

# BURNLEY ROAD ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER



Headteacher Newsletter – Spring 1, Week 4

Dear parents and carers,

It's been another positive and busy week in school, with lots of learning taking place both in and beyond the classroom.

Year 2 enjoyed a local walk this week, making the most of our surroundings and developing their confidence and curiosity outside school. They represented Burnley Road well and showed great enthusiasm throughout the visit.

Year 5 and Year 6 are continuing to do really well with their swimming sessions. Staff have been very pleased with the children's progress, effort and positive attitudes in the pool.

On Monday, we welcomed Open the Book into school. They worked with our Year 5 children to act out a Bible story during assembly.

The children took part confidently and thoughtfully, and it was a lovely way to bring the story to life.



You will also have noticed that the roofing works are now coming to an end, and the cabins have been removed from the front yard. It's been great to see this project reaching its final stages, and we appreciate everyone's patience while the work has been taking place.

We are looking forward to welcoming Dave from Skip2Bfit back into school on Wednesday. These sessions are always full of energy and enthusiasm, and the children really enjoy them.

The PTFA Penny Wars event will continue into next week. Thank you so much for the generosity shown so far. We are very grateful for all the donations received.

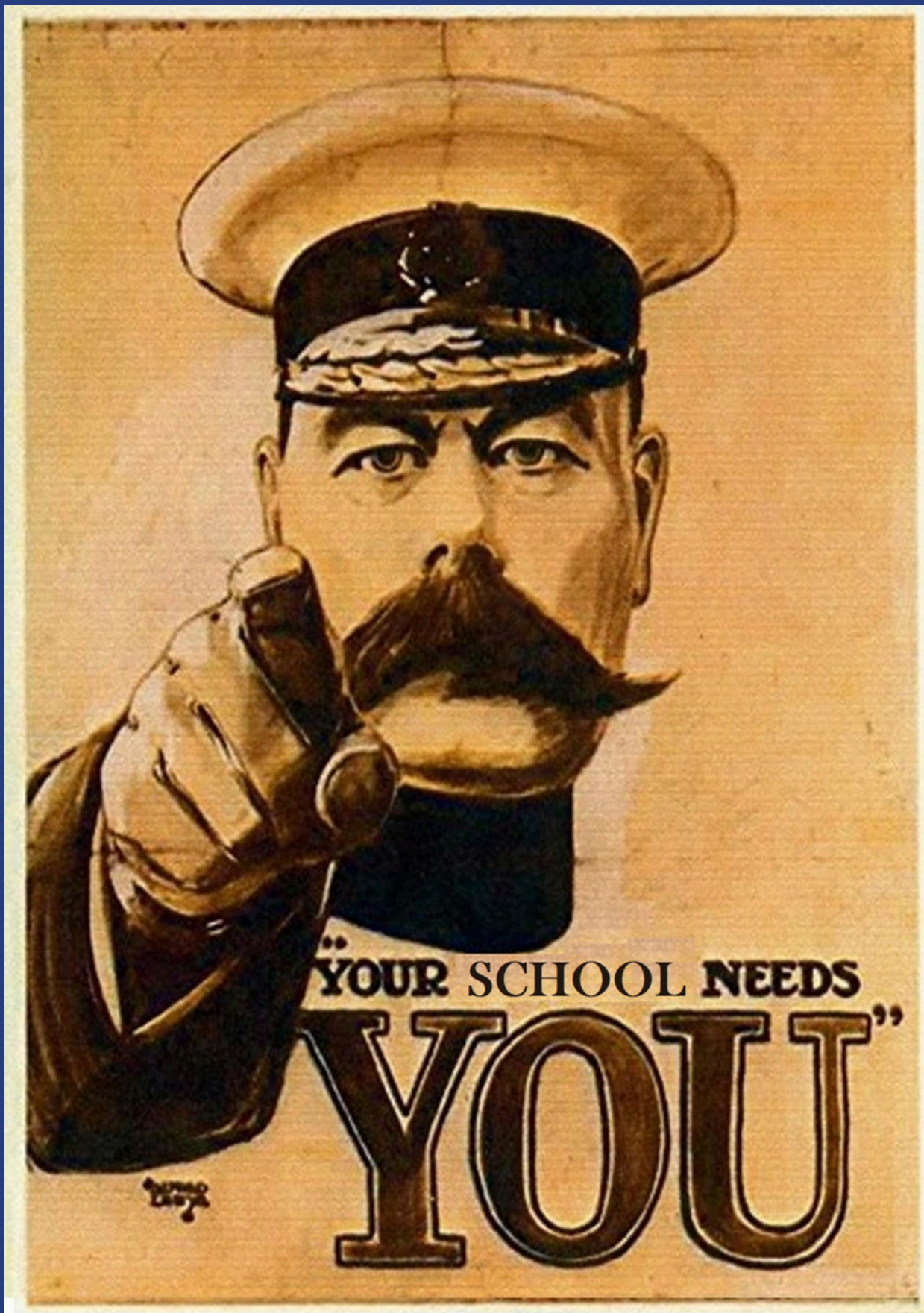
Thank you, as always, for your continued encouragement and commitment to school life.

