



BUXLOW
Preparatory School

Buxlow Bulletin

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Facta non Verba

Update from Mrs McLelland, Headteacher



It's been a busy start to this half of the term.

Reception have been shopping at the supermarket, Years 1 & 2 went to the Transport Museum, Years 3 & 4 visited The National Gallery, and Years 5 & 6 have been to The Natural History Museum.

On Thursday we hosted our ILG Governors David Tidmarsh and Carrie Askew for our termly governance meeting. Both David and Carrie were delighted to spend time in the classrooms talking to the pupils about their experience at Buxlow and commented on the positive energy in the school.

I have changed the plans slightly for our World Book Day event on Friday 8th March. We are no longer asking for the children to dress up as a book character (although they may do so if you wish!). I feel that the added pressure for you to come up with a costume was too much to expect. I'd be delighted if you would use the time instead to share a really good book with your child at home.

School Updates:

Stars of the week:

Reception: All the Class, Year 1: Grace, Year 2: Soreachny,
Year 3: Harriet, Year 4: Shay, Year 5: Samaarth,
Year 6: Ashar

Congratulations to the recipients.

House Points - Well done to **Emery** for a total of 95 points this week!

Nicol = 92

O'Donell = 94

Probyn = 80



Reception Theme - Food Glorious Food

Children delved into the exciting world of food through a captivating fiction book featuring a superhero named Supertato. They embarked on a thrilling adventure to rescue fruits and vegetables from the mischievous Evil Pea causing chaos in the supermarket. Reception have enjoyed immersing themselves in the story and brought it to life in the role play area using real vegetables props and costumes.

A visit to the local supermarket has allowed the children to explore a variety of fruits and vegetables from around the world, gaining insights into the chaos caused by the Evil Pea. They also had the opportunity to purchase their favourite fruits and vegetables to create a delicious fruit salad. This experience not only enriched their understanding of healthy eating but also promoted discussions on road safety and staying safe.

In Language and Literacy children have honed their descriptive skills by using adjectives to describe characters and fruits and vegetables. This activity is helping them to expand their vocabulary and express their observations effectively.

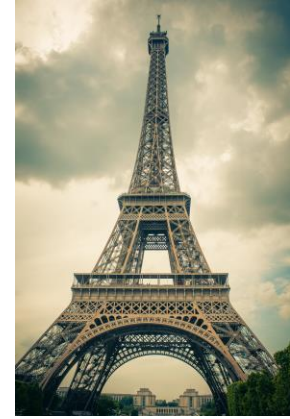
A PSHE lesson on individuality and uniqueness complemented the literacy focus on Supertato and the Evil Pea. Children created masks to showcase their distinctive qualities, fostering a sense of self-expression and appreciation for diversity.

In mathematics, children have revisited 2D and 3D shapes, enhancing their ability to recognize these shapes in real-life objects. They delved into the properties of shapes, with a focus on identifying the number of faces each shape possesses.



Year 1

Year 1 recited a French rhyme about the Eiffel Tower and practised counting Euros to buy a ticket.



In English, Year 1 honed their writing skills, creating fictional narratives about a pet penguin. They focused on handwriting, writing, editing, revising, and finally publishing. In maths, they started their unit on fractions, studying halves and quarters. This week Year 1, along with Year 2 visited the London Transport Museum. They had a wonderful time exploring the different carriages, buses, and trains from different decades.

Year 2



This week, Year 1 and Year 2 had an amazing time on a super exciting trip to the London Transport Museum! They enjoyed learning about all the different ways people used to travel in the past and even had the opportunity to be train drivers!

In Maths, Year 2 have been tackling tricky word problems using bar models. It's been really helpful to use manipulatives to visualise our bar models



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| jeudi |
| vendredi |
| samedi |
| dimanche |

Year 2 learned the days of the week in French and played a memory game. They also sang a song about the days and here is a link to it:

<https://www.yout-ube.com/watch?v=BiHYehk0tYo>





Year 3

Our half term got off to a wonderful start when we visited the National Gallery for an exclusive guided tour! We were able to explore classic works by British painters such as Gainsborough, Constable and Turner, and even got a close up look at 'Mr and Mrs Andrews' - a painting we have studied in lessons. Wow!

In Maths this week we have been practising reading the time to the nearest five minutes on analogue and digital clocks. This is an important skill for the children to practice at home. In English we have enjoyed exploring a range of Greek Myths to begin our new topic. We all covered the story of Daedalus and Icarus, which Ms O'Gara also mentioned to us in Latin, and then read the story of Orpheus and Eurydice to compare and contrast.

