



Burnside Academy News



Monday 28th March 2022

A copy of this newsletter is also available on our website www.burnsideacademy.co.uk

Busy Half Term!

The children have had a busy few weeks in school and have enjoyed taking part in various different events. A huge thank you for all your donations towards UNICEF and the Ukraine crisis. We felt that it was important to do something quickly and to make a monetary donation to an international charity, UNICEF, who are supporting children in the area already. Together, we have raised £248 to contribute to UNICEF so they can continue their essential work. World Book Day was a great success, it was lovely to see children and adults in fancy dress. In total you spent an amazing £460 on books at the book fair giving us £125 to spend on books for school. We raised £110 by dressing in non-uniform and red for Red Nose Day. This amount was greatly received by the charity.

School Places

We have places in all classes from Nursery to Year 5. If you recommend us to a friend then both of you will each receive Burnside Academy branded uniform for your children when they enrol.

SEND

Mrs Downey would like to invite parents to come along to an activity afternoon next half term. This will be a time to work on fun activities with your child, as well as an opportunity for information sharing and to chat with Mrs Downey (SENDCo). Hayley Boiston from Autism Outreach and the school nurse will be available in school, that afternoon, to speak to any parents who may have any questions or feel they need any further support linked to their child's needs. More information regarding this event will follow.

Wellbeing

We are very proud that Burnside have achieved 'Bronze' in the Mental Health Charter Mark this term. The children and staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that the children feel happy coming into school and that they feel well supported. (Please see the 'Wellbeing' section on our website for more information on what we do in school and links for support). We have Julie, our school-based counsellor, who comes into school every Monday, to work 1-1 with the children. In summer term, Burnside have been selected to be part of the NHS school initiative 'Mental Health Support Team.' This is whereby, trained mental health professionals, come into school and work directly with children, either on a 1-1 basis or as part of a group (depending on the needs of the child). Currently waiting times for children to access mental health support, via the NHS CAHMS service, is 17 weeks, so this is a welcomed support for our children at Burnside. Mrs Downey will contact you directly if she feels your child would benefit from their involvement or feel free to speak to her if you feel this is something that could benefit your child.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs begin on Monday 9th May and finish on Thursday 12th May. **It is important that all Year 6 children are in school during this week.** On Friday 13th May the children will celebrate all of their hard work in school.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Year 4 Multiplication Check begins on Monday 6th June. **It is important that all Year 4 children are in school during the month of June.**

Year 2 SATs

Year 2 SATs take place during the month of May. Each of the tests, which we call 'Special Work', will be carried out by Miss Horn in small groups throughout this two week period. **It is important that all Year 2 children are in school during the month of May.**

Year 1 Phonics Screen

Year 1 Phonics Screening week begins on Monday 6th June. **It is important that all Year 1 children are in school during this week.**

School Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our uniform at Burnside. Please could you ensure your child wears the following:

NURSERY TO Y6	
Girls	Boys
Red sweatshirt with school badge if possible Red cardigan with school badge if possible	Red sweatshirt with school badge if possible
White polo shirt with school badge if possible	White polo shirt with school badge if possible
Grey skirt Grey pinafore Grey trousers - no leggings	Grey trousers Grey shorts
White or grey socks Grey tights	Grey socks
Red gingham dress optional in Summer term	
Black shoes No trainers	Black shoes No trainers
If children travel to school in alternative footwear e.g. wellies, they must change into their school shoes at the start of the day	

PE Kit for Y1 to Y6 is a white t-shirt with school badge if possible, black shorts/leggings, trainers and their school cardigan or sweatshirt.

All items of uniform containing the school badge can be purchased online at www.totstoteams.com or you can collect an order form from the school office to order uniform via school. PE bags, book bags and coats containing the school badge are also available to buy via this website.

Open Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you all at open evening on Wednesday 6th April and Thursday 7th April. It will be a lovely opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning this year.

Easter Events

All children will visit St Michael's and All Angels Church in Houghton to take part in an Easter service on Monday 4th April. We would like to invite the children to bring into school a decorated



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egg for our Easter egg competition. There will be one winner chosen from each class. We can't wait to see your wonderful creations! Throughout next week we will be running a raffle in school to raise money for our school fund. We have a range of Easter hampers as prizes.

Construction Work

Contractors are continuing to make good progress with the work at our main school site. The Trust and I meet with them weekly to discuss the work that is being carried out.

Free School Meals

Each child in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a £20 voucher for each week of the Easter holidays. These will be distributed via email before the holidays begin.

Thank you for all your continued support. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs Kelly (Headteacher)

Diary Dates to End of Spring Term:

Event	Dates and Times
Y6 Visit to Eden Camp	Wednesday 30th March
Open Evening for Parents and Carers	Wednesday 6th April and Thursday 7th April
Decorated Egg Competition	Tuesday 5 th April
Break up for Easter holiday	Friday 8th April