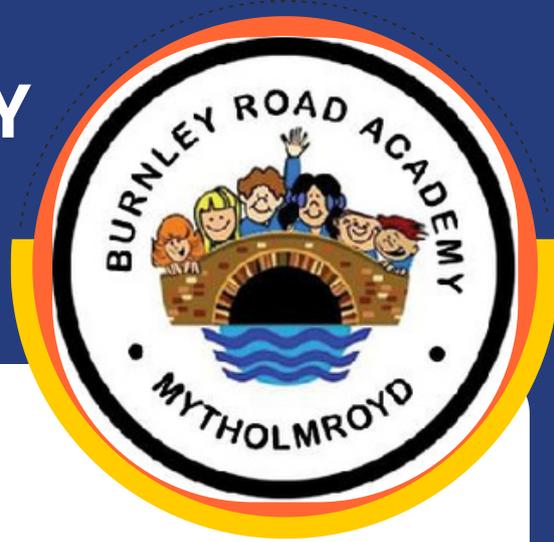


BURNLEY ROAD ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher Newsletter – Spring 2, Week 4.

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school, filled with exciting opportunities for our children.

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Paul Sturgess into school. As a former Harlem Globetrotters basketball player and the tallest man in Britain, Paul delivered an inspiring and memorable session. He spoke openly about how what makes him different has created unique opportunities in his life, and how he has learned to embrace that difference with confidence. He encouraged our children to be proud of who they are as individuals and to recognise that their own qualities and strengths are something to value.

On Tuesday, our Uni Hoc team represented the school at a competition at Calder High. They played brilliantly against other schools and achieved an impressive 3rd place. We were very proud of their teamwork and effort.

Wednesday and Thursday saw our Parents' Evenings, and it was lovely to welcome so many families into school. These conversations are so important in supporting each child's progress, and we really value the opportunity to work closely together.

On Friday, we held a non-uniform day, and we were overwhelmed by the generous chocolate donations received. These will be used for the chocolate tombola run by our PTFA at the upcoming Summer Fair.

Finally, a huge **congratulations** to one of our Year 5 pupils, who received some very exciting news this week. More details from Mrs Knapper.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Veronica Walker

Headteacher

Weekly attendance report by Year group

Reception - 100%

Year 1 - 96%

Year 4 - 95.4%

Year 2 - 94%

Year 6 - 92.3%

Nursery - 90.7%

Year 3 - 90%

Year 5 - 85.3%

Average - 92.8%



Phunky Food Ambassadors

Phunky Fibre

On Thursday we lead a whole school assembly about the benefits of fibre. Fibre is good for your body because it helps you go to the toilet and makes you more full for longer.

Top Tips

Drink plenty of water.

Top, Add, Swap.

Top - You can top your cereal with fruit and seeds. You can top your spaghetti with healthy protein.

Add - You can add extra vegetables like potato with the skin on, to your meal.

Swap - You can swap your normal white bread for more fibre full bread and swap sugary cereal with healthy cereal.

We are absolutely thrilled to share with everyone that Esme from Year 5 has been shortlisted for the Northern region Young Poet Laureate competition! Along with several other children from Burnley Road, she entered a poem into the competition. Despite the competition being open to all KS2 children across the north of England, her poem impressed the judges enough to make it to the final 20!

As a shortlisted candidate, Esme gets to attend a full day masterclass at Leeds University along with the other shortlisted candidates. They will work with professional poets to refine their skills, perform their final piece in front of an audience and a judging panel, and receive a goody bag and signed certificate from the UK Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage!

How exciting! We all wish Esme the very best of luck!

From Mrs. Knapper





Monday 16th March - Britain's tallest man!



A tall story about learning

On Monday afternoon, I had the privilege of meeting Paul Sturgess, the United Kingdom's tallest living person. As you will know, Paul was in school that day to work with the children. Unfortunately, because of another commitment, I was unable to attend Paul's morning assembly, which I heard was a 'triumph'. However, after a meeting with him at lunchtime, I joined his class with the Year 4 pupils at 1.15pm. What a fantastic and energetic class of learning that was. What delighted me was how every child was engaged, behaving, having fun, and, importantly for me, learning. And the icing on the cake? The school's four values of courage, compassion, perseverance, and teamwork were modelled and visible throughout. Brilliant!

Also on Monday, I received an email in my inbox from Alexandra Mihai, who describes herself as an educationalist (someone interested in education). She's just my sort of person! The email heading was Keep calm & carry on: Patience and perseverance in learning. Reading through it, this caught my eye:

'Learning is not always fun, or pleasant, or easy. Genuine learning often stems from difficulty. But we tend to protect our [pupils] by eliminating these difficulties and creating a frictionless learning environment. We hardly realise what a great disservice we do them by keeping them in a bubble. A learning experience can be rich and effective even when it is not (necessarily) fun or easy.'

