

Burlington Junior School Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

A Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and we are now beginning to see the signs of Spring which is lovely.

The teachers were working hard making a start on your child's reports. These will be shared with you on Friday 22nd March and parents evening is the following week on Tuesday 26th March (virtual) and Wednesday 27th March (face to face). You can choose the option easiest for you and the booking form will be out soon. In addition you are being invited to come and see your child's books, the dates are shared later in this newsletter. All welcome.

For some of our families Ramadan is approaching. If you would like your child to fast (year 5 and 6) please contact the school office so we can make adjustments ie PE lessons or if we are out all day on a trip.

If you are interested in being a Governor but would like to know more, you are very welcome to attend as an observer. Our next meeting is in school on March 20th at 6.30pm, just let the office know if you would like to attend.

The children and staff are looking forward to wearing red on Friday 15th for Comic Relief in return for £2. More information coming soon from the school council.

Finally, thank you to my brilliant English leaders Mr West and Miss Harris for organising an exciting book week. It was lovely that everyone enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character and getting involved in lots of book related activities.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Pip Utting

We Are Super Learners...

Year 3 - Written by our house captains: Aksara and Yeon-Sung

We interviewed 8 people in Year 3 to talk about Art. Children in Samba were studying the sculptor Barbara Hepworth and made sculptures. "I like designing and painting and sculpting," said Yedam. They also said that they wanted Art lessons to be "way longer."

The children in Banksy also studied Barbara Hepworth. They “liked” making the sculptures. They think the Art lessons are great and Terrence said he “looked forward to all the Art lessons.”

Jura said that they did portraits in the previous term.

The Year 3s in Riley Class talked about their art lessons. Chloe said that “We are doing Barbara Hepworth now.” while Aarav said that his favourite thing was “making the sculpture”. They also did drawing and tried to draw a picture in 5 minutes. They said that they wanted “one more minute” to do the lessons.

However, the children in Kusama are also studying Barbara Hepworth and they said they made abstract sculptures. “I like making things.” Helena said “We did self-portraits of ourselves.” said Erica. “It is one of my favourite lessons.” they both said.

Year 4 - Written by our house captains: Anisa and Felix

In Year 4, we interviewed pupils about Art and D&T.

Anabia from Goodall said: “We are going to be visiting the Tate Museum soon. I can’t wait!” Year 4 will be going to the Tate Modern in February. Many children are excited for this wonderful learning opportunity.

Aydan from Turing said: “I love D&T because we get to make things. We are currently doing wire sculptures.”

We hope Year 4 enjoy the rest of their year.

Year 5 - Written by our house captains: Emma and Flo

Rafi and Tianna, in Yr 5 Peake, have been telling us about what they have been doing in art this term. Last term they made clay portraits and learnt 5 key skills to help them; sculpting, scratch and slip, rolling, modelling and molding.

Now they are using watercolours to create still life paintings of flowers inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe.

The thing they both enjoy most about art is sketching in their art books and getting creative.

Year 6 - Written by our house captains: Khloe and Aanandh

This term in year 6 art we have been doing graffiti tags which has been very interesting.

In our lessons we have looked at Keith Haring's drawings and chosen one to recreate for our last piece . We got sponges and paint to dab on the cut out lines of our drawings which turned into graffiti! Next week we'll be making name stencils for ourselves which will be the last lesson on this topic.

We have really enjoyed doing this terms DT and we think the year 5's will definitely enjoy it next year.

Book Week at BJS...

From Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd February, our pupils enjoyed different activities in school as part of our school Book Week. This year, our theme was poetry. Within English lessons, pupils learnt about different poems and prepared poems to perform.

Performance Poetry

On Friday, each class visited a buddy class at the Infant School to perform their poems. They were also able to watch performances from the Infant pupils too.

Buddy Reading with Burlington Infant School

Throughout the week, pupils also visited their buddy class at the Infants to share stories and read together. Our pupils really enjoyed hearing their younger peers read to them.

Book Day Dress-Up

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed as book characters on Friday 23rd February. Our staff enjoyed dressing up too - can you work out who they are supposed to be?

Enrichment at Burlington...

Tuesday 30th January was the day that the Upper School Choir had been working towards for months; the **Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena**. So much hard work and preparation had gone into getting ready for the show; we had 12 songs to learn, some with different parts and others with dance moves/ British Sign Language. The children were so excited and it was definitely worth the wait! They did us proud, not only with their singing but they were impeccably behaved throughout a very long and busy day. I'm sure anyone who was there will agree it was a night that we will all remember forever!