Warm regards,

*Veronica Walker*

Headteacher

Burnley Road Academy



If recent events have caused you concern, come and help the staff and community governors of our local governing board deliver its strategic direction. Nomination forms can be emailed to you or collected from the Academy office.





Our School Streets scheme has been in place for a number of years now. Despite this, this last week we had a near miss with one of our children coming to school and one of our parents choosing to ignore this traffic regulation. Should your child be involved in any such instance, please make a note of the vehicle registration and report it to the authorities. Parents please do be aware though that residents and trades do still have access rights during these times. Thank you.

I wanted to introduce myself as the Acting Chair of your governing body, though first I want to thank Celia Ainley, who stepped down from the role of Chair recently, for her excellent leadership of the Board and dedication and service to Burnley Road Academy as a parent governor.

I have lived in Mytholmroyd since 1996. I have been a teacher all my working life. Initially, this was in further education colleges, including Calderdale College, before moving to the University of Huddersfield, where I taught new teachers to teach until my retirement in September 2024. It was at this point I joined your governing body. Alongside my governing work for you, I am governor at Heart of Yorkshire Education Group, one of West Yorkshire's largest further education colleges, where I chair its Curriculum and Quality committee and sit on its Board. From September 2026, I will become Chair of that governing body.

As your Acting Chair, my role is to give the best possible support to Mrs. Walker, as Head, so she can devote her time to leading her staff, ensuring every child feels they belong, thrives, and receives a high quality education. And you will start seeing me around the school, so do come up and say 'hello'.

All best wishes for 2026,

Dr David Powell  
Acting Chair, Burnley Road Academy.



# Dates for your diary

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Dance Day with Laura

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, the Great Big Dance Off, Victoria Theatre

5<sup>th</sup> March, World Book Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Good Friday

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Dance Day with Laura

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, May Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Dance Day with Laura

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Staff training

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Dance Day with Laura

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Staff training



Lunch menu for week commencing  
Monday 2nd February will be Week 2.

# Burnley Road Awards Page

## House Points

Compassion - 301  
Courage - 257  
Perseverance - 215  
Teamwork - 212

## ABC Awards

Year 1 - Lillian and Marnie  
Year 2 - Kamryn and Poppy  
Year 3 - Euan and Nellie  
Year 4 - Etta and Sophia  
Year 5 - Esme and Intan  
Year 6 - Florence and Harrison  
Head - Esme, Ottilie and Tulli

## Maths Shed

1<sup>st</sup> Matthew (Y5) - 4 million  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harry (Y5) - 3.4 million  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hugo (Y6) - 2.1 million  
4<sup>th</sup> Florence (Y6) - 997,000

