

# Burbage Junior School

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## Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back; I hope that you have all had a lovely break. As you can see, we have had a very busy first half term. We are incredibly proud to unveil our new aims and values which have included input from all pupils, members of staff and parents who attended our first coffee morning. The School Council have worked hard to explain what each of these values means for the whole school community – they really have done an excellent job.

We are currently working on a new website, which should go live over the next week or so. We hope it will be more modern, attractive and easier to navigate. The address will remain the same. Please note that while we have been working hard to develop this we have not been updating the old one, so if you need anything, and cannot find it, please contact the office.

Thank you again for your great support.

Mrs Karen Allen  
Executive Headteacher

***The Burbage Way: striving to be the best version of ourselves.***

We will achieve this by following our core values:

### **Integrity**

- Always admit it if we do something wrong
- Let someone know if we are finding something hard
- Be honest with ourselves

### **Excellence**

- Never give up and always try our hardest to improve on our personal best
- Support others to be the best that they can be
- Take pride in our work

### **Kindness**

- Share our equipment
- Help others whenever we can
- Never take anyone for granted and take care of each other

### **Enjoyment**

- Make sure our school is a fun place to be for everyone
- Make sure we find time to smile and laugh
- Enjoy challenging ourselves

### **Respect**

- Keep our classroom, lunch hall and playground tidy
- Treat each other as we would like to be treated
- Take care of our possessions and the school property

### **Inclusivity**

- Include everyone in all activities
- Listen to everyone's ideas
- Work in teams to have fun and achieve more



## **School Visitor News**

### **Andy Cope Visit**

We would like to inform you about our day with Andy Cope. In the morning, we went to a whole school assembly where we learnt about how the series 'Spy Dogs' began. Year 6 also learnt how to pursue their dreams by filling in their HUGG – Huge, Unbelievably Great Goals – pyramid which involves steps to success.

Throughout the day, we had the chance to get a book signed by Andy. During the afternoon, he spoke about the 'art of happiness' and how to frequently be a '2%er'. This is a person who is always encouraging. Likewise, he told us about being a 'mood-hoover'. These are people who are always fault-finding and are the opposite of a '2%er'. At the end of the day, Andy handed out a ten minute task which got us to write about the two different life styles.

A few days later, we made the decision that they would choose their 2% lifestyle.  
By Evie and Lily-Mai (Yr 6)

### **Composting Man Talk**

Year 6s have been studying microorganisms in science and were fascinated by the talk given by Rod Weston, a council expert on composting. He brought along a few wormeries and gave pupils the chance to examine the work of the little composters at close hand!

### **Power Reads Project**

Our Year 5s are currently involved in the school library service's Power Reads Project. We have been lent 94 copies of the author, Matt Dickinson's new book, "Everest With AJ", so all our pupils in this year group are currently reading the book and producing writing linked to it. We are looking forward to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November when Matt is visiting our school to talk about his adventures climbing Everest and his life as a reporter and author. Our Y5s are going to show him some of their writing- we are sure he will be impressed!

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

On 28th September, Burbage Junior School Council held a MacMillan coffee morning raising a fantastic £265.

The coffee morning couldn't have gone any better than it did. The teachers who were helping let the children do quite a lot of the work which prepares us for when we get older.

When the parents came to order their cakes and drinks, the children were very polite to them. Best of all the cakes were delicious!

Thank you to everyone who brought in the cakes. Thank you to everyone who donated. Mrs Allen would like to say a special thank you to the whole School Council, as well as Miss Dixon and Mrs Ainscough for their hard work on the day.

Tia (6P)



### Year 3 Stone Age Visit

On 28<sup>th</sup> September, Year 3 took part in Stone Age workshops. The children had great fun dressing in Stone Age costumes, creating cave paintings and carrying out their own archaeological digs!



### Bosworth Battlefield

On 24<sup>th</sup> October, Year 4 visited Bosworth Battlefield, helping to bring their history topic to life. The children had presentations from re-enactors, a guided walk and a chance to look at the exhibition centre. Staff were very impressed with their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm to learn.



### Sporting News

#### **Cross Country**

Well done to all the children who have taken part in our Leicestershire Schools' Cross Country Races at Prestwold Hall. All participants showed enthusiasm and determination. Thank you to Mr Birch for organising these.



#### **Football**

The other week, the Year 5 and 6 boys entered a football tournament at Redmoor Academy. They did very well; in fact, they got through to the finals but sadly lost on penalties against Battling Brook.

The Rice-bowl Tournament (for Year 5 and 6 pupils) was very exciting but unfortunately we lost on penalties again. It was a great performance though by the team.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October, the Year 5 and 6 girls attended the Heath Lane football tournament. Unfortunately, they lost the first two games 1-0. In the third game, they drew 1-1. Luckily, in the last two games, they won against West Field Juniors and Barwell Primary School. The team played very well and should be proud of themselves.

Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the teams.



### Influenza Immunisations

As last year, pupils will be able to receive a nasal flu vaccination at school this term. Consent forms have now been sent out, with immunisations taking place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**.

## **Welcome to the new school starters!**

We are very excited to introduce new members of the Burbage Junior School family! Our guinea pigs have been at school for a week and met a few children, but don't have a name yet. To make them feel more welcome we would like it if you could choose names for them.

We are holding a competition. Entry costs 50p (all money raised going towards making the guinea pigs more comfortable). Please put the name of your choice into the box in your classroom. Winners will be drawn on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.



## **Grove Road School's PTA**



We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the PTA Volunteers who helped to run the Spooky Bingo event on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are able to help with any of our forthcoming Christmas events, please leave your details with the school office.



**Remember to like our Facebook page: Grove Road Schools PTA**

## **Poppies**



Once again, we will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion Annual Appeal.

Poppies will be taken to each class on a daily basis.

## **Parents' Coffee Morning**

Our next parents' coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Look out for more details nearer the time.

## **HELP WANTED!**

Do you know anyone that could spare a couple of hours a week? If so, Mrs Peckover would love to hear from you!

We are still looking for volunteers (subject to DBS checks) to take part in our bookworm scheme (to come in to school and listen to our children read) as well as any keen gardeners (similar to the army of volunteers over at the Infant school).

Please ask around, as we would love to get this up and running soon.



## **Diary Dates**

### **November**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bonfire Night Menu
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5P Class Assembly
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations

### **December**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cross Country Prestwold Hall 9:30am start
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6P New Walk Trip
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6B New Walk Trip Year 5 National Space Centre Trip
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6H New Walk Trip
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurse Drop in Centre 2:00pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Performance 2:00pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Performance 10:00am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch Church Service 10:00am & 2:00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	West End in Schools
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day school
<b>January</b>	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	School resumes