Some other highlights of our week have included Oliver singing rehearsals and showing Mr Tidmarsh (ILG Governor) how to combine digital photography with hand drawn Art that we created using proper drawing pencils!



Year 4

Year 4 have had fabulous start to the term visiting the National Gallery on Monday with Year 3. They were given a guided tour and learnt about British painters.

In Maths this week, Year 4 have been looking at fractions. The children have been working on equivalent fractions.

In English, Year 4 have been working on creating sentences using the past tense which is a feature for newspaper articles and developing their comprehension skills. It has been great to see that Year 4 have been practicing their script and songs for Oliver over the half term as this was evident in the rehearsals.

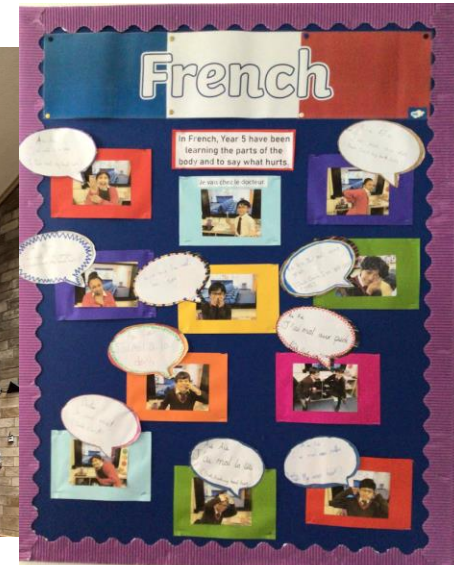


Year 5



This week, Year 5 finished the French display board in the classroom and wrote sentences about what they would say at the Doctors to explain what hurts.

On Tuesday, Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Natural History Museum. We met Vicky, who is a project manager at the museum, and talked to the children about what it is like to work there. We then had an evolution workshop to learn about how species evolve over time and adapt to their environment and surroundings. This tied in nicely with our science topic about humans and mammals. After lunch, we went to the mammals and dinosaurs section and then onto the earthquake and volcano exhibition, which is linked to our 'mountains' topic in geography. It was an action-packed day, and the children learned a lot.



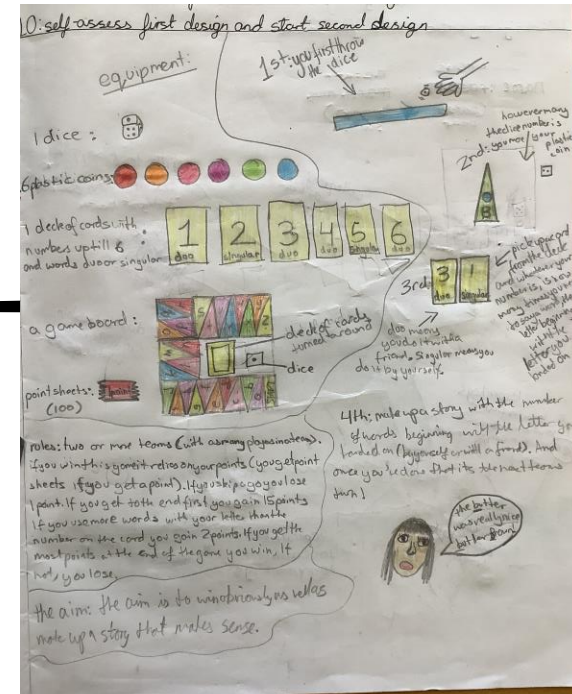
Year 6

Year 6 has had a great week returning from half-term break. We started our newspaper unit in English, focusing on how to use the passive voice and learning about how newspapers can spin different events to create narratives to disguise opinions as fact.

We started reviewing special numbers in maths, such as factors, multiples, prime numbers and composite numbers.

We had a very big week in Science: we started our breathing unit with an interesting lesson on how the human body takes the oxygen in the air and replaces carbon dioxide in deoxygenated blood. We also had a great trip to the Natural History Museum with Year 5, where we reviewed our previous evolution unit with a special evolution workshop run by the museum.

Our CIPS project of building our own board game is coming along nicely – we are very close to the creation phase of the design process!



