

Burlington Junior School

Newsletter



Thursday 28th March 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

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another term and two thirds through the year. The staff and children have been busy, enjoying a wide variety of activities to help deepen their understanding of the curriculum and make learning enjoyable and memorable.

Year 6 have enjoyed a visit to The Globe Theatre and have created their own dragons for their English writing lessons. Year 5 went to the New Malden Baptist Church to enjoy their 'Easter Experience' and parents also came into school for a careers event linked to the children's Dreams and Goals topic. Year 4 have visited the Tate Modern to look at sculptures and in Science have had fun making circuits for their electricity topic. Finally, Year 3 have enjoyed a drama performance based on fairytales and have made abstract sculptures.

Please remember that a huge amount of curriculum information can be found for each year group [here](#) on our website. You have also been able to see your child's work in the last 2 weeks when we have invited you into school to look at books together. If you couldn't attend, please do ask your child's teacher if you can pop in after school one day to view the books and compliment your child on all their hard work.

The new build continues apace and the children thoroughly enjoyed going up to the viewing platform recently to see the whole site from a bird's eye view. We regularly put updates [here](#) for you to see the progress of our new school.

Many of our children are observing Ramadan and are looking forward to the end of the fasting period and celebrating Eid. We wish all our Muslim families a very happy Eid Mubarak in early April.

We are also going into a two week holiday this Thursday at 2pm, where many of our Christian families will be celebrating Easter - a significant holy period in the church calendar.

Happy holidays to all our families and we look forward to seeing everyone back safely in school on Monday 15th April 2024.

Best wishes

Mrs Utting, Headteacher

We Are Super Learners...



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



Anisa
Emma



Aanandh
Aksara



Flo
Yeon-Sung



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Year 3 - PE

In Indoor and Outdoor PE, Year 3 have been learning handball and yoga moves. The house captains interviewed some students about what they loved most in these subjects.

Emma in Banksy said: "In Outdoor PE we're doing handball matches, which are exciting and fast-paced."

Adam H from Samba commented: "I enjoy Outdoor PE because we get to run about a lot and feel free."

Diana in Samba said that: "I enjoy doing yoga because the stretches are quite fun."

Lastly, Toby from Banksy said: "The music in yoga is very relaxing and it calms me down."

We hope Year 3 continues to enjoy PE in Burlington.

Written by our house captains: Anisa and Felix



Year 4 - PE

Dharun and Neha, from Yr 4 Tesla, have been playing golf in outdoor PE and, instead of indoor PE, they have been going swimming once a week with their class. They also go swimming outside of school and are really enjoying it. They have been learning about the different types of golf clubs like the putter and the driver and how to use them. They feel their skills have improved since they started the topic.

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Year 5 - PE

Written by our house captains: Aksara and Yeon-Sung

Jemison- Felice & Zamantha

In PE Year 5 are learning how to be a sports leader and about teamwork. They enjoy running around rather than sitting down. In outdoor PE they do adventurous things!

such as blowing a paper fish around a square. This is one of their favourite subjects. Mr Panesar teaches PE along with Miss Echlin Smith.

Sharman- Noor & Freddie

In outdoor P.E Year 5 are doing tag rugby.They really enjoy outdoor P.E because they enjoy moving around, moving their body and learning different skills. They would like a longer amount of time for PE and would like different sports, getting into matches quicker in lessons. In Indoor P.E, the pupils learn about Sports Leaders and Noor and Freddie would both like to be one too.

P.E is one of their favourite subjects. For indoor, they have Mr. Panesar and in outdoor P.E they have Mr.Malinic.

Wakata- Evie & Adam

In outdoor P.E, Year 5 do multiple adventurous activities such as throwing javelins.The pupils enjoy doing sports in general.If it is on the arena Miss Golding teaches them and also Mr.Malinic. In indoor P.E pupils are learning about a sports leader programme. Evie and Adam would both love to become one. P.E is their favourite subject so they would prefer to be longer lessons and if it is fun too.They would like it more often too, like maths and English.

