

# Burbage Junior School

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

## Newsletter 4

December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

This is our last newsletter of 2018 and, as a staff, we have enjoyed reflecting on a busy and exciting term. I would like to end the year with some 'thank you's'.

Well done to all the children who took part in the Carol Services at St Catherine's church – thank you to Mrs Matthews and Ms Paterson for organising the wonderful singing and dancing.

I would also like to say a special thank you to our PTA for all their effort in arranging a hugely successful Christmas Fair. If you have been watching BBC2's *School* programme, you will know that we are all facing challenging times with regard to our budgets. The work of the PTA is hugely important and highly valued by the school.

Well done also to our Year 3 children for their brilliant performances of 'Bah Humbug' – it was an amazing production with so many songs and words to learn. My thanks to the Year 3 staff for all their hard work to make it such a success.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff for their dedication and work this term, as well as to all of you for your support.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful holiday.

Mrs Karen Allen  
Executive Headteacher

### **Year 6 trip to the New Walk Museum**

We enjoyed the New Walk Museum trip because we had the chance to have fun but also learn about history.

We were able to experience the Ancient Egyptian and art galleries, the animal exhibits and the dinosaur room. Also, we participated in an Egyptian workshop, where we learnt how to mummify a body, as well as finding out about the different canopic jars and the food Ancient Egyptians ate.

Florence and Elissa 6P



## **Year 5 Space Centre Visit**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Year 5 went to the National Space Centre in Leicester because Year 5 were learning about space.

We saw the giant rocket at the top and we reported the weather in the Weather Pod which was really good fun!

In the afternoon, we went to see a show in the planetarium because the screen was a huge dome.

Everybody had lots of fun and we'd recommend it to anybody.

By Zack 5P

## **University of Leicester Starfish Counting Project**

As part of their work on Instructions, Year 5 children made and decorated Salt Dough Starfish. This was in conjunction with the University of Leicester's Counting Project which helps children to see how our number system is built on tens, hundreds and thousands. Over 10,000 starfish were made and displayed at the New Walk Museum in Leicester, some of which were made by our children.

We hope that the starfish will visit our school so that the children can use them in Maths lessons. Please enjoy the photograph - perhaps your child will be able to spot their own starfish!

Miss Ainscough, Miss Brennan and Miss Popat



## **Parking**

Grove Road residents have contacted the school and requested that drivers turn their engines off when waiting in their cars if they are going to be any length of time. This is to aid reduction in traffic pollution.

## **Interim Reports**

We are very proud of all the pupils' hard work and achievements so far this year.

Please look out for interim reports with details of your child's attainment for the Autumn Term which will be sent out in January.

## **Christingle & Carol Concerts**



It was lovely to see so many people at the Christingle Service on 16<sup>th</sup> December and our two Carol Concerts on Wednesday.

Money raised from the collection will go to The Children's Society.

## **Wii Games**

We are looking for donations of any old Wii games for use in our nurture room at lunchtime.

If you are able to help, please drop them into the school office.

## **Poppy Collection**

We raised a fantastic £291.08 for the Royal British Legion following this year's poppy collection.

Thank you for your support.



## **Sporting News**

### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all children who competed in the recent cross country races. We would like to congratulate you on all of your hard work. The conditions at the most recent cross country were very harsh. To those who participated, you should be incredibly proud of yourselves and the amazing effort you put in. None of you are far off being the next Olympic champion! Keep up the hard work and keep running! Life will be much happier now that you know you've got the makings of a champion!  
By Zarah, 6H

### TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Saturday 9th December, children from schools around Leicestershire took part in the U11 table tennis tournament at Knighton Table Tennis Club. The players who took part were very friendly as well as being competitive. Every player put up a challenge to their opponent.

The tournament was well organised by the coaches who kindly gave up their time. Players had to play five to eight rounds. Parents were there to watch us play and support us. The venue was very clean and tidy. After we had finished the first round, we had to play against new people.

We hope to play another tournament there again soon!  
By Oscar and Saryna (6H).



## **Bah-Humbug!**

The Year 3 Team have put on a Christmas production called Bah-humbug. Scrooge was a mean and horrible person. His partner, Jacob Marley, died seven years ago then he came to give a warning about three spirits who would come: Spirit of Christmas Past, Present and Future. The future spirit said, "If you carry on being mean and horrible, Tiny Tim will die." The dances were The Chain (which was very scary), Spirit in the Sky (which was ghostly), the Chimney Sweep (which was very quick) and Jingle Bell Rock (which was very merry).

By Faith

The Year 3s have put on a Christmas production called Bah-Humbug. The main character is a mean man called Scrooge. It's about him and his partner, Jacob Marley. Jacob Marley dies and becomes a ghost. He sends spirits to help Scrooge learn how to be kind. There's lots of songs, including Christmas Eve, Jacob Marley, and Tiny Tim.

The Year 3s have been practising every day. We have put so much work into it. I think we did really well!

By Oliver.

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



Thank you to Nicola Cross and all the volunteers from the PTA for giving their time to organise and run both the Secret Room and Christmas Fair. These were hugely popular events and it was wonderful to see the school so busy.

Recently, their efforts have resulted in an update to our fantastic library, 30 new tablets and redecoration of the school hall. Yesterday, they also funded our West End in Schools Pantomime, Dick Whittington, which was enjoyed by all the pupils.

Please see the school website for more information on their work and if you are able to support them in any way, please pass your details on to the school office.



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

## **Diary Dates**

### **January**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> School opens for the Spring Term

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Warning Zone Trip

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Fitness in Schools

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Book Fair

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> PTA Disco

### **February**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross Country at Bosworth Academy

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Year 6 London Trip

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> School Nurse Drop-in

### **March**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> West End in Schools Production

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings

## **Button Batteries**

This week, we received the following message from Antonia Gallo, Health Improvement Practitioner at Leicestershire County Council which she has asked us to share with you:

Many people are still unaware of the dangers button batteries pose to young children. The batteries, which are often found in toys and gadgets, can be extremely harmful if swallowed. Children under the age of 6 years old are particularly at risk as they may be mistaken for sweets.

Always keep button batteries out of reach of children and if you think a child may have swallowed a button battery, act quickly.

- Take them straight to A&E or dial 999 for an ambulance
- Do not allow your child to eat or drink
- Do not try and make your child sick.

Further information can be found on the following sites:

The Child Accident Prevention Trust: [www.capt.org.uk/button-batteries](http://www.capt.org.uk/button-batteries)

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA): [www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/product/button-cell-batteries/](http://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/product/button-cell-batteries/)