

BURNLEY ROAD ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher Newsletter – Spring 1, Week 6

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire. I have read every response, and one clear message from the Burnley Road community is the importance of protecting the school's strong ethos and community feel.

This is something that staff and I feel very strongly about too. Burnley Road is a very special place to me. I first joined the school 21 years ago, my own daughter attended here, and now I am incredibly proud to be its Headteacher. I understand first-hand what makes this school so important to its families and to the wider community.

As we move forward, we hope to find a partnership that respects and supports our values and the unique character of Burnley Road. When we talk about providing the very best for our children, we mean far more than academic success alone. Burnley Road has a real family feel, children know one another, look after each other and feel that they belong. We wish to continue nurturing confident, happy children while providing a high-quality education.

Thank you again for your thoughtful feedback and for your continued support of our school.

I would also like to wish all our children and families a lovely half-term break. We hope you enjoy some well-earned rest and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the new half term.

Warm regards,

Veronica Walker

Headteacher

Burnley Road Academy

Weekly attendance report by Year group

Year 2 - 100%
Year 4 - 95.3%
Year 5 - 95.3%
Year 3 - 92.5%
Reception - 92.2%
Year 1 - 89.9%
Nursery - 89.3%
Year 6 - 86.4%

Average - 93.1%

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd February, Academy reopens

Tuesday 24th February, the Great Big Dance Off, Victoria Theatre

5th March, World Book Day

Friday 20th March, Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday

Monday 6th April, Easter Monday

Thursday 23rd April, Dance Day with Laura

Monday 4th May, May Day

Thursday 21st May, Dance Day with Laura

Monday 1st June, Staff training

Thursday 18th June, Dance Day with Laura

Monday 20th July, Staff training



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.

SECOND HALF (TERM) THINKING

John Hattie, a New Zealand and world leading educational researcher, asserts that how we (teachers, parents/carers, pupils, governors) think matters most. I believe him, though you may well wonder how the world of rugby union might shape the practices of a primary school. Let me explain. Back in the run up to winning the Rugby World Cup in 2003, Sir Clive Woodward forensically analysed his team's performances in matches to identify how the team could improve. Using video analysis, he noticed how the team started the first half of their matches better than they started the second half.

Woodward felt this could make the difference between winning and losing the World Cup Final, so he asked his coaching staff to develop some routines to ensure the players started the second half just as well as the first. He called this second-half thinking. So, what does this mean for your child(ren)'s education? Well, I am asking Mrs Walker and her staff, you and your child(ren) to adopt what I call a second half-term thinking mindset leading up to and from Monday 23rd February. Second half-term thinking believes that everything we do in the next half term can make a significant difference at the end of the year and to your child(ren)'s future. It includes, though is not limited to:

1. Everyone (pupils, parents, teachers and staff) making sure they are as well prepared as possible when learning starts again on Monday 23rd February so the children get off to the best possible start.
2. Everyone setting off to school with the attitude that every minute counts in every class, so when they're in school they make the most of the time in school that day and thus can be proud of how hard they have tried at the end of the day.
3. Making sure we look after ourselves, for example, getting a good night's sleep, so we can sustain our efforts right the way through to the end of the next half term.

Will this really make a significant difference to your child(ren)'s education? I believe it will, and it's backed up by Carol Dweck's, an American researcher, research on growth mindset, i.e., what we believe matters. You, Mrs. Walker and her staff, and all the governors want that, so let's all give it our best efforts for the benefit of your child(ren) because a good education gives a child a good start in life.

And all best wishes for a good, restful half term break!

Dr David Powell

Acting Chair, Burnley Road Academy.



Lunch menu for week commencing Monday 23rd February will be Week 1.

Burnley Road Awards Page

House Points

Courage - 385
Perseverance - 350
Teamwork - 334
Compassion - 327

Birthdays

Georgia - Year 4
Miles - Year 3
Isabella - Year 1
Libby E. - Year 1
Arthur - Reception
Grace - Reception

Maths Shed

1st Alfie (Y5) - 3.7 million
2nd Huxley (Y5) - 3.2 million
3rd Matthew (Y5) - 2.6 million
4th Harry (Y5) - 1.6 million

1st Year 5 - 11.7 million
2nd Year 3 - 2.3 million
3rd Year 6 - 946,000
4th Year 4 - 190,000

Spelling Shed

1st Joseph (Y4) - 7.4 million
2nd Florence (Y6) - 5.3 million
3rd Harrison (Y6) - 3.6 million
4th Nellie (Y6) - 2.1 million

1st Year 4 - 13.9 million
2nd Year 6 - 13.8 million
3rd Year 3 - 5.3 million
4th Year 5 - 2.6 million

Tidy Cloakroom Awards

KS1 - Nursery/Reception/Year 1
KS2 - Year 6

Lunchtime Behaviour Awards

KS1 - Nursery/Reception
KS2 - Year 6



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!