

The Burpham Blog Autumn Term Issue 5 13th November 2017

Every half-term I meet with our **E**ducation **W**elfare **O**fficer to complete register checks and set targets for attendance. He was impressed with our overall whole school attendance – currently 97.4% but had concerns about the increasing numbers of unauthorised term-time holiday absence. He strongly advised that, in line with other local schools, we should be issuing fines for this. I will be raising the issue with our Governors at the next FGB on 11th December and will keep you informed of any decisions made.

He has also instructed the school to obtain medical evidence for any child who is off sick **and** whose overall attendance is **less than 90%**. Medical evidence can be an appointment card from the GP, sight of prescribed medicine or a doctor's certificate. Where medical evidence cannot be provided the absence *must* be recorded by the school as unauthorised.

We know that children get sick, especially at this time of year and we do not want any child in school who is not well enough to be here. I know that the vast majority of parents exercise common sense and sound judgement in these matters but please be aware that the school has a statutory duty to follow up any child whose attendance is falling below the government recommendations.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our overall high levels of attendance. If you would like further information on attendance and absence please go to our website. *Mrs White*

Class Zone

Year 5 Primary Maths and Football Enrichment Day



Last week six children from Year 5 accompanied by Mrs John, attended Woking Football Club for an exciting day of practising Maths in the real world. Activities included creating football formations, costing new menus for the restaurant and making Woking Top Trumps cards. Congratulations to Konrad, Alfie, Niamh, Ellie, and Jessica for representing the school so brilliantly and for participating in all the activities with such enthusiasm.

A Walk on the Wild Side



The Wrens and Puffins had a visit from Hydestile Resident Animals. Graham who runs the centre has been visiting schools and sharing his knowledge of wildlife for over 20 years. The children had a wonderful morning meeting some of his furry friends and hearing about how to look after our wildlife. Thank you for your donations of blankets and old bedding, all of which will be put to good use!

Junior Library



The junior library was closed for the week before half term so that all the fiction books could be checked and reorganised. Mrs Mills, along with lots of parent helpers, spent a morning sorting through the current books, throwing away old, tatty books and putting new books out on the shelves. The books were then stickered into genres to make it easier for the children to choose. The junior library is now open and ready for the children to borrow books again! A huge thank you to Mrs Marsden, Mrs Mills, Claire Bourgouin, Claire Moores, Colleen Heath, Janine Bourne and Vaneeta Burns for all your help.

You can find
Magic
wherever you look.
Sit back and relax,
all you need is a book.
- Dr Seuss

Football Results



On Tuesday 10th October, the Year 5 and 6 football teams travelled to Send to play a football match. We had Harry, Byron, Mati, Jake, Joe, Yundi, Electra and Eddie in the Year 6 squad and the start of the match was a dream! Within 5 minutes we were two goals up as some poor goalkeeping led to Mati opening the scoring and Jake doubling the lead 2 minutes later. After Mati calmly slotted in a brace, Jake took control of the game. After trying some long range shots, he curled one into the net from a seemingly impossible angle. As Josh from Send equalised, Jake scored his hat-trick and a further 6th goal as Send went into half -time 6-1 down. However, in the second half things didn't go as smoothly with an own goal a late consolation. The final score was 6 - 4 to Burpham.

Yundi (Year 6)

On Tuesday 10th October the Year 5's played a football match at Send School. We played really well as a team and we won 9 - 5! Charlie scored 4, Nicholas scored 2 and William, Finlay and Harry all scored 1. Vinnie in the first-half was rock-solid in goal and so was Imogen in the second half. We came back feeling very happy.

Imogen & Harry (Year 5)



PSA News

A huge thank you to the PSA and everyone who has signed up for The Giving Machine, as donations have now reached £1000 for the school. Please see details below of how you can join as this is a really easy way to raise money.

DOING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE? GIFTS OR FOOD...PLEASE SIGN UP TO THE GIVING MACHINE.

There are over 2000 retailers ready to make a donation including Amazon, Sainsbury's, Argos and Tesco at no extra cost to you.

We have raised £1000 for our school!