1<sup>st</sup> Year 5 - 10.3 million  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 - 3.2 million  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 - 350,000  
4<sup>th</sup> Year 3 - 96,000

## Spelling Shed

1<sup>st</sup> Nellie (Y6) - 13.8 million  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph (Y4) - 13.2 million  
3<sup>rd</sup> Harrison (Y6) - 12.6 million  
4<sup>th</sup> Florence (Y6) - 7.8 million

1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 - 44.5 million  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year 4 - 23.1 million  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 - 2.4 million  
4<sup>th</sup> Year 5 - 1.5 million

## Tidy Cloakroom Awards

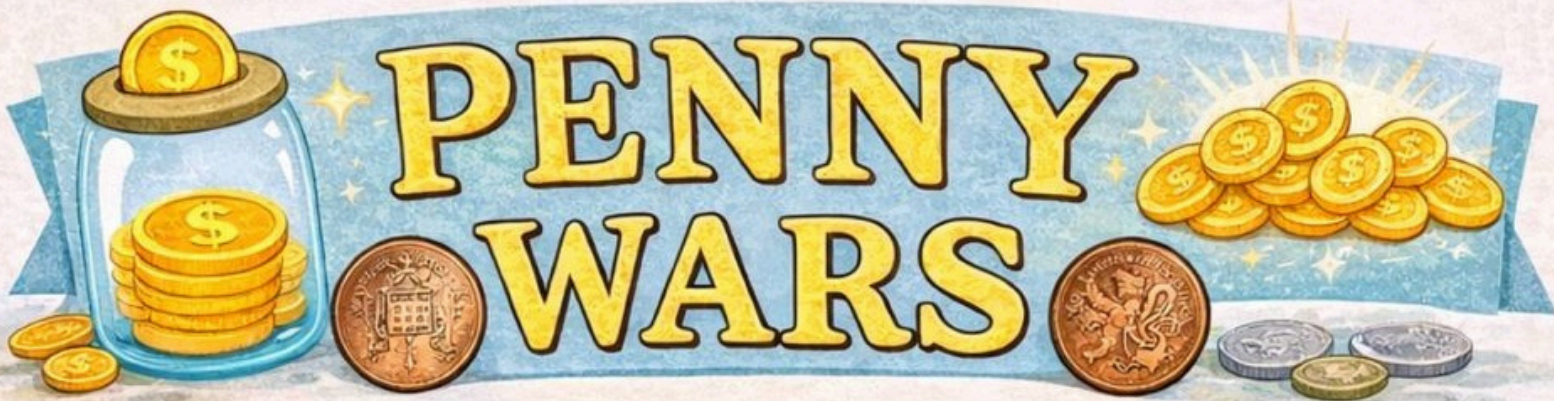
KS1 - Year 1 / Reception  
KS2 - Year 5

## Lunchtime Behaviour Awards



Well Done  
Everyone





## Whole School Coin Challenge!

Friday 16th January – Friday 30th January

♥ Bring in your spare coins

Every class (Nursery – Year 6) has their  
★ **own** jar

Work together to collect the **most** points

### ★ HOW POINTS WORK

- 1p = 1 point
- 2p = 2 points
- 5p = 5 points
- 10p = 10 points
- 20p = 20 points
- 50p = 50 points



★ Bigger coins = more points!

### ★ WIN A PRIZE ★

The class with the most points wins  
a prize of their choice 🎉



Let's see which class will become our

★ **PENNY WARS WINNERS** ★



Burnley Road Academy PTFA

# NEON DISCO

Friday 13th February

📍 School Hall

## DISCO TIMES

FSU (Nursery & Reception), Year 1 & 2 3:15pm  
— 4:15pm

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 4:30pm  
— 5:30pm

**£5** PER  
CHILD

➔ Pay via ParentPay

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ★ Snack & drink
- ★ Glow stick
- ★ Neon tattoos
- ★ Face paint
- ★ Disco music & games

Wear bright / neon colours if you can!

★ Let's light up the dancefloor! 🕺



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!