

Burbage Junior School

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

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Dear Parents/Carers

This half term must be one of the shortest on record; however, we have still been very busy!

See below for details and photographs from our first Scarecrow Festival, as well as our charity fundraisers and 3M Science Challenge.

I would also like to say a huge 'well done' to all of our Year 6 children who approached their SATs with confidence, resilience and an extremely positive attitude, and a 'thank you' to all the staff and volunteers involved in this.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term.

Mrs Karen Allen
Executive Headteacher



Burbage Scarecrow Festival

We would like to say a massive 'THANK YOU!' to our wonderful PTFA for their fantastic work in organising the inaugural Burbage Scarecrow festival which took place over the May Bank Holiday weekend. When it was first discussed, there was no way of knowing how many people would take part or how successful it would be. Well, with 104 entries, a 10 mile course, people coming from as far afield as Manchester and Birmingham and over £4500 raised, I would say it smashed all of our expectations!

Staff from the Infant and Junior schools, along with a few furry friends, completed the selfie trail (photos below) – thank you to everyone who sponsored us. Special mention must go to Mrs Graham who really took this seriously, dressing the part in her own scarecrow costume and Miss White, from the Infants, for getting the team organised!

We would also like to thank all of you who entered scarecrows, held cake sales or bought programmes. There was a lovely community feel and buzz around Burbage over the weekend and it will be one of my cherished memories from my first year at the Juniors.

See you there, same time, next year!

Rachel Peckover





More photographs can be found on our Twitter account: @BurbageJuniors and look out for details of next year's event on the Facebook page: Grove Road Schools' PTFA.



PSHE Charity Fundraisers



As part of our PSHE work this term, each year group has been raising money for a different charity.

Year 4 held a parents' tea party, which was very well attended and raised a fantastic £174.24 for the Brain Tumour charity.

Year 3 were busy helping the 'Keep the Beat' charity, raising a super £84.95.

Well done to everyone involved!



National Table Tennis Championships

A huge 'well done' to Freya (6P) who made it to the National Finals of the Schools' Individual Table Tennis Championship over Easter - she even made it to the knockout stage of this event!



Parents' Coffee Morning

Look out for details of our next coffee morning which will be taking place after half term and where we will be explaining our new '**Everyone's Welcome**' project.

This is a whole school approach that teaches children about equality and diversity, in line with British Values, Ofsted guidelines and the Equality Act (2010). Everyone's Welcome uses storybooks, lesson plans and assemblies to create and support the development of a whole school community that embraces and celebrates all forms of difference.



The 3M Science Challenge Update



Discovery 3M

In the last few weeks, pupils from Year 3, 4 and 5 took part in the 3M challenge, a project begun as part of our Science Week work.

All of the children had an amazing time and their behaviour was exemplary. Unfortunately none of our teams got through to the final round but, as this was our first entry into the competition, we, as a school, have learnt from the experience and hope to progress further next year.

However, all pupils that did participate have now earned the Crest Science award and this will be presented to them in assembly once the certificates arrive. Congratulations to them all!

Mrs Ainscough

