

Burbage Junior School

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

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Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers

It's lovely to see the first signs of spring emerging and watch the children enjoying the better weather – fingers crossed it stays like this for the half term break!

Once again, we have been busy with a variety of enrichment opportunities, culminating in the Year 6 visit to see the Lion King. Coming up next half term, we are looking forward to our Resilience Week. As part of this, the children will experience an outdoor learning workshop, the contents of which are to be a surprise!

Thank you to all those who came to our coffee morning this morning. We really value the opportunity to ask your opinion about what is working well and what needs developing. Keep an eye out for our next one after half term.

Mrs Karen Allen
Executive Headteacher

Year 6 trip to the Warning Zone

On Wednesday 9th January 2019, Year 6 visited the extraordinary WARNING ZONE. Learning all about safety, they had an incredible day guided by the superb volunteers.

They were given advice on many important areas: fire safety; road safety; the dangers of train tracks; and how vandalism affects other people and yourself.

To top it all off, they had an exclusive chance to explore the E-safety section; they learnt about safety when online.

To conclude, they had a wonderful day learning about staying safe and what to do if you find yourself in an unsafe situation.

By Stanley and Mimi (6B)



Sporting News

At the beginning of December, eight children represented Burbage Junior School, alongside 13 other Leicestershire schools at the Leicestershire and Rutland Level 2 School Games County Final Primary Parallel Sportshall Athletics Competition. All the children had a fantastic day taking part in a variety of sporting activities.

Proudly, we came in third place overall and were ecstatic to receive the 'Spirit of the Games' trophy! The children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship: they cheered each other on; supported other school teams and embraced each activity with determination and smiles on their faces – happily having a go at everything. They did themselves proud and represented the school superbly.

Following this success, eight children represented the Hinckley and Bosworth area at the Level 3 School Games County Final.

This was another fantastic day where the children took part in a variety of activities, embracing, enjoying and shining in each and every one.

On arrival, the children received a competitors t-shirt to identify their team – which they got to keep. On the day, 10 children from a variety of schools achieved UK Athletics (UKA) Bronze Medal Performance Level, including Autumn – who was also the highest performing girl and highest individual performer. Well Done Autumn!

Following a tie break, the children achieved a fourth place position, just shy of our Level 2 position. However, following a unanimous vote from the organisers and volunteers the children once again achieved the 'Spirit of the Games' award, having demonstrated the core values of the games: Determination, Honesty, Passion, Respect, Self-belief and Teamwork. This is such a wonderful achievement and we are so proud of the children who took part.

Due to team and individual successes, we are awaiting confirmation for eligibility for National Championships in July!



Year 3 Trip to Beaumanor Hall

On Thursday 24th January, Year 3 went on a trip to Beaumanor Hall.

There were three activities and we rotated around in classes.

The first activity was The Roundhouse. Our favourite activity was when we had a rock and smashed grains. The second activity was training for battle. We didn't like charging and rolling on the ground. The third activity was decoding – we had to translate the Celtic language into English with a sheet with all the Celtic letters on them.

We all ate our lunch in the main hall.

We had a great time and learnt a lot about the Celts!

By Holly and Jack W (3L)



Grove Road School's PTFA

Thank you to Laura Yates and all the volunteers from the PTFA for giving their time to organise and run the Winter Disco.

All the children had a brilliant evening!

Look out for the film and bingo nights happening soon.

Please see the school website for more information on the PTFA's 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

Year 6 London Trip

On 6th February 2019, Year 6 had a wonderful time on their visit to London to see the Lion King.

It was an excellent production and we were all astounded by the amazing costumes and puppetry.

The children were fantastic ambassadors for the 'Burbage Way', demonstrating our core values. All the teachers we were really impressed by the pupils' behaviour.

Thank you to Year 6 staff and volunteers for making this possible.



Winter Weather

Being in the midst of the colder weather, we would ask that all children are sent into school wearing suitable top layers to keep out the cold at break and lunchtime—a thick coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Please ensure that PE kits are also suitable for being out of doors at this time of year.



Miss Beighton

Earlier in the term, we had a visit from Miss Beighton and her daughter, Ivy Rita.

Ivy was very well-behaved and the staff all enjoyed lots of cuddles!

Thank you for all the good wishes that we have received; we have passed these on to mother and daughter.

Year 5 Starfish Project Update



Botanic Garden

Counting Starfish Exhibition Sunday 3rd March 2019



- See 5,000 model starfish made by local primary school children
- Use them in a variety of fun maths activities.



Venue: Knoll House
Time: Anytime between 10-4pm.
Cost: Free. No need to book
Light refreshments available.

For further information contact: **0116 271 2933**
botanicgarden@le.ac.uk

Christmas Art Competition

Congratulations, Burbage wiped the board taking first and two equal second prizes for the 'Night Before Christmas' art competition run by Mr Suckling's music company.

First prize went to Evie in 6P who won an art voucher for £120. Equal second were Mia and Marth, both in 5A who won £50 art vouchers.

Thank you to all contestants. The competition was open to all of Mr Suckling's schools and we are proud to have won the top prizes!

Diary Dates

February 18th – 22nd
February 28th

Half Term
Class Photos

March 1st
March 2nd
March 4th – 8th
March 6th
March 7th
March 11th
March 23rd

PTFA Film Night
Cross Country (Bosworth Academy)
Parents' Evenings
West End in Schools Production
World Book Day
School Nurse Drop in (2-3pm)
Cross Country Finals (Prestwold Hall)

April 1st – 5th
April 4th
April 5th
April 8th – 11th
April 12th

Resilience Week
Oliver!
PTFA Bingo Night (TBC)
Life Education Bus
School Closes for Holidays