



BUXLOW
Preparatory School

Buxlow Bulletin

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Facta non Verba

Update from Mrs McLelland, Headteacher

This week I have been delighted by our Reception cohort who have independently written their own re-telling of The Enormous Turnip. Three pages of writing at the age of 4 is very impressive!

Year 3,4 and 5 brought the house down with their production of Oliver. The hard work certainly paid off as they performed so confidently and portrayed their characters so well!

In assembly today I was treated to the finals of the Poetry Competition where again I was mightily impressed by all the children's efforts to perform their chosen poems with great enthusiasm.

A fabulous way to finish the Spring Term – so much more to look forward to in the Summer Term. Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.



2nd Hand Uniform Sale Thursday 18th April

We will be holding a 2nd-Hand Uniform Sale on Thursday 18th April (after the Easter Break) at the end of the school day.

If you have pre-loved uniform to donate, please send it in to school from next week and up to the 17th April (the school will be open during the holiday if you want to drop any items in).

Please ensure that items are clean and wherever possible, please remove your child's name label.

If you would like to assist on the day, please let Mrs McLelland know - we would appreciate help with setting up from 13:45 onwards.



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International Day – Friday 24th May

I am very excited to announce the Buxlow International Day which is scheduled for Friday 24th May.

This is a great opportunity for the whole school community to come together to celebrate and learn from each other and there's no better way to do that than through food!

We would love it if you could support the event by setting up a table in the playground, representing your own culture, customs and religion – flags, artefacts, books – anything you desire plus delicious home-made foods that we can share and enjoy together.

The children will be invited to wear traditional dress on the day and I have invited the sunshine to attend too!



School Updates:

Stars of the week:

Reception: All of Reception, Year 1: Grace, Year 2: Soreachny
Year 3: Faaris, Year 4: All of Year 4, Year 5: All of Year 5,
Year 6: Amelia

Poetry Competition

Winner: Kaashini

Runner Up: Madison

Special commendation: Suraj

House Points - Well done to **Emery** for a total of **93** points this week!

Nicol = 71

Probyn = 78

O'Donnell = 89



Reception



Science Day: The Science Day was a fantastic opportunity for all children to collaborate and explore various scientific concepts. In the Reception class, the "See&Eat a beanstalk" activity allowed the children to learn about plant growth and the life cycle of a bean. By actively participating in preparing the bean and documenting its growth, the children are developing their understanding of biology and patience as they wait for the germination process. This hands-on experience fosters a sense of curiosity and scientific inquiry.



The cola and Mentos experiment was not only entertaining but also educational. By engaging in this experiment, the children learned about chemical reactions, the properties of gases, and the scientific method. Encouraging your children to explain the experiment will further enhance their communication and critical thinking skills.



Science Day



Reception Cont.d



HAPPY EASTER

Understanding the World: Exploring Easter traditions through creating cards, baskets, and Easter egg rice crisp cakes provides a creative outlet for the children. These activities promote artistic expression, fine motor skills, and cultural awareness. Additionally, working on these projects together fosters a sense of community and cooperation among the children.

English: The children collaborated to create a story map together of 'The Enormous Turnip', incorporating key words to enrich their understanding of storytelling elements. They then independently sequenced the story and confidently retold it to their peers using their story map and props. This engaging task not only encouraged creativity and collaboration but also promoted language development and storytelling abilities.

Throughout the week, the children have been encouraged to write independently using keywords and visual aids for support. By retelling the story in their own words and writing parts of it each day, the children have displayed impressive confidence and independence in expressing their thoughts and ideas on paper with minimal support.

Maths: Consolidating the concepts of 2D and 3D shapes, comparing numbers, and bonding numbers to 5 and 10 reinforces the children's mathematical understanding. These activities promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and numeracy skills. Building a strong mathematical foundation at a young age will benefit the children in their academic journey.

As we approach the Easter break, we hope that you recognize the value of these activities in your children's educational and personal growth. Wishing you all a joyful and restful Easter break filled with happiness and family moments.

Year 1



Science Day: For science day, students in year 1 were split up into different groups with children from other year groups. They completed various science inspired activities. In the year 1 classroom, students learned about the different layers of soil and created cups of edible soil.

Barbican: Year 1 went on a trip to the Barbican this week to listen to "Musical Mechanics", a wonderful classical music concert. They really enjoyed the concert and

We spent the remainder of the week learning about the Easter story in RE, consolidating our times tables knowledge, exploring lifecycles and writing descriptive narratives.

Year 2

We have had a very busy week in Year 2.

On Monday, Buxlow was celebrating Science by having a range of exciting, practical activities. Year 2 particularly loved making slime and soil.

On Tuesday, we visited the Barbican Centre to watch an amazing Musical Mechanics concert! Year 2 were surprised to see so many different schools watching the concert with them and enjoyed learning about the different instruments.