1. Go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary-portal/view/burpham-primary-school-psa/
2. Download the PC Shop&Give Reminder or the iOS Shop&Give App.
3. For **iPhone / iPad**, go to the app first to enter the site you want and a % of your shop will go to the school.
4. For **PC users**, every time 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

(** for Amazon, please shop via TheGivingMachine website as Shop & Give does not pop up on Amazon website)

Please remember to use TGM when shopping online this Christmas.

Olympic Times Table Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the second Olympic Times Tables Challenge of 2017-18. This month's winners are :-

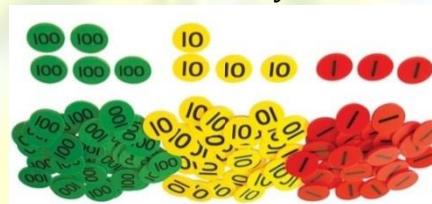
Olympian	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Joseph Mello Yr 5	Tom Wright Yr5	Megan Bundy Yr 6	Yundi Chen Yr 6
Nabihah Aslam Yr 4		Shriya Bhirdikar Yr 4	
Noah Lewis Yr 3		Kris Kliczbor Yr 5	
Niki Nakhostin Yr 3			

The next Olympic Times Tables Challenge will take place on Friday 25th November

Maths Mastery Information Evening – Tuesday 21st November

We have been using a mastery approach to teaching mathematics for over a year at Burpham. If you would like to find out what this means and how you can use this approach to support your child at home, please let our office staff know that you would like to attend our information evening on

Tuesday 21st November at 6.30pm.



Staff Car Park

Despite frequent reminders people are still using the staff car park to pick up children from Swallows and other after school clubs. PLEASE do not use the staff car park at **ANY TIME** of the day or night without prior arrangement. Please be aware that parents/carers who persist in using the staff car park to collect from Swallows may have their After School Club Agreement terminated.

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Surrey's Community and Voluntary Controlled School for 2019

Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019
- the admission arrangements for all remaining community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk).

Why we are consulting

We have a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if we intend to make a change.

The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **Cranmere Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60
2. **William Cobbett Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 40 to 30
3. **The Dawnay School** – introduction of a feeder link from Polesden Lacey Infant School at Year 3
4. **Reigate Priory School** – introduction of a feeder link from Dovers Green and Holmesdale Community infant schools on a tiered basis

How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed changes will run from Wednesday 1 November 2017 to Tuesday 12 December 2017. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk). Alternatively if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision making Cabinet on 30 January 2018. It will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 6 February 2018. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

From the Office

Burpham Primary School's next **parent drop-in** afternoon is **Thursday 7th December from 3.15 to 4.00pm**. This is a half termly event which gives parents a chance to look at their child's work in their classroom.

Energy Kidz Winter Wonderland Holiday Club

The countdown to Christmas has officially begun with Energy Kidz Winter Wonderland Holiday Club coming to Boxgrove Primary School in Guildford this December! Our fun packed holiday clubs provide fantastic activities for children and reliable childcare for working parents.

Our festive schedule will allow children to build up their excitement for the big day with such activities as 'Elf Olympics', 'Hot Chocolate Reindeers' & 'Lost Present Treasure Hunt!'. The fun will go right through to the New Year where we have our 'Energy Kidz Quiz of the Year' and '2018 Party Kidz' which we are sure will be a cracker!

You can secure your place now with our **10% Early Bird Booking Discount Offer**.

Book using the code **EBCHRISTMAS17** via our website to claim your discount - <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/>. For further information, Competition Giveaways and exciting Holiday Club Updates, you can find us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EnergyKidz/>.



Please see the attachment for details of *Walking for Health* which is a local charity helping people to get fit and healthy! Also attached is an advert for mini bus drivers from the charity.

For a complete list of Guildford health walks, see:

<http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/south-east/guildford-walking-for-health>

<https://www.facebook.com/GuildfordWalkGroups>

Woking Swimming Club have a new members' trial day on Friday 24th November 2017 at the Woking Pool in the Park for children born between September 2008 and September 2011 and who are interested in competitive swimming. For more information on trial requirements and to reserve a time slot please contact Jane by emailing newmembers@wokingclub.co.uk

