Burlington Junior School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Banksy - Mr Lewis Kusama - Ms Dabrowska Riley - Miss Morgan Samba - Miss Harris	Carver – Mr Lawrence Goodall - Mrs Kreczman Tesla - Miss Puvaneswara Turing – Mr Panesar	Jemison - Mr West Peake - Mr Kim Sharman - Mr Gibbons Wakata - Ms Figiel	Bloom - Ms Michael Eliot – Mrs Le Voir-Matthews / Mrs Harvey Silverstein - Mr Southren Zephaniah – Mr Djadali

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of a half term and the children and staff have been working hard and enjoying their learning. It's lovely to see all the exciting things the children have been experiencing since the term began and diversity week was a highlight. Mr Blow asked the children to parade in assembly and it was wonderful to see and hear about why the children had chosen their cultural outfit, or clothing that represented a club they belong to, or means something special to them.

We are also looking forward to welcoming female relatives and other family members for our MANGO mornings - Year 6 relatives are invited into school on November 6th, do come to the Hive building for a 9am start. We will be sharing how we teach handwriting in school before relatives can go into classrooms and see their child's books and take part in a publishing/handwriting lesson.

We also welcome parents to our next parent Forum at 10am on Friday 6th November, please do come if you can as we really appreciate your views and ideas for making things even better in our school for our children and families.

Lots of you have been asking about Miss Duncombe. I am happy to share she had a beautiful baby girl at the beginning of October and both are doing well.

Thank you to all the Year 3 parents who completed our transition survey. It is wonderful to see how well the children have settled into the Junior School. As we have only had 11 responses please see here for the survey. We would be very grateful for your feedback as this helps us to plan for the next group coming up to the Juniors.

Please can I remind all parents we ask you do not bring dogs onto the site or use your mobile phone. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Finally, we are experiencing a high volume of request and referrals for ADHD and ASD. We ask that any family looking to explore this avenue to contact the class teacher and Mrs Case (SENDco) first so we can support you with this.

I hope you all have a relaxing half term week and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes, Mrs Utting

We Are Super Learners…

AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
Yashfa Eliana Robert	Frankie Nandin Erden	Toby Esther Alfie	Pola Otto Agatha

Our Year 6 House Captains have been finding out what the children have been learning this month

Year 3 - Water House

The Y3 children enjoyed Diversity Week. One of them said “I really enjoyed the Don Rae workshop”.

Another said “I liked dressing up in traditional clothing, it was fun to see the traditional dresses of all my friends.”

Diversity Week was very enjoyable and it was a highlight of the month. The Y3s also met a magician as part of their ‘Magic’ topic and were amazed by his spectacular, cool magic tricks. He made foam balls come out of a person's ear. They said they had an amazing time!

The Y3s loved Diversity Week. One child liked the assemblies about different cultures and dancing. The dressing up in traditional clothes was also fun. Somebody was very happy to be able to wear his football top which was a Motspur Park one.

They did fun activities like learning about famous people and doing Indian dances as they had Asia as their continent to learn about. Another fun thing was meeting a magician who was very funny and did silly but cool tricks.

Year 4 - Fire House

This week, the Y4s have been celebrating Diversity Week. Some of the things Carver class did was a Don Rae dance workshop focusing on the dance culture of Portugal. They also did a Food Fusion project where the children thought about delicious food from multiple countries. One of them mixed curry from Sri Lanka and rice from Asia.They also created an Indian style art with multiple colours.

Children from Turing have been telling us about their Diversity Week. They also did a Don Rae dance workshop relating to the continent Europe involving many complicated foot moves. Two children wore their traditional costumes, one from South Africa wearing a T-Shirt with the bright colours of green and yellow.

Goodall class did food tasting . One was soft, flatbread and hummus with cucumbers. They say that the food tasted great and it was very popular with the entire class. They learned a folk tale from the USA. There were two twins and they went to a spider-woman because they wanted to be safe because there were monsters everywhere. Then the twins fought a ferocious beast and were victorious. Then they went to the spider-woman , which turned out to be their mother. This class also did Don Rae dancing and Romania was their country. They loved the dance , but admitted that it was a bit hard. Like Turing, they danced using complicated foot moves.