Peake- Flora & Leo

In outdoor P.E, pupils are learning tag rugby and Flora and Leo both like doing this because it is very active and fun. They both would not want to change anything. Mr.Malinic teaches them outdoor P.E. In indoor P.E , they are learning about leadership qualities and how to be sports leaders. They both want to be sports leaders. They would not like to change anything in indoor P.E and they would want to make the lessons longer.

Year 6 - PE

Every year group does 2 hours of PE a week. The whole of Year 6 have been learning badminton for indoor PE. Half of the year are doing netball during outdoor PE whilst the other half have been playing invasion games.

Badminton has been really enjoyable because it relies on a lot of teamwork; it is also very fun. Invasion games include a variety of different sports so we get to try lots of new things. Netball, like badminton, is good because it has lots of team building skills. It also requires a lot of concentration.

Written by our house captains: Aanandh and Khloe



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 4 - **Alice, Eloise, Heike, Lilly, Phoebe, Yireh, Ziad**

Year 5 - **Damian, Daniel G, Freddie L, Inayah, Jack C, Jason, Jayden, Maliha, Maryam, Mikey, Oleks, Rafay, Rafi, Teddy N, Theo L**

Year 6 - **Abigail, Abinav, Abu, Eden, Klara, Poppy, Stanley, Sunkyu**



Book Bingo

Congratulations to these children who have all completed their Book Bingo in their diaries this Month.



Y3 - Eliana, Karim, Yashfa

Y4 - Ava, Aydan D, Elif, Lilly

Y5 - Abeshanaa, Aidan D, Anais, Emma L, Lara K, Leo M, Malachi, Nayah, Sheldon

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 to **Karim** in Banksy who has completed his Things To Try Before You Leave Year 3 and has received his award from Mrs Utting. Great work Karim!



Enrichment at Burlington...



Year 6 trip to the Globe Theatre

On the 11th and 12th March Year 6 visited the Globe Theatre on the South Bank. They had a look at the theatre itself and saw some performers rehearsing on stage. An actor who works at the Globe told them all about the theatre and they learnt some of the hidden secrets of the stage and how it would have been used in the past. Then pupils they had a workshop based on *The Tempest*.

Despite the awful weather that the second group had, they all had a lovely day. Thank you to our parent helpers who gave their time to accompany the children.



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Kindness Workshop

This week, we had an online Kindness Workshop from the charity 52 Lives (www.52-lives.org) and their School of Kindness! We learned that kindness has three qualities – being friendly, generous and considerate. We learnt about the science of kindness and the positive impact it has on our physical and mental health. Next, we practised empathy by watching videos of kindness in action and then said kind things to each other in the classroom.

To put our kindness into action, we thought of someone we knew who could do with a little kindness. We then made them something in our classrooms and plan to give it to them this week. Finally, we looked at the quote 'be the change that you want to see in the world' and decided that **we** can help to create the kind of world we want to live in. The School of Kindness has a Kids' Club which is free to join where you will get a free newsletter with kind challenges, stories, activities, jokes, competitions and videos to watch. Just visit www.schoolofkindness.org/kids-club to sign up.

Miss Wightwick

Year 5 Easter Experience

Year 5 recently attended the Easter Experience at the New Malden Baptist Church and had some parents in for a careers event as part of our Dreams & Goals topic.





Our Eggs-traordinary Winners...

Thank you everyone for your brilliant entries to our Easter Egg Competition. As ever, it was such a difficult task to choose the winners. We thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the entries and chuckling at the eggs-tremely funny puns. Well done to the children shown below.



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Red Nose Day 2024



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Thank you from the school council : £698.33



Thank you on behalf of the school council for your generosity in supporting the comic relief effort. The cake sale was amazing and the Y5 & Y6 councillors enjoyed selling them. We will come up with more opportunities for Y3 & 4 to do a similar task in the summer term. The 'red nose day' itself saw classes making joke books and dressing in red and the councillors painting noses and moustaches on faces. The school council have met weekly to develop their skills as mental health ambassadors and have taken part in weekly assemblies. Some Year 6 councillors attended 'Well-fest' at a local secondary school and fed back to the school on the activities they had seen to support well-being.