Year 2 have worked very hard this term and have made so much progress, a big well done to them! Have a lovely easter break.



Year 3

What an action-packed week we have had in Year 3! On Monday we enjoyed the opportunity to mix with other year groups, enjoying a range of activities and experiments for Science Rotation Day. We are grateful to the staff for arranging these fun and interesting sessions for us.

The middle of the week allowed us to focus on our production of Oliver. Along with Years 4 and 5, we have been working very hard to learn our lines and the songs to put on an entertaining show for everyone. Tuesday was our final day of rehearsals in school, followed by a day at the Lycee Winston Churchill on Wednesday for dress rehearsals and the big show. We hope everyone enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it!

Thursday and Friday have been almost as busy, ensuring we have finished off projects for our Spring Term topics. We definitely deserve our Easter break and look forward to seeing our friends again on April 15th after some well-earned rest!



Year 4

We have had a very busy week this week with Science rotation day on Monday, the Oliver production on Wednesday and the poetry competition on Thursday.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Science rotation day working through various science activities throughout the day. They made slime, learnt about layers of the earth building each layer with sweets, they took part in the egg challenge, built electrical circuits, and learnt about seedlings.

Year 4 alongside Year 3 and Year 5 worked really hard to deliver their lines for Oliver during their rehearsals and the final production. They should be very proud of themselves as they performed exceptionally delivering their lines with confidence.

They learnt their poems for the poetry competition with good expression and delivery.



Year 5

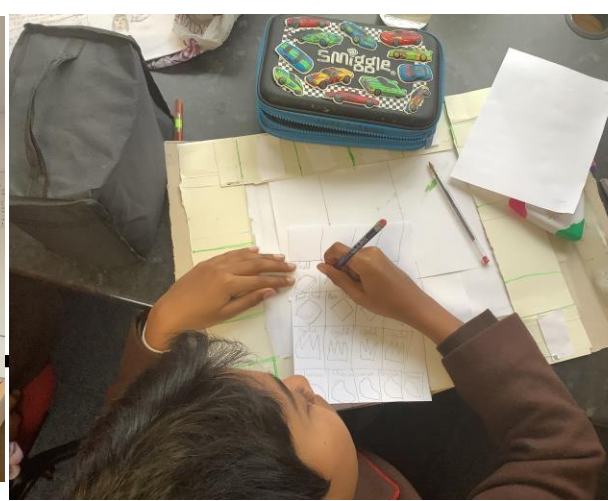
This week, saw Year 5 star in the Year 3, 4 and 5 production of 'Oliver Twist'. All the children have worked so hard on the production, and it certainly paid off with a stunning performance to family and friends on Wednesday. Year 5 all did a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves. They had learnt their lines and the songs words perfectly and remembered all their stage directions, which helped produce such a wonderful show.

Also, this week, we had Science Rotation Day on Monday, where the children from all the classes were mixed together in different groups and then moved around the school doing different practical activities. This included an egg-drop challenge!

Finally, congratulations to Madison for winning the Year 5 Poetry Recital Competition and for representing Year 5 in the final!



Year 6



We have had a hectic last week before Easter in year 6. We finished our newspaper articles and work on word problems in maths. We learned how rationing affected people's daily lives in History. We finished our class reader Number the Stars as well - the students loved learning about the Danish experience of WW2. We finally finished our CIPS project, which was the design and construction of our very own board games! We had a lot of really good ideas, and some pretty innovative gameplay.

The students also enjoyed Science Day as they took part in many practical activities, such as building a potato battery.

Additionally, they took part in National Poetry Day, in which the whole school took part. Our very own Kaashini won the competition.



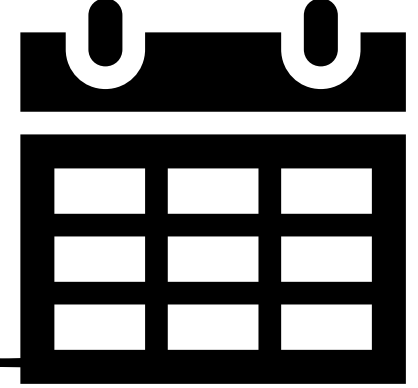


Eco Council

The Eco Council members were thrilled to receive individual letters from our local MP, Barry Gardiner, in response to letters they had written about road safety, congestion and speed limits around the school locality.

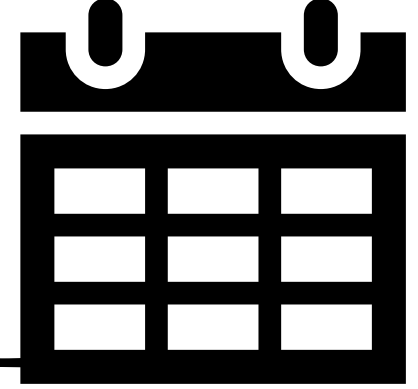
They were particularly excited that the letters came from The House of Commons!