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Year 5 - Earth House

Frankie interviewing Ellie and Emma

What folktale did you learn about?
We learnt about a Norse myth including Thor and Loki where Thor and Loki competed against giants.

What dance did they do?
We did a North American dance and a cowboy dance move. We also did tap in the middle of the dance.

What art did you do for Diversity Week?
We drew on a tile in colourful repetitive patterns from South America and Africa.

What did you dress in on the final day?
Japanese traditional clothes and a Korean dress called a Hanbok.

Year 6 - Air House

We interviewed people from Y6 and we asked them about what they did for Diversity Week and here is what they said.

Robert's interview:
Q:What did you enjoy during Diversity Week? Tima said, "Learning about different cultures and dressing up in cultural clothes."

Q:What did you do for Diversity Week? Izan said, "Dressing up in our cultural clothes, dancing from different cultures and learning different stories from different cultures."

Eliana's interview:
Q: What did you learn in Diversity Week? Medha said, "I learnt about other people's culture and we did African dancing, polish paper cutting and we did a drama about a Korean folk tale".

Q: What was your favourite part about Diversity Week? Medha said,"My favourite part about Diversity Week was when we dressed up on Friday in our cultural clothes".

Yashfa's interview:
Q:What is your favorite activity from Diversity Week? Alex said,"Wearing cultural clothes and doing different activities".
Q:What did you learn in Diversity Week?Alex said,"The Polish paper cutting."

We Are Super Learners...

144 Club

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



Year 3:

Year 4: Casey, Isabelle JH, Jad, Jay, Sam P

Year 5: Adhran, Alfred, Alina, Almeda, Ariana, Aroukeh, Avika, Aya A, Charlie L, Chanuli, Charlotte K, Eashan, Eleanor, Eliza, Ellie K (Peake), Emma W, Ephraim, Esme, Finley M, Freya, Hanzala, Ibraheem, Isabelle B, Ishel, Jacques, Jiya, Liberty, Mark, Monty, Preethy, Rianne, Spencer, Varman, Vera, Zechariah

Year 6: Adam M, Daaim, Esther, Eugenie, Helena, Judy Ani, Lile, Torben

Book Vending Machine Winners

Well done to:



Banksy - **Simba**
Kusama - **Aady**
Riley - **Leo O**
Samba - **Savannah**
Carver - **Xabier**
Goodall - **Maeve**
Tesla - **Oliver**
Turing - **Scarlett**
Jemison - **Alice**
Peake - **Hanzala**
Sharman - **Aya**
Wakata - **Abdur-Rahman**
Bloom - **Tima**
Eliot - **Lucia**
Silverstein - **Prim**
Zephaniah - **Izan**

Book Bingo

How many different types of books can you read? Take on our **Book Bingo challenge** and explore a range of different genres, authors and stories.

You'll find your **Book Bingo sheet at the back of your diary**. Each square asks you to read a book from a particular genre or category. Every time you complete a square, tick it off and choose your next challenge!

Once you have completed all the squares you'll receive a Book Bingo certificate from Mrs Utting to celebrate your achievement!

Our first winners of the school year are:

Year 3 - Aiden, Logan

Year 4 - Rogan

Well done! 🎉

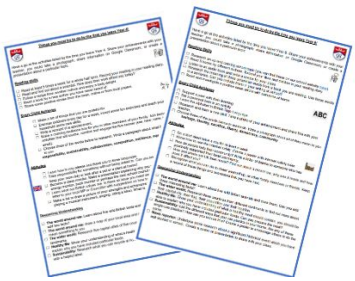


Things to Do

Why not encourage your child to explore the Things to Do activities on their year group website page. The activities offer a range of challenges to deepen their understanding, develop positive attitudes and learn new skills.

They can share their achievements with their teacher by taking a photo, posting on Google Classroom or showing them what they have made.

Winners are chosen at random and receive a prize from Mrs Utting.



Safeguarding

Attendance

Regular school attendance helps children thrive, achieve their potential and build brighter futures. School is about more than academic success, it's a place to discover new interests, build friendships, develop confidence and find a sense of belonging. Every day brings opportunities to learn, experience joy and succeed.

