

## **Burlington Junior School Newsletter**

**Friday 28th June 2024**

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

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are already heading towards the end of another school year and this will be the last newsletter of the term. We have been busy with school trips, visitors, singing and sporting events, the Year 6 production and transition activities for Year 2 and 6 as they prepare for a new school.

Our 'meet the teacher day' is Wednesday 3rd July. Most of Year 6 will be at their secondary schools that day. If not, they need to come into school as usual please. Year 2, 3 4 and 5 children will go to their new classes in the morning. This information has been sent out today. We then close at 2pm on the 3rd July so parents can come and chat to the new teacher - you can find them in the classroom they will be teaching in from September.

The end of the academic year is the usual time for school staff to decide to change jobs ready for a new place of work in September. This year we are saying goodbye to Miss Dunne who is going to teach abroad, Miss Phillips who is going to teach at Fern Hill Primary which is closer to home, Miss Echlin Smith who is returning to supply teaching to allow her more flexibility and Mrs Hilton, Miss Kanish, Miss Janjua and Mrs Cheung who have been wonderful teaching assistants - all are starting new adventures and careers. Burlington really is a special place to work and I am very lucky to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school - it really is a team effort and we will miss those who are moving and wish them all the best.

Please do come along to the Summer fair on Saturday 6th July from 11am. We really appreciate your contributions to the PTA fund which enables us to buy extras for your children that we sadly can't fund from our budget, including Book week and Fitness week, both highlights in the school year.

Finally we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 on July 24th. Zephaniah and Silverstein parents please come to the Great hall at 9am for the leavers assembly and Bloom and Eliot at 10am. Year 6 will leave school for the last time straight after the assembly. We wish them the very best as they continue their educational journey in their new secondary schools. We invite them back to see their friends and Year 6 staff the week beginning 30th September, more details will be in the Autumn date card which we will send out before the end of term.

I hope you all have a lovely Summer holiday when we break up for Year 3, 4 and 5 at 2pm on Wednesday 24th July.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Pip Utting

### **We Are Super Learners...**

#### **Year 3**

This term Year 3 have been doing rainforests as their topic. They have said that they

enjoy this and how intriguing it is . Chloe and Sai, who are in Riley class have said their favourite thing about it was going on google maps and looking at it. They said 'it was cool seeing how it really looked like '

Eirian and Jaymond said that their favourite they like how interesting the animals are overall they said that they love this topic and they want to continue it. Its their favourite.

**Written by our house captains: Khloe and Aanandh**

#### **Year 4**

GOODALL :Hannah and Ajjai

They really like geography lessons and are learning about where fruits have come from. They think that geography lessons should be longer. They said that they like geography.They think that one geography lesson a week is enough.They think there is nothing to improve.They would like to learn about volcanoes.

TESLA : Zahra and Ian

They have learned about exporting and importing goods. They enjoyed map reading and understanding where they are. They think that geography lessons should be the same length. Geography lessons aren't their favourite but they still like it. They thought that teachers should improve the geography by adding more fun things. They are looking forward to volcanoes.

TURING : Ava and Denise

They think that geography lessons are fun and would want one more geography lesson per week. They have learned about the climate in previous geography lessons. They are looking forward to learning about new malden and the trips linking to geography.They would like more fun activities.

CARVER : Kevavi and Samuel

They think that teachers could improve the geography lessons by making it more fun.

They both like it but most of the time they like other subjects and they are looking forward to learning about volcanoes. 'I like learning about different parts of the world' one of them said. ' we did some recap on rivers'

**Written by our house captains Yeon-Sung and Aksara**

#### **Year 5**

Maliha and Malachi from Y5 Wakata have been comparing England and Poland in geography. One of the activities was to gather information about renewable and non-renewable energy from sheets placed around the classroom.

Geography is one of Malachi's favourite subjects and he learnt lots of interesting

facts about Poland.