Easy Fundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE!

These donations really mount up, so please scan the QR code or sign up to support us at
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/burlingtonjuniors/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1





Meet Our Family Liaison Officer



Hello, my name is Miss Capon and I am the Family Support Worker at Burlington Junior School.

My role in school is to provide support, advice and information to the families within our school community. I can help you with any worries that you may have in relation to your child's education, behaviour and wellbeing. I am also here to support parents with issues that may be impacting on their family such as health or debt.

Advice and support is confidential, although concerns relating to the safeguarding of children will always be dealt with in accordance with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

I may not have all the answers, but hopefully I can help you to work out how to find them!

Support for pupils includes:

- Promoting good attendance and punctuality
- Enhancing self-esteem and confidence
- Encouraging and supporting positive behaviour
- Developing positive attitudes to learning
- Support with issues in/out of school
- Supporting with:
 - Toileting issues
 - Picky eaters
 - Poor sleeping
 - Setting boundaries

This may be achieved through direct work in school or signposting to other agencies.

Support for parents includes:

- Providing food bank vouchers and support from DON's local charity with regards to food deliveries.
- Providing information about services in the local area and support to access them if needed
- Completing referrals to relevant agencies e.g Young Carers or Early help support
- Completing forms/applications
- Advice and support in promoting positive behaviour at home
- Support to improve school attendance
- Signposting for help with finances and debt, housing, health ect.

These lists are not exhaustive so please speak to me about anything that is worrying you or that you need support with.

I am also part of the ELSA TEAM. ELSA's are trained to support emotional development and help our students cope with life's challenges. ELSAs also help children and young people to find solutions to problems they might have.

How to get in touch:

I am based in school 5 days a week and will be able to meet with you at school. To make an appointment please call the school office on 020 8942 2687



Summer Term Uniform



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As we expect the weather to start to warm up after Easter, children may like to wear blue checked summer dresses or grey skirts. These can be bought from any supermarket or the official school shop PMG Schoolwear. Children may also wear grey shorts, again these can be bought from any supermarket or the official school shop PMG Schoolwear.

For details of our school uniform please click on the following link:-

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=36>



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schoolwear

Hair length and styles

Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied back in a hair tie/bobble. An 'Alice band' is allowed for shorter, above the shoulder, hair. The main thing is hair should not fall in front of a child's face when they lean forward to work. Alice bands and hair ties should be either plain navy blue or black. No ribbons, bows or flowers should be attached to the head bands. Thank you.



Please consider when taking your child for a haircut that no lines, patterns or colour are added.

Please save extreme hairstyles for the summer holidays.

Thank you.



Other News...



[We're Going on a Bear Hunt comes to Kingston](#)

In partnership with Wild in Art and Walker Books, Kingston First is thrilled to announce the Bear Trail, inspired by Michael Rosen's iconic children's book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt. A free public trail that promises an enchanting journey through art, adventure, and community engagement.

From 29 March to 7 June 2024, the Kingston Bear Hunt Trail will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, inviting residents, workers and visitors to explore Kingston's streets, and landmarks in search of these captivating bear sculptures. Each bear, uniquely designed by ten different artists will showcase never-before-seen artwork from 5 of the sculptures. The bears capture light-hearted and thought-provoking themes, including diversity, sustainability, climate change, biodiversity, and more.

[Click here](#) to view image. [See Spring and Easter activities for children and families](#) for more ideas to get outside, get more active, and have lots of fun together

[School admissions tool survey](#)

Kingston needs your help!

AfC has teamed up with data science students at King's College London to build a [tool](#) to help parents navigate the school admissions process. They need your help testing it. Please give it a go by Friday 22nd March and share your thoughts with the team in a quick [survey](#).

They are particularly looking for responses from parents living in Kingston or Richmond. It only takes 10 minutes and will make a big difference. Thank you!

Governors enjoyed visiting the new school building last week and walking around the site. They were very impressed!

To have a look at Morgan Sindall's latest newsletter, please click [here](#)



Parent information

Is your child between 7-11 years old and has a diagnosis of ADHD?