Even small amounts of absence or regular lateness can mean missing valuable learning and experiences. For example, 90% attendance means missing around 19 school days which equates to missing a month of learning over the school year. Whereas 96% attendance means only 8 days missed and pupils are likely to achieve their best! Every day in school matters, and we want every child to feel like they belong and are ready to learn and succeed.

Your Views Matter

We understand that every family's circumstances are different, and we want to work together to support good attendance. We have attached a link to a short survey to help us understand your current views on school attendance and identify whether there is anything more we can do to support you and your child.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and help us ensure every child can belong, experience joy and succeed.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0uIna8KqJap9qSe6OzwoZMT0CIkFukkHJG-IvAQmu374ENQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Safeguarding: Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is an important part of safeguarding. We encourage parents and carers to talk regularly with their children about their online activities, including the apps, games and websites they use. Please visit the **Online Safety** section of our school website for helpful advice, guidance and resources to support your child in staying safe online.

OPAL Accreditation- 14th October.



On the 14th October the OPAL team made up of Mrs Utting (Headteacher) (Mr Blow (Deputy Head), Mrs Rogan (SMSA leader), Mrs Kangatharan (lead OPAL SMSA), Mrs Hickman (OPAL Governor) and Mrs McKinnon (OPAL parent representative) spent the day being assessed by the OPAL mentor Nicola Barrett. This involved Nicola looking at all the OPAL paperwork, the information on the website and our risk benefit analysis that supports all the work we do. Nicola also then spent over an hour taking images of all the OPAL activities and resources before the children came out, and then spent lunchtime discussing OPAL play with the children and adults on duty. She even had a go on the new go karts!

We are delighted to say that we got the highest OPAL award called Platinum. This places us in the top 2% of all schools based on the play and opportunities for our children at lunchtime.

OPAL has really transformed our lunchtimes which we are very proud of. To keep OPAL running successfully we do rely on the constant donations of scooters, buggies, den building materials, kitchen pots and pans and various other items. Do email in if you are having a clear out or have access to different materials through your work.

Events

Diversity Week

From Monday 12th - Friday 16th October, pupils participated in Diversity Week at school. The theme this year was 'our multicultural community' and built on our school values of 'belong, joy, succeed'. Pupils participated in range of activities from drama and storytelling using traditional tales from around the world, to designing food fusion dishes based on traditional dishes from different continents. Pupils also created artwork tiles in the style of artists from around the globe including Japan, Korea, South Africa, India and Poland and some these will create a collaborative artwork for the art room. Assemblies provided an insight into the cultural heritage of some of our staff with pupils learning more about Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

A particular highlight for pupils was taking part in Don Rae's dance workshop which saw them developing a group routine to iconic music from around the world. It was wonderful to see so many children (and adults) joining in with Wake Up, Shake Up on the playground during the week too.

The week ended with children coming to school in clothes that represented their culture and/or heritage. The school was filled with colour and it was fantastic to hear children speak about their clothing choices, and their show and tell items. Thank you to everyone involved (staff, pupils, parents and visitors) for making the week a success.





Harvest Festival

Thank you on behalf of the school council. We collected two huge trolleys full of food and several large shopping bags. The Dons foodbank gratefully accepted the donations. Some of our school council helped collect all the food.



Other News

Have a Go at Earning a Blue Peter Badge! ⭐

Did you know you could earn your very own Blue Peter badge? There are lots of different badges to work towards, celebrating everything from creativity and helping others to caring for our planet and sharing your achievements.

It's a lovely way to celebrate the things you enjoy and the brilliant things you do! Blue Peter badge holders can also enjoy free entry to hundreds of attractions across the UK. Why not take a look, find out how to apply and see if you could earn a badge of your own?

Find out more at the Blue Peter website

Physical 3

Our pupils have been putting their fitness to the test with Physical 3, a new challenge designed to build fitness, develop skills and encourage lifelong health and wellbeing.