**Written by our house captains: Flo and Emma**

## **Year 6**

In geography, Year 6 recently went on a school walk around New Malden. We interviewed four students about their experiences.

“We went on the trip to learn more about the community by listing the different cuisines in the restaurants around Burlington,” says Eden in Bloom class. Adding on to this, Theo commented, “I really enjoy Geography most of the time, it’s a really interesting subject.”

We also asked the children in Silverstein class about what could be better in the lessons and what

they liked. Vithu said: “I wish we could have more trips, but I enjoyed the lessons

about tectonic plates.” Megan said: “We should do more fun activities, which would be really nice.”

We hope Year 6 continues to enjoy their lessons.

**Written by our house captain Anisa and guest writer Ella**

## **Fitness Week**

From Tuesday 4th June to Friday 7th June, pupils at Burlington participated in Fitness Week. The aim was to promote health and wellbeing, and to provide opportunities to try a variety of sports.

Across the school children enjoyed taking part in wide range of activities including: skipping, archery, diamond cricket, gymnastics and zorbing.

Raynes Park High Year 12 students hosted Year 5 and 6 and successfully delivered a carousel of tennis activities.

Children were given the opportunity to discuss healthy lifestyles and teachers shared their own personal fitness regimes and sporting achievements to motivate their classes.

During the week, the children received messages of support and encouragement from a wide range of sporting heroes such as Ugo Monye and coaching staff at Chelsea Football Club. The children were also challenged to design their own fitness workout videos and performed these within their classes. We definitely have some sports stars in the making!

Well done to all the children as well who completed Miss Echlin-Smith’s fitness

challenge at school and at home. We hope they had a great time giving it a go!

On Friday 7th June, pupils participated in sports' day. This saw children taking part in a number of carousel activities and running a sprint race. We have had many positive comments about the organisation of this event and we thank parents and carers for attending. Sports' Day was also supported by pupils from Raynes Park High School who did a fantastic job in helping the day run smoothly.

The scores have now been totalled and are as follows;

1st place - **Air** with 8700 points  
2nd place - **Earth** with 8540 points  
3rd place - **Fire** with 7180 points  
4th place - **Water** with 7050 points.  
Well done everyone!

A big thank you to Miss Echlin-Smith and Mr Malinic for their work in organising the week for our pupils. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

### **Year 4 Swimming Gala**

On Wednesday 19th June, ten Year 4 pupils went to Coombe Hill Junior School to compete in a swimming gala with other schools in the Malden and Coombe cluster. Mr Malinic reported that our pupils participated enthusiastically and did well in all of our races.

### **Upper School Choir at the Rose Theatre**

The Upper School Choir made its return to the Rose Theatre on 17th June to take part in the Primary Singing Festival, organised by Kingston Music Service.

The choir performed The Rhythm of Life by themselves, as well as singing several 'massed' songs with all the other schools at the Rose Theatre, which were original compositions by James Redwood. They sang brilliantly and their behaviour was impeccable from start to finish!

We are very proud of them all!  
Miss Golding and Mrs Cleaver

### **SEND at BJS...**

As we prepare for the end of term and new beginnings in September, all of our Year 6 EHCP pupils have got places in the school their parents requested and have had invites to visit before the main transition day in July.

**Sporting activities available for children with SEND can be found on the local**

**offer:** [AfC Info website - Kingston and Richmond :: Local Offer / Information And Advice / Activities and clubs for children and young people / Sport and outdoor activities](#)

**Short Breaks support can be found on the local offer :**

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/short-breaks/about-short-breaks>

### **SEND Newsletter**

Please see our [school website](#) to read more about SEND at Burlington Junior School and take a look at our [SEND newsletter](#).

### **Clubs**

Please note there is no Upper School Choir or Coding Club on Wednesday 3rd July. If your child attends either of these clubs they will need to be collected at 3.25pm.

The last sessions for this year will be Wednesday 10th July.