"It was a once in a lifetime experience and we are so grateful for this opportunity. It was amazing when all the guest performers came on for the grand finale." - Aanya (Choir Leader)

"My favourite parts were when Natalie Williams (guest performer) came onstage and sang with us. Nandi Bushell was incredible on the drums and the saxophone!" - Molly (Choir Leader)

Eco Conference

"The Eco Champions went to Tiffin Girls school for an Eco Conference. Eco Champions learnt lots of facts about animals like there are only 4,000 tigers left. We did another activity where we reused and recycled things like bottles, milk cartons, and other reusable things; it was really fun. We also used soil and dirt to make a seed bomb." Abu-Bakr - Bloom Class

"The Eco champions went to an Eco- Conference at Tiffin girls school. At the conference there were many activities about nature, reusing plastic objects, gardening and creativity.

The main topic at the conference was about endangered animals and how they became endangered but we also learnt about lots of other things. Tigers, orcas, hedgehogs and elephants were the animals that we focused on. One of the other topics was about gardening and looking after the environment. In my opinion I think that the conference was very informative and fun!" Rachel - Bloom Class.

Swimming

On Tuesday 30th Jan, 8 children from Year 5 and 6 competed in the swimming gala at the Malden Centre. They had a great time competing in a variety of events and were excellent ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of them all! A special mention to Stanley and Lena T who received bronze medals!

Miss Echlin-Smith

"It felt amazing. I was very proud to be there." Will

" I was very proud of myself." Lena

Hampton Court

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Hampton Court Palace this month, taking part in workshops and learning about Henry VIII before we begin our Tudors topic this half term.

"I learnt that Henry VIII was interested in science and created the navy... we also loved finding our way through the maze!" - Alexia, Peake Class

"I loved learning about Henry VIII and I really enjoyed the day" - Rose, Sharman Class

"I found it interesting that the servants would sleep in the feasting hall!" - Tao, Jemison Class

"It was very interesting and our trip taught me a lot about the history of King Henry

Other news...

Great British Spring Clean

Organised by Keep Britain Tidy, it is the nation's largest environmental campaign.

If you would like to organise a litter pick in your local area the team can loan you any litter pickers, gloves, or bags you may need.

If you, or a group you know wants to get involved, it's easy.

- [Register your litter pick online](#)
- Email [James Geach](#) to get your equipment

The Great British Spring Clean is a great way to get outdoors and meet people while helping to take pride in the local area! #LoveWhereYouLive

Energy Garden Workshops

On Friday 23rd February 2024, Ms Fortunato from 'Energy Garden' came in to give us a workshop. We learnt about green spaces and solar energy. We got to use maps to locate different green spaces and rivers in London. After that, we used solar panels and got to experiment with them in different lights. We really enjoyed the workshop and learnt a lot. *Aanya & Abi*

Cases of measles are rising in London. Ensure your children are protected with two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, and can be a very unpleasant illness. In some cases, it can be serious – 1 in 5 children will need hospitalisation.

The best way to protect children against measles is to ensure that they have had two doses of the MMR vaccine.

To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's red book or contact your GP practice. If your child is not up to date, you can either book an appointment:

- at your GP practice, or at a [local vaccine clinic](#).

And Finally...

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

This is a non-uniform day and children can wear an item of red and bring in a £2 or donate online using your child's School Gateway account. Thank you

Decorate an Egg Competition

If you would like to enter [our Easter egg](#) competition, please bring [your](#) finished, [decorated](#) egg into the school reception area week beginning 25th March. We are encouraging the children to be creative, i.e. Eggsfactor, Dalegg, Henry the Eggth, Eggstreme, etc.

The insides of the eggs will need to be blown out. To do this, a tiny hole needs to be put in each end of the egg and it is then easy to blow the inside of the egg through. A prize will be given to the winner in each year group in assembly at the end of term. Please can each entry **be the children's own work**, and have their name and year group clearly visible and attached to the egg. [Have fun!](#)

Coffee morning suggestions

We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire linked below to suggest ideas for coffee mornings at BINS and BJS. Thank you.
[coffee morning questionnaire](#)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Kreczman who is expecting a baby in August. She will be teaching her class up until the end of the summer term. She will be staying in school to teach the pupils who have chosen not to go on the school trip during PGL week.

Key dates for March

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| 11th March | Y5 Easter Experience, New Malden Baptist Church 10.30am and 1.30pm |
| 15th March | Comic Relief Red Nose Day |
| 15th March | Y5 Cake sale after school |
| 20th March | Full Governor meeting 6.30pm |
| 22nd March | Pupil reports sent home |
| 26th March | Parent Meetings (virtual) |

27th March

Parent Meetings (in person) School
closes at 2pm

28th March

End of term - school closes at
2pm