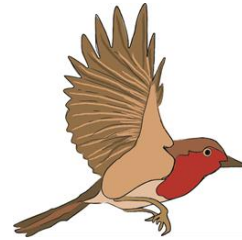


Burhill Flyer

Friday November 24th 2017 #11



This week in school

This week years 3 and 4 went off successfully to Harry Potter World - school trips were never as exciting as that in my day! Year 2 also went to Marwell Zoo - on the windiest day of the year so far!

Also we had 2 evening meetings (great planning Mrs T!) – one a maths curriculum evening and the second our first ever Gallery Evening - showcasing our work from Arts week. I was really impressed by the range of work on show.

Video Project

This week in school also teachers have been videoing themselves teaching - for developmental purposes. They have been sharing the films with colleagues, and looking for ways to improve their performance. The teachers report to me that they have found it very useful, if a little uncomfortable to watch. Some teachers have bravely shared the videos with the children - who are always fascinated by film of their lessons/themselves. It has sparked some interesting reflections from the children.

Congratulations....

...to Ben and Jack in year 6 who attended a special awards ceremony last week, recognising their resilience and hard work in overcoming challenging circumstances to develop themselves as inspirational role models to other learners at Burhill.



Hair styles

I have been asked recently what my policy is on children having their hair bleached. Quite simply I have never felt the need to dictate the kind of hairstyles children have- preferring to leave that parenting decision to the parents! I trust parents to ensure children have sensible hair, suitable for school. It would seem that just recently the fad is for bleached hair. My strong advice to you – mums and dads- is to NOT allow your child to pester you into having their hair bleached. It is very damaging for children's hair, and should be something they wait until adulthood to do. I stand on somewhat dodgy ground I hear you cry- having bleached hair myself- but I can promise you my mother would NEVER have allowed me to have bleached my hair as a child!

Congratulations also to ...

Best Burhill friends Luke and Luca this Saturday who competed in their 1st judo competition in Plyford.

They both managed to win their first 2 fights with boys from other schools and on their 3rd fight, they had to fight against each other.

They showed a lot of courage (as they were both quite nervous), resilience, respect and friendship.

Luca won the last fight winning his 1st gold medal and Luke secured the 2nd place, silver medal. Both boys just started learning judo in Burhill in late September.

It was a great achievement and we were very proud to see the boys doing so well. They also reported that they really enjoyed being part of the competition, which was very well organised.



A message from the office

Christmas Lunch

Children who normally have packed lunch should have each received a personal letter inviting them to have a school Christmas Lunch on Friday 15th December.

If your child normally has packed lunch and did not receive a letter, please let Mrs Connor in the office know as soon as possible.

If your child normally has packed lunch you need to let Mrs Connor know by lunchtime on Thursday 30th November if your child would like to have a school lunch on 15th December.

We cannot add to the numbers once they have passed to the caterers, **so if you miss the 30th November deadline, you will need to send your child with a packed lunch as normal.**

If your child normally has school meals, they will automatically enjoy a school Christmas Lunch as usual – so no need to let us know.

Please note – **there will be NO refunds possible** for lunches on 15th December if your child is absent for any reason, as the caterers order the turkey and trimmings well in advance based on the numbers of children expected to have lunch.

Absence

If your child is off sick please email the school via the absence@burhill.surrey.sch.uk email (which you can also do from the website) Please provide a reason including some detail of the specific illness. Please also email office@burhill.surrey.sch.uk if your child will be coming in late or going out to an appointment during the school day, so the office staff know about school lunch and can let teachers know .

Great writing...

Here is a sample of year 5 writing from pupil Zoe- I thought you might like to see the standard!

Catmagic

By Zoe Year 5

It was a cold winter's morning, Lottie gazed back at her old house one more time, and was now shedding tears in the back seat of the car. They were moving house to the other side of town, 30 minutes away. The moving van was in front of their snowy driveway that Lottie's mother was trying to shovel away. The trees in the backyard stood waving in the cold winter breeze and were bare with no leaves. In fact, none of the plants or flowers could survive the big, white and awfully spine- chilling blanket of snow.

Lottie, wiping her tears, found herself moving away from the three-story residence, as the car drove down the road. " Mmm..." Lottie sighed. She thought about her best friend who was probably in the middle of P.E at that moment.

They arrived at a big, mansion- like house at the end of the road. Lottie's older brother and sister barged straight in leaving Lottie behind. She swung the doors open to find a large staircase, with shrivelled paper littered in the lounge leading into the kitchen. Lottie dragged her feet up the carpeted, dusty stairs. In her direction, was a corridor of rooms and she didn't know which to enter first. She tried the second room to the right, and turned the doorknob slowly and proceeded into the room. Her room was a tight abode with a hard, wooden floor, a bedside table and a cardboard box with the writing "very delicate" on its front. As soon as she clutched the box a furry cat leapt out and started to purr on her right leg. It was blonde but had some black streaks, mostly on it's face and eyes as green as can be. The cat dashed to another door licking its left paw, staring at her. Did the cat want Lottie to follow it?

She carefully turned the knob of the wooden door open. Once she entered, the room was as cold as the South Pole in winter. She started trudging over the old moving boxes, tripping over a few. Oh how cold it was now. Huge gusts of wind raced into the room as if there were a kind of race for blusters of wind in action. She bumped into a hangar of clothing and frantically flicked through to find something to keep her warm.

Lottie, finally found a woolly, quite overgrown, coat to wear. She proceeded with a " huff" and a "puff" to carry on. She reached a point where the ground felt ever so soft...Lottie suddenly slipped. The ground was oh so cold, except it wasn't ground any more... It was snow! In fact, the whole place was full of it! Lottie didn't know where she was, but she knew that she wasn't home any more. She started hiking through the snow and with every step she took, her feet kept sinking. It was a forest, deserted and full of snow.

To be continued.....

Dates coming up

Event	Year group	Date	Time
Choir perform at Squires in Hershaw		Thursday 30 th November 2017	6pm
Christmas Fair	Whole community	Saturday 2 nd December	12 noon until 3pm
Year 1 Christmas open morning	Year 1	Wednesday 6 th December 2017	9am-10am
Choir perform at Vanson Court		Thursday 7 th December 2017	11-12
Reception Nativity for parents and toddlers	Reception	Monday 11 th December 2017	9.30am
Reception Nativity – adults only	Reception	Tuesday 12 th December 2017	9.30am
Reception to Theatre	Reception	Thursday 14 th December 2017	Morning visit
Christingle service at St Peter's Church	Year 3,4,5,6	Thursday 14 th December 2017	6pm
Nursery AM Nativity	Nursery	Friday 15 th December 2017	9.30am
Nursery PM Nativity	Nursery	Friday 15 th December 2017	1.30pm
Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day	Whole school	Friday 15 th December 2017	
KS1 concert for parents and toddlers	Year 2	Tuesday 19 th December 2017	9.30am
KS1 concert- adults only	Year 2	Wednesday 20 th December 2017	9.30am
Christmas parties/celebrations etc	Across the school	Wednesday 20 th December 2017	afternoon
End of term		Thursday 21 st December 2017	1.30pm

Have a good week-end Mrs S Taylor