Help develop an exercise-based video gameplay intervention to support children with ADHD!

You and your child can earn £20 Amazon e-voucher by completing this study

Who are Kingston looking for?

- Children aged 7-11 years old and parents/ guardians
- Children with ADHD diagnosis and are on medication/therapy for at least 3 months

[Click here](#) for more information.

Exercise and Exergaming in Children - Survey for parents

Kingston University are inviting parents/guardians who have at least one child in the household of primary school age. Hence, you are eligible to take part in this online survey as long as:

- You are the parent/guardian of a child.
- Your child is in your household.
- Your child studies in primary school.
- Your child is aged between 7-11 years old.

We want to know your views and beliefs about effective and accessible exercise options for your child. We also want your opinion on the preferable exercise types, frequencies, and durations for your child. In addition, we want to introduce you to a relatively new type of exercise: “exergaming” (video games which require the player to engage in exercise activity, such as Nintendo Switch Sports games) and would like to know your thoughts on whether this type of exercise is feasible for your child and if it would be effective to improve children’s health.

[Click here](#) to take part.

Let your bike confidence blossom this spring with this free family-friendly bike ride - Sunday 28 April

Join Kingston Cycling Campaign’s family-friendly group ride on Sunday 28 April 2024. Designed with all ages and cycling abilities in mind, and marshals to keep everyone safe, this easy-paced 6-mile ride will head out along quiet roads and traffic-free routes in Surbiton, Long Ditton and Berrylands. Starting at 10.45am in Victoria Recreation Ground (Surbiton), join in the fun, build your cycle confidence and discover a few new routes on this easy ride through the borough! Reserve your free place [here](#).

[Click here](#) to view poster.

And Finally...



Key Dates for April

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| Monday 15th April | Summer term starts |
| Wednesday 17th April | Y3 Riley and Kusama to The Science Museum |
| Thursday 18th April | Y3 Banksy and Samba to The Science Museum |
| Friday 26th April | Y6 PGL Parents' meeting 9am Carver assembly 2.50pm |
| Monday 29th April | Online Safety Talk and Coffee Morning 9am |

Monday 6th May **Bank holiday School Closed**

Date Card

The summer term date card can be found [here](#)

BSA- Sign-Up

We have an amazing BSA who volunteer in their own time to organise quiz nights, discos, summer and Christmas fairs, cake sales...the list goes on. If you have a few hours to spare please do offer your support. It is always welcome.

The BSA are always happy to hear about new ideas regarding fundraising, please do get in touch.

If you want to give feedback regarding any events, do get in touch with the school office who will be happy to help direct your query. Please see our parent code of conduct [HERE](#)

Online safety talk/coffee morning

PC Lucie Smith is coming into school on Monday 29th April at 9am to do an online safety talk/coffee morning. Please come to the Junior Hall after drop off if you would like to attend.

Staff news

Miss Dunne, Eliot class teacher, is leaving to teach in a school in Hong Kong at the end of the Summer term. She joined Burlington in September 2021 and has been an amazing Year 5 and 6 teacher in that time, as well as our maths leader. She is going to be very much missed but we know she will have lots of wonderful adventures while she is living and working in Asia.

Easter holiday work

We don't set homework in the holidays but children can try and complete their book bingo or '50 things to do before you leave' activities if they wish. Both are in the reading diary back pages. Pupils can also practise their times tables on TT Rock Stars or try some activities on our website [here](#). You can also see what the children are learning next term [here](#).

Cases of measles are rising in London, and many young people are not protected.

[Measles](#) is a very unpleasant illness that spreads very easily among people that are unvaccinated. To be full protected against measles, you need two doses of the [MMR vaccine](#).

You can check that you are up-to-date with your MMR vaccines by checking your red book or contacting your GP practice.

It is never too late to catch up. If you are missing one or both doses, you can either book an appointment at a local vaccination clinic or at your GP practice. Local Vaccination Clinic: find more

information about how to book an appointment on the [HRCH children's immunisation website](#), or calling 020 3691 1019.

GP Practice: book an appointment through the [NHS App](#) or by contacting your GP practice. [Click here](#) to view poster.