Similar to our familiar 144 maths challenge, pupils aim to earn their Physical 3 badge by completing three activities: push-ups, a 20m sprint and an 800m run. With a focus on correct technique, pupils can challenge themselves once each half-term and continue training to improve their performance.

It's been wonderful to see such positive feedback and some of our pupils have already earned their badges! Well done to everyone who has taken part so far.

Well done to our Physical 3-ers !
Year 4 - **Rogan**
Year 5 - **Elina, Monty , Viraj**
Year 6 - **Abel, Agatha, Ashnavi, Chloe, Finley, Grace, Livia**

November Dates

Tuesday 3rd Nov	**Turing** Y4 to Apple Store Workshop
Friday 6th Nov	Non uniform day for Christmas fair
Friday 6th Nov	MANGO morning **Year 6** - 9-10am
Friday 6th Nov	Parent Forum 10 - 11am
W/B 9th Nov	STEM Week
Tuesday 10th Nov	**Goodall** Y4 to Apple Store Workshop
Friday 13th Nov	MANGO morning **Year 5** - 9-10am
Friday 13th Nov	**Zephaniah** class assembly 2.50pm
W/B 16th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 17th Nov	**Carver** Y4 to Apple Store Workshop
Wednesday 18th Nov	**Tesla** and **Turing** to Odeon Kingston

STEM Week

Week commencing 9th November is our school's STEM week! It is a week that we celebrate and focus on everything Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

If you have a job in a related field and wouldn't mind sharing a bit about what you do with the children, we would love to hear from you! If you have any availability on any afternoon (1.25 - 3.25pm) that week, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Wear It Pink

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser today, school was a sea of pink! We raised £342.26.

Other News

Competition time!

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

500 Words, the UK's largest story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds, is now open for entries! Make sure you submit stories before the deadline, at 9pm, Friday 6 November.

It's all treats in Kingston this Halloween

Kingston First, the town's Business Improvement District, has organised two weeks of spooky fun from 17 October-1 November 2026.

The campaign includes 15+ exclusive Halloween offers via InKingston app, with everything from discounts and 2-for-1s to free Halloween treats.

There's also the chance to enter a spook-tacular £200 Halloween giveaway. Visitors simply need to redeem three offers through the InKingston app, with the prize giving one lucky winner £200 to spend at Bonbon Pottery Cafe and Tacos MX.

There's plenty happening across the October half term too, with Halloween activities that will delight the little ones!

You can discover more with the **full Halloween guide**, and the **campaign landing page**.

Fabulous Fridays yoga classes at the parent champions café in Old Malden Family Hub, New Malden

Complimentary coffee, cake and chat social for parents available after each class

Fridays 09:30am to 10:30am Old Malden Family Hub (Former Old Malden Children's Centre, Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT3 5NB

A fully funded wellbeing activity for parents of children aged 0 to 18, up to age 25 if a child has SEND and individual London Living Wage threshold earnings of up to £28,860. No need to book, all classes are a drop in, on a first come first serve basis.

This is a parents only session, regretfully we are unable to accommodate children. Registration is required on the first visit only. Please bring your own yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

More information here.

Other News

Parent Forum

The next meeting will be held on Friday 6 November at 10am, If there are any issues that you would like raised please use the form.

https://forms.gle/KXUaVBUMutCekiDE7

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale after half term. Paper poppies will be sold at by the House Captains (and other items such as slap bands, pencils, key rings and stickers) will be available in the playgrounds at 8.40am and 3.25pm. Prices are 50p per poppy, sticker or keyring and £1 for pencils and slap bands.

Remaining free parenting groups starting soon, places available

There are places available on a number of free parenting groups which will be starting soon, this term in the Kingston borough.

Playful Parenting for parents and carers of children under 5 years - limited creche places available - Tuesday mornings 1 and 8 December in Chessington

Triple P Stepping Stones Seminars Standalone topic-based sessions for parents of children with additional needs aged under 12 Starting 3rd November at Chessington Children's Centre, mornings

123 Magic for parents and carers of children up to 7 years of age who display challenging behaviour/ADHD - limited creche places - Thursday mornings in New Malden starting 5 November

Talking Teens for parents and carers of year 6 upwards - being held on Monday evenings in Kingston starting 2 November

Triple P Teen for parents and carers of children aged 11-16 years with mild to moderate challenging behaviour, 2 week course held on 2 consecutive Saturdays in New Malden starting 24 October

Please see the attached posters for more information about the different groups

Please contact **Karen Williams** or complete the **online registration form**.