ILG Photography Competition 2024

- All pupils in Nursery through to Year 6 are invited to participate in the ILG Photography Competition.
- Deadline for all submissions to be sent to Buxlow: Wednesday 28th March 2024.
- Please email entries to h.hamilton-turner@buxlowschool.org.uk

Photography Competition 2024



On the theme of

Movement

Competition Rules:

- The photograph must be taken by a pupil
- No digital editing allowed
- One entry max per pupil

Categories:

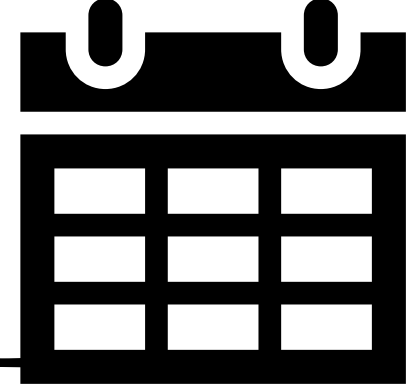
- Early Years
- Year 1/2
- Year 3/4
- Year 5/6
- Year 7/8

The competition will be judged by professional photographer **Jon Cartwright**. Jon has photographed some of the world's most famous people and his work has appeared in all major UK newspapers and most popular magazines. He has also exhibited in galleries including the Saatchi and the National Portrait Gallery, and featured in the British Journal of Photography.
www.joncartwright.com

The winning photograph in each category will receive a £20 book token. The overall winner of the competition will receive a £30 book token. Results will be announced Week Beginning 18th March. Winning and runner up entries will be displayed in a virtual gallery.

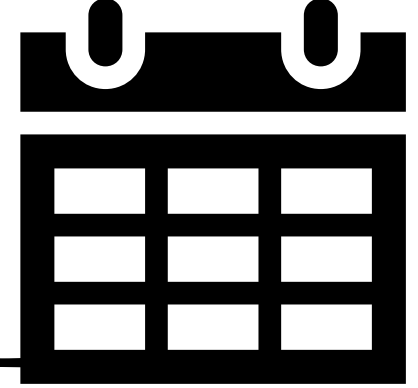
Closing Date: Friday 1st March

Dates for your diary



- Monday 26th February - 09:00 – 10:30 Open Morning for Prospective Parents
- Monday 4th March – School photos for all pupils (and siblings) - full school uniform required
- Thursday 7th March – HSBC Workshops for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
- Thursday 7th March - International Womens' Day
- Friday 8th March – World Book Day - **Wear what you like** and bring a book to read to a friend
- Monday 11th March - Parents' Evenings this week
- Wednesday 13th March- Year 5 & 6 to National Gallery
- Friday 15th March - Science Week Rotation Day

Dates for your diary



- Wednesday 20th March – Year 3, 4 & 5 production of Oliver! 16:00 at The Lycée International de Londres, Wembley
- Thursday 21st March - World Poetry Day: Buxlow Poetry Competition
- **Friday 22nd March - 12:00 End of term for R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. Easter Break**
- Summer Term starts on Monday 15th April 2024

Term dates for next academic year



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TERM DATES - 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September - Staff INSET
Wednesday 4th September - Start of Autumn Term
Half Term - Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November
Monday 4th November - Return to school
Friday 13th December - **End of Term (1200)**

Spring Term 2025

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January - Staff INSET
Monday 6th January - Start of Spring Term
Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Monday 24th February - Return to school
Friday 28th March - **End of Term (1200)**
Monday 31st March - Staff INSET

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - Start of Summer Term
Monday 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday
Half Term - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
Monday 2nd June - Return to school
Friday 11th July - **End of Academic Year (1200)**

ILG Refer a Friend Scheme

Did you know you could receive up to £750 rebate on your fees by referring friends and family to Buxlow?

For every family that you refer whose child/children join, and completes at least two full terms, you will receive a rebate on future fees, as a thank you.

Buxlow community is special and unique, and we want to share it with as many families as possible. By referring your friends and family, you are not only helping our school grow, and expand our facilities, but also giving others the opportunity to experience the same high-quality education and supportive community we strive to provide.

If you have someone in mind who has not yet contacted us, but would welcome our call, simply provide their contact details to the School and we will take care of the rest. The rebate will be paid once the child / children referred have completed two terms at Buxlow.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to welcoming new families to our school.