I hope that alongside the times of fun like Monday's day with Paul that your child(ren) is regularly challenged and stretched at Burnley Road Academy so they achieve their potential whatever that might be. Help us with that by reminding them that good 'learning is not always, or pleasant, or easy.' Thank you and have a good weekend.

Dr David Powell

Acting Chair, Burnley Road Academy Local Governing Body.





Wardrobe
Wisdom

Workshop

For Key Stage 2 Pupils (Years 3-4)

WHAT IS IT ?

An exciting 8-session workshop programme, where children explore eco-fashion while creating personalised items using natural techniques that promotes the care of our planet.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Design & decorate their own PE bag
- Print unique patterns
- Create eco-slogan T-shirts
- Experiment with natural fabric dyes
- Make eco-fashion posters for their school

WHY JOIN?

Creative activities that build eco-awareness, confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving—plus children take home their own eco-fashion creations!

HOW TO JOIN

Places can be booked via Mr Boggis in the school office.

Email: admin@burnleyroad.calderdale.sch.uk

Phone: 01422 883034

£7

PER
SESSION



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 25th March 2pm and 6pm, Y3 and 4 production

Friday 27th March, last day of Spring 2 term

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday

Monday 6th April, Easter Monday

Monday 13th April back to school for Summer 1 term

Monday 4th May, May Day

Friday 22nd May, last day of Summer 1 term

Monday 1st June, Staff training

Dogs on school premises.

Can we ask that in the first instance dogs are not brought on to school premises but those that must come in are carried. Thank you.

Lunch menu for week commencing Monday 23rd will be week 2.

Nut-free Academy.

Can we take this opportunity to remind everyone that Burnley Road is a wholly nut free space. Our kitchen strives to source the correct ingredients and can we ask that parents who send packed lunches are mindful that no nut or nut containing products come in to school. Thank you.

Burnley Road Awards Page

House Points

Compassion - 479

Courage - 459

Perseverance - 397

Teamwork - 374

ABC Awards

Year 1 - Frankie and Libby E.

Year 2 - Mila and Ollie

Year 3 - Bohdan and Jace

Year 4 - Emmy and Jacob

Year 5 - Harry and Matthew

Year 6 - Evie and Malakie

Head - Esme and the

Uni-hoc Team

Lunchtime Behaviour Awards

KS1 - Year 1

KS2 - Year 5

Maths Shed

1st Teddy (Y5) - 1.3 million

2nd Hugo (Y6) - 372,000

3rd Matthew (Y5) - 130,000

1st Year 5 - 1.4 million

2nd Year 6 - 372,000

Spelling Shed

1st Teddy (Y5) - 21.9 million

2nd Joseph (Y4) - 3.07 million

3rd Nellie (Y6) - 2.09 million

4th Harrison (Y6) - 2.06 million

1st Year 5 - 22.5 million

2nd Year 6 - 7.9 million

3rd Year 4 - 2.6 million

4th Year 3 - 734,000

Tidy Cloakroom Awards

KS1 - Year 2

KS2 - Year 5

Well Done
Everyone

Burnley Road Academy PTFA

HELP US FUND A NEW TRIM TRAIL!

THE KIDS WANT
MONKEY BARS!

WE WANT
MONKEY BARS

The old trim trail is rotten
and unsafe, so we're raising
money for a fantastic
new one!

MONKEY BARS
PETITION

We need to raise **£10,000**
to bring our new trim trail
dream to life!

EACH EVENT
HELPS GROW
OUR FUND

Disco
Events

Sweet
Stalls

Non-
Uniform
Days

Sponsored
Walks

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

Together, we can reach our goal and make our
playground amazing for all our children!

A vibrant, colorful poster for a PTFA meeting. At the top, the letters 'PTFA' are written in large, bold, multi-colored font (P is red, T is yellow, F is green, A is blue) with a white outline. Below this, the word 'MEETING!' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font on a brown, ribbon-like banner. Underneath, the date and time '29th April - 5:30pm' are written in yellow, bold font on a green banner. Below that, the location 'At Mytholmroyd WMC' is written in white, bold font on a brown wooden sign. The central illustration shows a group of four adults (two men and two women) sitting around a table with coffee cups, engaged in conversation. A young boy stands to the left holding a soccer ball, with a glowing lightbulb above his head. To the right, two young girls are sitting on the table, one holding a teddy bear. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and colorful triangular bunting. At the bottom, a chalkboard features the text 'Come and Share Your Thoughts & Ideas!' in white and yellow, surrounded by drawings of a lightbulb, speech bubbles, and a pencil. In the foreground, a boy with a soccer ball and a girl with a teddy bear are smiling. The bottom background shows a school building with a red roof and a bell tower, with a playground area in front of it.

PTFA

MEETING!

29th April - 5:30pm

At Mytholmroyd WMC

All Welcome – Including Children!

**Come and Share
Your Thoughts & Ideas!**