money raised by our wonderful PTA. Now we would like to hear your thoughts.

We would be grateful if you could complete the very short Google form below.

<https://forms.gle/LVX8VJJ25d6XY8cv5>

Homework

We are aware that there has been some discussion about home learning and marking expectations. This has been discussed in Parent Forum in the past too. Please see our policy [here](#). Class teachers do not deep mark home learning. This would take a great deal of time for teachers to do and it is uncertain how much adult input has been given. Teachers spend their time planning and marking work completed in school which is more informative. In our policy it says:

How will pupils receive feedback on their home learning?

Children receive feedback on their home learning in a variety of ways:

1. From grownups at home. It is important that children share their home learning with their grownups at home before sharing it at school.
2. From an adult in school - this may be in the form of a comment, stamp or sticker.
3. From their peers in school when home learning is shared with their class.

Burlington Nursery School Applications

Burlington Infant and Nursery School are now accepting applications for Nursery to start in September 2024. We are holding open days for prospective parents to meet with our Headteacher and visit the Nursery - details of these dates and how to book are available on our website (see links below). **Please note, the closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 1 March 2024.**

If you have a child who turns 3 by 31st August 2024, please ensure you submit a completed application by 1 March. We have a number of nursery options available: part time and full time, funded and paid. Please visit the school website for more details and how to apply: <https://www.burlingtoni.kingston.sch.uk/about-us/admissions-nursery-3-years>

If you have a child who turns 2 by 31st August 2024, we have a limited number of places in our 2 year old Nursery provision so please take time to read all the updated information on our website: <https://www.burlingtoni.kingston.sch.uk/about-us/admissions-nursery-2-year-olds>

Please feel free to share this information with friends and family outside of the school who live in the area and may be interested in joining our Nursery. Please contact the School Office from 9 January if you have any queries or email me directly on admissions@burlingtoni.org.uk



Upcoming Events...

Key Dates for February

W/C 29th January	Bikeability
29th January	Y6 Junior Citizen to Chessington
30th January	Upper school choir to O2
31st January	Full Governor meeting 6.30pm
2nd February	Goodall class assembly
9th February	Parent Forum meeting 9am
9th February	Bloom class assembly
9th February	Break for half term
19th February	INSET day school closed
W/C 20th February	Book week
20th February	Pupils back in school
26th February	Y4 Tesla and Carver to Tate Modern
26th February	Y6 height and weight check
28th February	Y4 Turing and Goodall to Tate Modern

Maths - Fractions Workshop for Parents

I would like to invite parents to a fractions workshop on **Friday 15th March at 9am** in the Junior Hall. This has been requested by parents to help improve your fraction knowledge as well as helping you to understand how we teach your children fractions in school. I will talk through what is taught in every year group and there will be an opportunity for you to practise using the methods, as well as asking questions. I hope to see many of you there!

Miss Dunne, Maths Coordinator.

Parent Forum Meeting - Friday 9th February 9am

Please use this form to raise any questions for the upcoming Parents and Carers' Forum on Friday 9th February. Parents and Carers' 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 2nd February, that will give us time to be ready with answers the following week.

Matt West, Year 6 Teacher

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAqHmvpYSiUPpP4W6DK9lwurKPWwZtF-c5QRxX5KtmC4jnA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Residential Trips 2024

Thank you to all those parents who have been making regular 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.

Thank you.



And Finally...

Easyfunding

Easyfunding is an easy way to raise money for the school when you're shopping on Amazon and other online retailers, and it doesn't cost you a penny more. Please click on the link to find out more.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/burlingtonjuniors/?searchSessionId=699f41a6-525c-44a7-a6bd-d81a416f55d>

Voluntary Contribution

These contributions help us to offer enriching experiences that cannot be paid for out of the school budget. We believe they will be educationally beneficial to the children and also allow us to continue to offer a diverse and exciting curriculum. For example, French food tasting, additional sporting activities, theatre companies who come into school to perform and extra art activities (which often require expensive resources), are all things we have spent your contribution money on in the past.

Please make your donation through your child's School Gateway account online. We will leave this on our School Gateway system for the whole year so if you wish to pay in instalments you can do so. It would be wonderful if we could have all parents support with this.

Thank you

OPAL

You may have noticed a few different things on the playground and sometimes a little more mess on the play areas.

We have now set up digging areas on the front and back playgrounds. Each lunchtime children are busy making rivers and mud pools. They have also been making chocolate soups and other delights with the mud.

Thank you to Mr Douglas and some Y6 helpers who helped to build and then fill the sand pit outside Y3 for all children to use. This has been very popular with people making tunnels and pyramids in the sand.

Clearly you may see a little more sand and dirt on the playgrounds as we learn how to utilise all these spaces effectively.

We are also training up cleaning monitors who have been helping sweep and clear up any mess, The next step is getting the fallen tree on the field safe for playing on, and including sand and digging areas on the field also.

