

# Burbage Junior School

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## Newsletter 6

March/April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again, it's been a busy half term, with loads of news to tell you.

Sadly, we have two members of staff retiring at Easter. Mrs Rosemary Parkinson and Mrs Lorna Harris will be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Parkinson has worked at the school for nineteen years, and is currently a Learning Support Assistant in Year 5. Mrs Harris has worked in the office for fifteen years. We will really miss them both, but are sure you will all join us in wishing them a long and happy retirement, with many fantastic adventures.

We are welcoming Mrs Helen Hardman, Mrs Claire Whysall and Miss Chloe Blower, one of our Midday Supervisors, as Learning Support Assistants.

Mrs Karen Allen  
Executive Headteacher

### **Netball**

On Monday 18th March 2019, our Year Five and Six Netball teams, both boys and girls, went to Hastings High School to compete in a Netball Tournament. The opposing teams were:

St Mary's  
Hinckley Parks  
Westfield A & B  
Richmond



The teams that represented Burbage Juniors were Burbage A and Burbage B.

The children that were in these teams were: Evie (captain), Millie (captain), Keira, Danny, Liam, Megan, Esme, Isla, Hayden, Lucy, Florence (captain), Florence (captain), Blake, Tom and Isla.

Both teams played extremely well; however, only Burbage A qualified for the next round. Burbage A's overall score was 8 and Burbage B's overall score was 5.

The next round (which Burbage A will be competing in) will be on Wednesday 10th April at Hinckley Ladies Training Grounds. Wish us luck!

By Isla and Isla (5P)



## **Science Week**

Last week, we had an inspiring man come in from Babcock. While he was telling us about ships, he also told us about really interesting planes that he and his team design together. It was so inspiring because he didn't go to university but he still got a great job as an engineer on ships. I would really like to be an engineer or designer now because of his talk.

All of the ships and planes had the most technical engines and operators. On the ships were helicopter pads for the helicopters to land on the huge deck! They had to tie them to the deck with big, strong ropes. I don't know how they would have been so steady getting the helicopter to land.

He also told us about submarines and jets that had missiles attached to them to defend themselves from other jets. I really enjoyed listening to him!

By Toby (4A)



## **The 3M Science Challenge**

During Science week, Year 4 took on the cargo carrier challenge. The aim was to make a boat out of Lego, plastic, dowels and cardboard. The boat had to carry a 5kg weight. There were some amazing designs throughout Year 4, which we tested in the sinks! The closest held 4.5kg. Although we did it for a bit of fun, we all really hoped that we would get through to the next round. The classrooms got really messy but we made sure that they were all nice and clean for the end of the day!

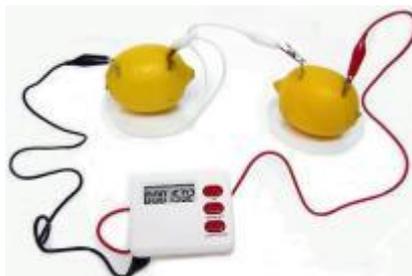
All of the designs were intricate and neat, but the ones that went all out for decoration weren't necessarily the ones that held the most. There were little prizes for the people whose boat carried the heaviest weight. The boats that were made out of cardboard got very damp and soggy – cardboard may float on water, but it doesn't stay very dry!

By Chloe (4A)

## **Siemens**

Siemens are a company of engineers and last week we had an amazing time with them doing lots of Science! We even got to make our own windmills. They brought in an aeroplane engine blade and although it was part of a spectacular plane, it was quite heavy. Siemens also showed us how to turn a lemon into a battery using zinc (-) and copper (+). It was pretty awesome! The strategy for the windmills was to get an object (ideally a spoon) and put it at an angle and the wind would catch the end and make a force to push the windmill around. To make it even more exciting, they gave us note pads!

By Dominic (4A)



## **YEAR 5 FEED THE HUNGRY**

On Friday 22nd March, Year Five were visited by two ladies, Rachel and Elaine, from the charity Feed the Hungry. They explained how 1/10 of children around the world go hungry every day! They visit countries to help unload packages containing rice ready meals – put together by volunteers - and clothes given by people who have either grown out of them or don't need them any longer. They also accept toothbrushes and toothpaste, bars of soap (and other non-liquid toiletries) and kindness bags which may include colouring sheets, pens and pencils and/or new or unused teddies or soft toys.

They let us taste the food refugees would receive. Rachel and Elaine's charity don't only supply children with ready meals but they also ship over bags of seeds for them to grow their own vegetables which they can sell at market for money.

In class we were brought in donations of the above and we would like to say thank you to everyone who took part.

By Amelia and Megan (5P)

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## **Church Lads' & Girls' Brigade Visit**

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, we were visited by Major Holder from the Church Lads' and Girls' Brigade who treated us to a concert, with some of our pupils providing backing percussion on the tambourine.

He also talked about the events that his group have attended such as Britain's Got Talent auditions and Burbage Junior's Summer fete!

The group meets on Friday evenings at St Mary's, Hinckley and gives the children an opportunity to learn an instrument. If you would like any further information on the work that they do, Major Holder has left some leaflets in the school foyer.



## **Grove Road School's PTFA**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our first Burbage Schools' Film Night. The event has raised over £600!

Between 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May, the PTFA will be holding their first Burbage Scarecrow Festival. The theme for this year is Children's Books with prizes for the winning entries.

If you would like to enter a scarecrow, please pop in to school to collect an entry form (deadline 8<sup>th</sup> April).



We would like to say a massive thank you to the PTFA for our new hall curtains. They look beautiful!

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



### **Resilience Workshops**

Over the next few weeks, every pupil will be taking part in a resilience workshop with Outdoor Education Specialist, Simon Perkins. We don't want to give away what the children will be doing; we want it to be a surprise for them! However, we are sure that they will all have a fantastic time!



### **Parents' Coffee Morning**

Following our Maths parents' coffee morning last half term, our next theme will be reading.

This will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9am when Mrs Paterson will share our work on whole-class reading.



### **Contacting Teachers**

Should you have any queries regarding your child, please phone or visit the school office in order that an appointment may be made to talk with the class teacher.

These are the people who will know your child best in school and should be the first point of contact for any concerns.



### **Cars**

Once again, we have received a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate parking around the school.

We would also ask that anyone driving into and out of the school car park, by prior arrangement, does so slowly.

### **Diary Dates**

April 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Resilience Week
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver!
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bingo Night
April 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Bus
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurse Drop-in
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Easter Egg Competition
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Coffee Morning
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for Holidays
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	School Reopens for the Summer Term
May 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Scarecrow Festival
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
May 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Week
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for Half Term
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Books for Bugs Week
June 10 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Beaumanor Residentials
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for Summer