### **Keeping Children Safe ONLINE SAFETY**

**What is TikTok?** - TikTok is a social media app that allows its users to upload short videos to share with others. It allows them to express themselves through short-form video clips to gain a following and build a community around their passions. It is popular with celebrities and influencers so it appeals to children and teenagers. You do not need to have a TikTok account to view these videos and by default, all accounts are public so anyone on the app can see what your child shares. However, only approved followers can send them messages and accounts can be set to private..TikTok has a **rating of 13+**.

**What is Snapchat?** - Snapchat is a popular messaging app that allows you to send images and videos to other users. These are known as 'Snaps'. One of Snapchat's unique selling points is that messages are normally only available for a short period of time and can only be viewed once. The platform mainly operates as a messaging app where users can communicate with each other using videos and images. However, there are also other features available including private chat, games, and voice notes. You can also create short videos that can be posted to a public feed.

**The platform is rated 13+.**

**What is WhatsApp?** - To connect you with others, WhatsApp checks your phone's address book for other users and automatically suggests these as your WhatsApp contacts. It also updates your WhatsApp contact list whenever your phone contacts sign up to the app. This is an optional feature, and you can switch it off, but this puts limits on the app's functionality. The new 'Communities' feature allows users to

connect multiple groups together under one umbrella to organise group conversations on WhatsApp, meaning that thousands of users can join a community. A WhatsApp community, unlike a group, is a collection of related groups under one roof. **The app is rated 16+.**

### **I have a concern about a child, what should I do?**

- Speak to your child's class teacher.
- Speak to our Family Liaison Officer Mrs Capon.
- Speak to one of our senior leadership team.

**Contact Single Point of Access (SPA) team** if you live in the Kingston Borough. The SPA is a multi agency team, who work closely with a wide range of teams and partner agencies and facilitates different levels of support depending on the needs of the child, young person and their family.

- Call on 020 8547 5008 during office hours.
- Call the out of hours Duty Team (evenings and weekends) on 020 8744 2442.
- [Report your concerns online](#)

**Contact MASH team** if you live in Merton Borough.

- Call on on 020 8545 4226 or 020 8545 4227
- Call the out of hours on 020 8770 5000

### **Safety in the Sun**

In this hot weather it is essential that children come to school wearing sun cream and with a hat and a water bottle.

They also **should not** be wearing jumpers and cardigans in this weather. Please leave them at home.

### **News from the BSA**

#### **Family Fun Day**

What will be happening?

If you don't fancy the colour run, don't worry. The Family Fun Day will still feature all of the Fair favourites - bouncy castles, a BBQ, games and stalls. There will be lots to do for everyone!

Thank you in advance for all of your support! Any money raised on the Non-Uniform Days on Fridays will be used to purchase everything we need for the Family Fun Day, to enable us to put on a really memorable event.

The event is from 11am - 2pm. We look forward to seeing you all at the Colour Run on Saturday 6th July!

## FUSE Festival

FUSE International, the UK's largest multi-arts festival for performers under 27, returns from 28 Jun – 7 July. Experience shows from around the globe in venues across Kingston. With music, theatre, comedy & more, it's all happening here.

Book now: <https://bit.ly/WhatsOnFUSE>

FUSE International is a 10-day festival that offers an eclectic programme of music, theatre, dance, comedy, visual arts, spoken word, circus and more. With theatre, dance, comedy, cabaret, visual arts and more – there is something for everyone, and it's all created by young and emerging artists from around the world. Founded in 2009 as the International Youth Arts Festival, FUSE has a long history of celebrating work by artists under 27, giving them a platform to showcase new work in a safe environment.

