



The diggers moved in over half-term and I am delighted to say that work is well under way on the new **Multi Use Games Area** and pathways. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the dry weather holds out for a bit longer so as much progress can be made on the groundworks. The children are enjoying watching the machines at work and seeing the area take shape. I will keep you updated in coming weeks.

Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a **coat** now that the weather is getting colder. All children should now be in their winter uniform.

I would like to extend a big thank you to [Lodge Bros](#) in Burpham for their community spirit in giving us a helping hand moving some large items of furniture upstairs recently. As a thank you the children are going to be sharing some of their remembrance work to go in their window so please do take a look in the next couple of weeks.

It has come to my attention that some parents picking up from Swallows are asking for an update on their child's day at school. Whilst staff are happy to discuss how your child has got on at the after school club, it is not practical nor appropriate for them to give feedback on your child's whole day at school. If you would like to discuss how your child is getting on, please do feel free to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, email addresses are available through the class pages on the website. Thank you for your understanding.

Jo White, Headteacher

Harvest



On behalf of the volunteer group and the clients at the Merrow branch of the **North Guildford Food Bank**, I would like to thank everyone at Burpham Primary School for the Harvest Festival food donations we received. Your generous donations will ensure that our storeroom is kept fully stocked.

Please pass on our appreciation to all your parents, children and staff. Your support will enable us to continue to provide food to those in our community in need of temporary help to overcome financial difficulties. *Mrs Mariah Mills, Merrow Food Bank*

Sponsored Walk

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has paid in or sent us their sponsor money for their child's **Sponsored Walk**. If you are still collecting money from friends and family then the payment deadline has been extended to this Friday (2nd November). We will let everyone know the final total in the next blog! All the children had a great time walking for an hour with other members of their house teams and we were delighted to see so many of the older children supporting and encouraging the younger ones. Well done everyone!



Class Zone

On 30th October, Year 6 had an amazing trip to the Imperial War Museum. On arrival we spotted two gigantic naval gun turrets used in WW1. It was amazing! When we entered we went to the gift shop to buy some war themed goodies. After lunch we had a look at the First World War exhibition. The damage we saw that happened was shocking. We had a chance to walk through a trench and listen to the noises of enemy gunfire and explosions. Next we went to see the War at Home section. We noticed how much work the women had to do: make arms, become mechanics and grow food. After, we saw the great shower of poppies, down the side of the building, it was mesmerising! It was a great trip.

Ayaan, Ospreys

Year 5's Viking Day





Earlier this month, the Falcons and the Kestrels went back in time to the Viking Age! We had such a fun-filled day; spear wrestling, investigating Viking artefacts (some of which were over 1,000 years old), playing fox and geese and performing our own version of Ragnarök. We even got to hold a dice made out of a pig's knuckle, and had a chance to stroke some beaver skin! As you can see, we had some fabulous costumes, and everyone really embraced the theme of the day. Thank you Portals to the Past for visiting us!

A couple of weeks ago, Year 6 completed a **"Bikeability"** course. Each day, a group at a time would bring their bikes to school and learn the basic skills of cycling on the road! We mastered skills like signalling whilst keeping control of your bike, turning in and out of a minor road, u-turns, looking behind without wobbling and cycling in a snake. On the last day of the course, we learnt all the road safety signs and what they meant, before being given a badge and certificate!

Ava, Ospreys

Olympic Times Table Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the first **Olympic Times Tables** Challenge of 2018-19.

A special mention to Daniel V in the Nightingales who is our youngest pupil ever to complete the Olympian challenge! Please do encourage your child/children to take part in this challenge if they are not already doing so. Knowing their times tables fluently is a skill that will help enormously with so many areas of mathematics not only at Burpham but also secondary school. The aim is to improve their score each time they sit the challenge and to develop resilience to keep on trying until they succeed. The guidelines and practice papers can all be accessed from the curriculum/maths section of our website.

Olympian		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Time
Daniel V	Yr 2		Sofia V Yr 5	Timmy J Yr 5	2:17
Emma C	Yr 4				
Poyraz E	Yr 4				
Annie F	Yr 4				
Abigail P	Yr 4				

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on Thursday 8th November

Sports News

Two Year five and six mixed football teams played Boxgrove Primary School on Monday 1st October at Boxgrove School. The A team match ended in a draw and the B team played in a really close game but eventually lost the match. A big thank you to Mr Hunt for refereeing one of the games.



