

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

It has been really exciting spending time in classes over the last two weeks and seeing the pupils working hard. Warwick Class showed super listening skills when I read a story with them and Priory Class children have impressed me with their improved attitudes to learning and behaviour.

Some of you will have seen the planning application on the gate outside school. This is for an extension and to make improvements to the newer part of our school buildings later this academic year. As soon as I have more information I will share the timings and plans with you.

Please could I ask you to ensure that your child(ren) have a pair of wellington boots in school at all times – this will enable all the children to utilise our paddock area to its full potential during the school day/playtimes etc. Thank you.

In the meantime if you have any questions or would like to meet with me, please make an appointment through the school office or request a meeting via office.2251@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Lisa Austin, Interim Head Teacher

Assembly Themes

Our assembly theme this week is 'Responsibility' and next week it is 'Tolerance'.

Office Messages

Afterschool / Lunchtime Clubs

If any parent/carers/grandparents would be interested in running either a lunchtime or afterschool club for our children, we would be interested to talk to you. We already offer a lunchtime sports club, an art club and choir within school. It would be really good to offer clubs such as coding, chess, lego, needlecraft, woodwork, or alike. Anyone have such skills and some spare time please, we would love to know.

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

Over the next couple of weeks in Warwick Class we are learning about 2d and 3d shapes. We have already made a fabulous start and found so many different shapes all around our school. If you would like to continue this at home and out and about that would be fantastic!

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Harry's Daddy came in on Wednesday to talk to our Nursery children about what it is like to be a pilot. We would like to say a big thank you as the children really enjoyed it and had lots of fabulous questions to ask him. If you have a job that you think our children might be interested to hear about and would like to pop in, just let one of the team know.

Today we are celebrating Chinese New Year, learning about how the years got their animal names and enjoying some noodles and prawn crackers for snack. Tomorrow the children will continue this theme with Mrs Corless and work to create a whole class Chinese dragon and a dance.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

Over the last two weeks, our English lessons have been all about spiders! We have researched them and created our own special spiders with super powers. The children then turned this information into informative leaflets. When walking around the school, do be careful as some of these spiders can be found here. Teacher Spiders, Robber Spiders and Sweet Spiders have recently been spotted.

In Maths we have been learning about all teen numbers - how they are written in both numerals and words and how we can represent these using different images. Some children have been using their knowledge to answer investigation questions, using different images to prove their answer.

Forest School has also started, which is my highlight of the week. It is a pleasure to watch the children exploring the woods, interacting with each other and of course seeing who can climb a tree the highest.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Hilary Connor

In Tolsey, we have been learning more about the world and the continents in them. We have found out many facts about the different continents and created some aboriginal artwork which we will put on display.

In Maths, we have been looking at place value and are enjoying exploring the concepts and ideas more deeply.

We have written our own version of the myth about Icarus and what led him to fly too close to the sun. In Reading, we are enjoying a classic book during our guided reading sessions which we enjoy answering questions about.

Priory Class
Mrs Stephanie Flower

Mrs Davis and I are very pleased to announce that all prospective applicants for Burford Primary's first-ever spy academy have been recruited. This involved children writing a letter, outlining their skills and areas for development in all matters espionage-related.

Maths has continued to focus on place value as this will provide a strong foothold for calculation and measurement. Our class text, Stormbreaker, has been the subject of much discussion and has provided us with some thrilling chapters that have left us on the edge of our seats.

Next week, we begin our forensic science work but, for the past few weeks, it has been important to focus on the covert skills that any would-be spy will need out in the field.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 30th January 2020 @ 9.00 a.m.

We welcome parents and family members to attend the presentation of their child's certificate, which takes place in the school hall.

Freya Rees for always displaying great learning behaviours. Freya sits beautifully on the carpet, ready to listen and learn. Freya also has beautiful manners and is a wonderful friend. Thank you for being a lovely member of Warwick Class!

Phoebe McCracken for always displaying great learning behaviours. Phoebe always sits beautifully on the carpet, ready to listen and learn. Phoebe is also very creative and produces the most beautiful artwork. Thank you for being a lovely member of Warwick Class!

Darcie Williams for being an absolute super star with her maths. She has been on fire this week, being able to show her knowledge in a variety of different ways. Great work!

Laurence O'Brien for writing an interesting leaflet about spiders using your knowledge of punctuation correctly. I really liked your Sweet Shop Spider and how it lives in the sweet shop. Good Job!

Amber Floodgate for putting a lot of effort into all her learning. It is also good to see her confidence grow as she gets more used to answering questions in front of the whole class.

James Lampard for being an enthusiastic and confident learner. James contributes really well in all areas of the curriculum and is working hard on his presentation.

Toby Taylor McIntosh for his wonderful attitude in class and his willingness to have a go.

Lyra Lake for a stunning piece of letter writing, it was cleverly constructed and knowingly executed.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 30th January 2020 @ 9.00 a.m.

Congratulations to **Scarlett-May Ritchings** for being awarded a Blue Peter Music Badge – they were very interested to read about how much Scarlett enjoys performing with Musical Mania. They hope this will help inspire more children to get involved in music as making, playing and listening to music is really important to so many young people growing up. Well done Scarlett-May.

Congratulations to **Warren Thomas** for achieving his brown belt in Kuk Sool Won (martial arts). He has persevered with this club for 3 years and will now start working towards his black belt. Keep up the good work Warren.

Congratulations to **Chloe Thomas** for achieving her yellow stripe in Kuk Sool Won. To do this, she was tested on her own for over 30 minutes without any help or assistance. Well done Chloe.