Check out the digital brochure here: <https://bit.ly/FUSE24Brochure>

Kingston Music Service are participating in the FUSE festival this year! They are running a family **Gospel Workshop** on Saturday 6th July at The Rose theatre from 10am

<https://creativyouthcharity.org/event/kms-workshop-come-and-sing-gospel/>

Tickets are £13.50 for adults and £9.50 for children. Then in the afternoon, musicians from **The Grenadier Guards** will be leading workshops with KMS bands for a **concert in the evening** which is sure to blow the roof off! Concert, 6pm; tickets are £16.50 for adults and £10.50 for children

<https://creativyouthcharity.org/event/kms-concert-the-massed-bands-of-kingston-and-richmond/>

### **FREE KMS Bandstand concert at Canbury Gardens**

Bring along a picnic and enjoy a few hours of free, top notch music at the Bandstand on Sunday 14th July

## **Other news...**

### **Welcome to New Staff**

In September we will be welcoming several new members of staff.

Miss Abbie Morgan will be teaching Y3 Riley class

Miss Mayuri Puvaneswara will be teaching Y5 Peake class

Miss Serena Rolfe will be teaching Y4 Turing class

Miss Denisa Hysenaj will be providing PPA cover to teachers

We wish them a very warm welcome to Burlington

### **Parent webinars – county lines and criminal exploitation**

Message from Metropolitan Police: Join our interactive webinar where we will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines. We will explore how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. We cover trends in your local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned. The interactive webinar will also give you the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and connect with others. The sessions are delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation, they will share their experiences and advice on responding to the risks.

What you will learn

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand what is happening in your local area
- Learn how exploiters groom children
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk
- Know where to access support and advice if you have concerns

The webinar will be hosted live over zoom, once you have [registered](#) we will send you the log in details for joining.

### **End of year absence**

If your child is absent due to illness from school over the last three days before we break for the summer, you will need to come into the school office to complete an absence form in person, or present medical evidence. This is laid out in our Attendance Policy which can be found below.

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5037&type=pdf>

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 1st July	Class photos
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 6 secondary transfer day and all classes to meet new teacher for Sept. <b>School closes at 2pm. Please note: if your Y6 child is not at their secondary transition day on Wednesday 3rd July they must be in school.</b>
Friday 5th July	Non uniform day - donation to bottle tombola
Saturday 6th July	Summer Fair 11-2pm
Tuesday 16th July	Y5 performance of Carmen to parents - 9am and 3pm
Tuesday 16th July	Y6 Production Bloom and Silverstein
Thursday 18th July	Y6 Production Eliot and Zephaniah
Friday 19th July	TT Rockstars dress up day



Monday 22nd July Y6 leavers' disco

Tuesday 23rd July Fun Sports day

Wednesday 24th July Year 6 leavers assembly - 9am (Silverstein and Zephaniah) / 10am (Eliot and Bloom)

Wednesday 24th July School breaks for summer holidays 2pm

### **Could you be a School Governor?**

It is important to the Governors of Burlington Junior School, that the Governing Board has a sufficiently diverse range of viewpoints, to enable robust decision making and also to aid understanding of the full diversity of cultures within the school and the community it serves.

We are looking to appoint a Governor. 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 the local community are welcome to observe any Governing Body meeting. This may be particularly useful if they are interested in becoming part of the Governing team. Please email if you wish to do this and we will pass this 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>

### **Tamil Coffee Morning**

We hosted another successful Tamil coffee morning on 17th June 2024.

Thank you for attending the meeting and we hope that you found the information about secondary school applications useful.

We will host another Tamil coffee morning in the Autumn term and aim to quickly recap secondary school applications and discuss our school behaviour policy.

### **Water Safety**

As the weather gets hotter it is tempting to swim or paddle in the river or other open water. Please visit the link below for some good safety advice. The advice given is for:-

- At home
- On holiday
- On the beach
- At the pool
- Any open water

([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j\\_k9cHoWUyuybW0LbLdkorO4NjQxLvGF/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j_k9cHoWUyuybW0LbLdkorO4NjQxLvGF/view?usp=sharing)),