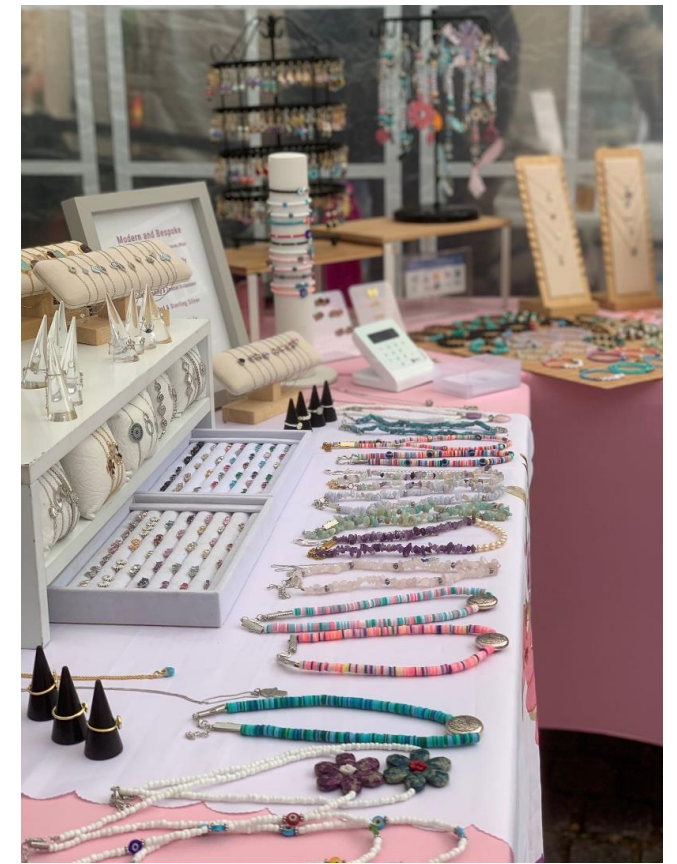


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Come and join us at our Open Day
Monday 26 February 9-11am



Book your place online at www.buxlowschool.org.uk
or email: admin@buxlowschool.org.uk



<http://www.sarasbeads.co.uk>

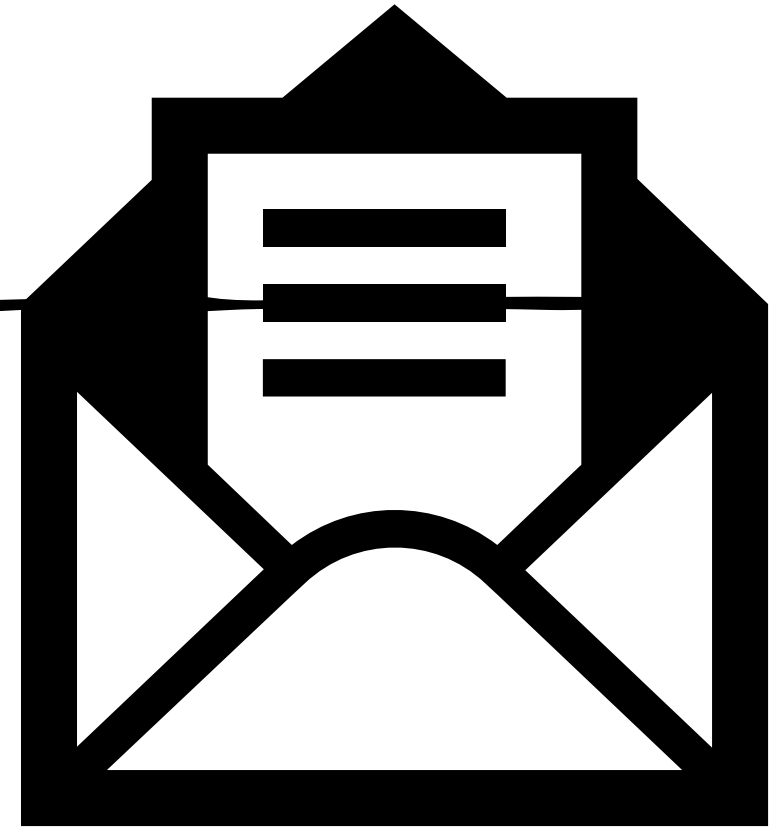
Sara's Beads

A great opportunity to support a Buxlow Parent. Sarah (Mother of Karim) will be selling her beautiful, hand-made jewellery at St George Shopping Mall (Harrow on the Hill station) until the end of March.

Sarah is kindly offering a **10% discount** to parents and staff of Buxlow for Mother's Day month in March.

Key contacts:

- Headteacher: Mrs McLelland - head@buxlowschool.org.uk
- Administrator: Ms Shipp - admin@buxlowschool.org.uk
- Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Mrs Zaman - N.zaman@buxlowschool.org.uk
- Nursery Manager – Mrs Gercosne Tama
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