Summer Term Dates for your diary



- Monday 15th April 2024 - Start of Summer Term
- Monday 15th April – RSE Meeting for parents at 15:45: Year 4,5,6
Girls' meeting with Mrs McLelland and Mrs Zaman Year 5 & 6
Boys' meeting with Mr Hamilton Turner and Mr Smith
- Tuesday 16th April – *Ready for Reception*- event for current Pre-School parents
- Thursday 18th April – 15:35 onwards 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

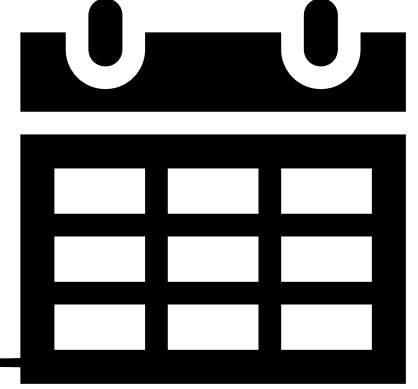
Summer Term Dates for your diary **New dates*



- Tuesday 23rd April - Open Morning for Prospective Parents
- *Thursday 25th April - Year 3 & 6 to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir*
- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday. **School & Nursery closed**
- Monday 20th May - Assessment Week
- Friday 24th May - International Day
- **Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - Half Term** (Nursery open)
- Monday 3rd June - 08:15 Year 4,5,&6 Parent Meeting re Residential
- Monday 10th June - Whole School Photo
- Wednesday 19th June - Sports Day
- Tuesday 25th - LAMDA Exams for years 3,4,5
- Wednesday 26th June - LAMDA Exams year 6
- *Wednesday 26th June - Year 3, 4 & 5 to Sir John Soane's Museum*

Summer Term Dates

for your diary * New dates



- Thursday 27th June - Year 6 Production at The Lycée
- Friday 28th June - Whole School Trip!
- **Monday 1st July - KS2 Latin Trip**
- Tuesday 2nd July to Friday 5th July - Year 4,5 & 6 Residential
- Monday 8th July - Whole School Art Day
- Monday 8th July - Parents meet next year's Teacher from 15:30
- Tuesday 9th July - Move Up Morning: Pupils spend time with next year's Teacher
- Tuesday 9th July - Year 6 Young Enterprise Day (for all pupils)
- Wednesday 10th July - Non-uniform day, class parties
- Thursday 11th July - Prize Giving Ceremony at the Lycée.

End of Academic year. School closes at 12:00

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

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If you would like to advertise your small business or a community event here,

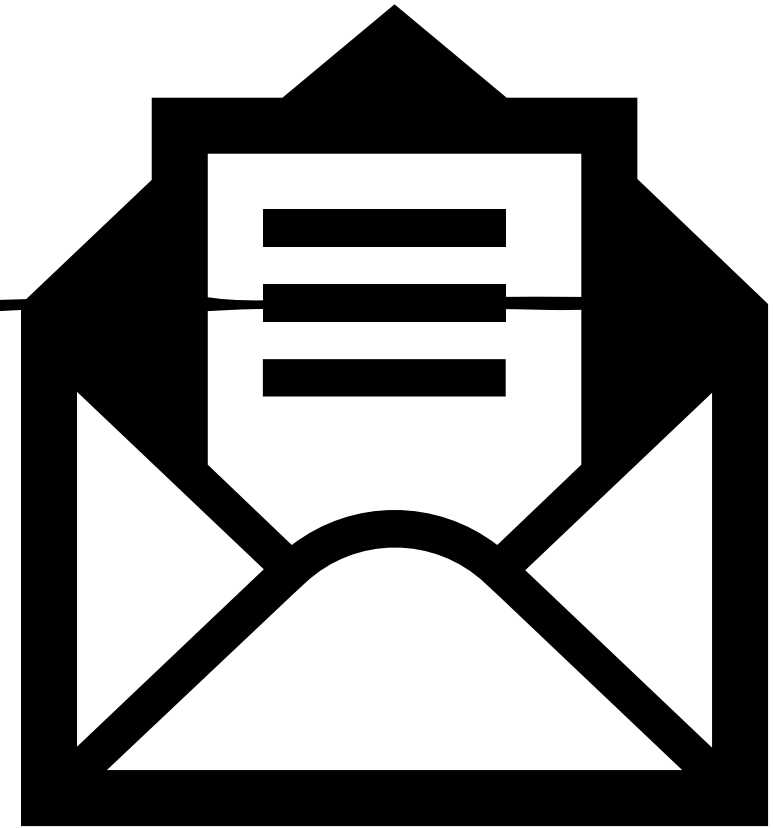
free of charge,

please contact Mrs McLelland

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