MHST

자녀의 어려운 행동에 대한 부모 교육 워크숍

정신건강지원팀(MHST)과 함께 자녀를 돕는 방법에 대해 이야기 나누고, 다른 학부모들과도 편안하게 대화할 수 있는 자리에 여러분을 초대합니다.

이 워크숍에서는 자녀의 어려운 행동을 이해하고 적절하게 대처하는 방법을 배웁니다. 아이의 행동에 영향을 미치는 다양한 요인을 알아보고, 자녀와 긍정적인 관계를 형성하는 방법을 함께 살펴봅니다. 또한, 자녀에게 긍정적인 관심을 표현하고 가정에서 명확한 규칙과 행동의 경계를 설정하는 실용적인 방법을 배웁니다.

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NHS South West London Clinical Commissioning Group

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Challenging behaviour workshop

Come along for a discussion on supporting your children with the Mental Health Support Team as well as a chance to chat with other parents.

This workshop will help you learn ways to support your child with challenging behaviour. We will explore what can affect children's behaviour and discuss practical ways to build positive relationships, give positive attention, and set clear rules and boundaries at home.

Friday 6th November at 2pm

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சவாலான நடத்தைகளைப் புரிந்துகொள்வதற்கான பெற்றோர் பயிலரங்கம்

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2026 நவம்பர் 6, வெள்ளிக்கிழமை , பிற்பகல் 2:00 மணி

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OPAL Play

For information about OPAL see the website
https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/page/?title=OPAL+%2D+Outdoor+Play+and+Learning&pid=246

These items are always needed at Burlington. Please bring any items to the school office. If you have larger items please contact the school on parent@burlingtonjunior.org and we can arrange a suitable drop time or collection.



Burlington
Infant & Nursery School
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Applying to Nursery for September 2027

Dear Parents,

We are now accepting applications for children who want to join our Nursery in September 2027.

If you have a child who turns 3 by 31st August 2027, we have a number of nursery options available: part time and full time, funded and paid. Please visit our school website for more details and how to apply via our online applications portal:
https://www.burlingtoni.kingston.sch.uk/admissions/apply-for-nursery-3-years

If you have a child who turns 2 by 31st August 2027, we have a limited number of part-time places in our 2 year old Nursery provision, with options for funded and paid. Please visit our school website for more details on the types of funding available and how to apply:
https://www.burlingtoni.kingston.sch.uk/admissions/apply-for-nursery-2-year-olds

We will be holding open days for prospective parents to meet with our Headteacher and visit the Nursery - details of these dates and how to book will be available on our website from January. 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 Infants School Office if you have any queries or email directly on admissions@burlingtoni.org.uk
Thank you, Burlington Infants & Nursery School



ED DAVEY'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

A Caring Christmas

Age Categories 4-6, 7-10, 11-16, Under-19 SEND

Deadline - 12pm, Friday, 13th of November

MAKE SURE YOUR CARD

is an orginal, not a photocopy
is A4
uses bright colours
has no 3D elements
(stickers, glitter, cotton wool, etc.)

HOW TO ENTER

Make sure your **name, age, school and class** are written on the reverse
Send your entry to:
Ed Davey MP
Christmas Card Competition 2026
21 Berrylands Road, Surbiton KT5 8QX
Make sure Ed receives your design by 12pm (noon), Friday, 13th of november 2026

PRIZES

Overall winner - design used as Ed Davey's christmas card, invitation to tea with Ed, book token(s) & signed certificate. The winner is selected as best design from all entries

Three other category winners - design printed on the back of Ed's Christmas Card, book token(s) & signed certificate

All entrants receive certificate of entry

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South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

Children's Flu information webinar

Join us to learn more about the children's flu vaccine, and protecting your child this winter

10 November

13:00 - 14:00

Scan the QR code to register



October 2026