Yesterday, the year 5 and 6 football teams from Burpham played a football match against Holy Trinity. The matches were 30 minutes each and were played on Astro Turf. The year 5 team played extremely well with an excellent outcome of 7-1. The year 6 team played a great match however in the end lost by only one goal. All in all it was great effort from both teams and lots of fun.

Ben and Yousif (Year 5)

On Tuesday 30th October, Year 6 played Holy Trinity Primary School. The final score was 5 -4 to Holy Trinity. We played really well but couldn't quite get a 5th goal. The goalscorers were Finlay who scored twice, Nicholas who scored once and Flynn who also scored once. We scored 3 of the goals in 2 minutes!

By Vinnie and Charlie F (Year 6)

PSA News

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM and quiz night before half-term. It was a really fun night and special thanks must go to Toby Nicholls and Jeremy Gibson for hosting. We raised a

whopping **£1120.44** which is an exceptional amount. Thank you also to those who donated prizes for the auction which raised in excess of £600.

We heard on the night about the many fund raising events from last year and how much you have all done to support our school. It was also an opportunity for us to say thank you to our outgoing Chair Vicky Greensit for all her hard work over the last three years. In the interim Jo White will be Chair but we are still looking for a person/s to fill the role. Do get in touch if you would like to know more.

Thank you to the second hand uniform team who held a sale before half-term and rased **£174**. We are very grateful to the organisers and to those parents who contribute such good quality uniform for them to sell on.


Have you signed up to The Giving Machine? Are you using it when you shop online?

For new parents, this is a great way to raise funds for our school when you are shopping online at no extra cost to you.

If you shop on your phone or tablet then go to the **App store** for iphones or **Google Play store** for Android and install the **"Shop&Give"** app.

Whether you have the iPhone, iPad or Android app, you need to **go to the app first and then select your shop**. Otherwise the school will **NOT** receive any donations.

For **PC users**, go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary-portal/view/burpham-primary-school-psa/

1. ADD Burpham Primary School PSA as your chosen charity
- 2. Install the Shop & Give Reminder**
3. Tick the Gift Aid box if you are a tax payer
4. When you shop online, the **Shop & Give purple heart icon**  will pop up on participating retailers. Click on it and a % of your shop will go to the school.
5. Except for Amazon, please shop via TheGivingMachine website as Shop & Give does not pop up on the Amazon website.

Please remember to use TGM every time you shop online. We have raised £1375 so far for our school but if everyone who signed up used it regularly, we could raise £1000s more!!

From the Office

The school made the decision not to go ahead with the Krispy Kreme donut sale at the end of last half-term due to the risks associated with potential nut contamination but via the wonders of technology Jo and Clare managed to sell out and raised **£150.00** for the school. Thank you!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2018



A reminder that we are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. We have a supply of poppies as well as rulers (for a suggested donation of £1), reflectors, erasers, pencils and pencil sharpeners all for 50p. These items all contain the poppy motif. If your child would like one of these items or a poppy in return for a donation we would be grateful if you would come to the school office after school only (as the office is generally very busy in the mornings). These items will be available at the office until Friday 9th November or until supplies run out.

Is your child starting School in September 2019?

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you can now apply for a school place. You will need to apply by 15th January 2019. To apply visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. You are welcome to collect a leaflet from the school office team if you would like more information.

Job Vacancy at Shalford Infant School

Shalford Infant School is looking for a School Business Manager to lead on finance, administration, personnel, health & safety and premises management. Please see the attachment for full details.

Please contact the school office on 01483 562143 or email at info@shalford.surrey.sch.uk for further information and an application form. Closing date for applications is 2nd November 2018. Interviews will take place on 7th November 2018.

Woking Swimming Club Trials

Woking Swimming Club are looking for new members. If your child is interested in competitive swimming and if they were born between October 2009 and October 2012 then please contact Jane by emailing wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com. The trials are to be held on Friday 16th November 2018 at Woking Pool in the Park. 2012 born children are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke and 2009 born children must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.