

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.

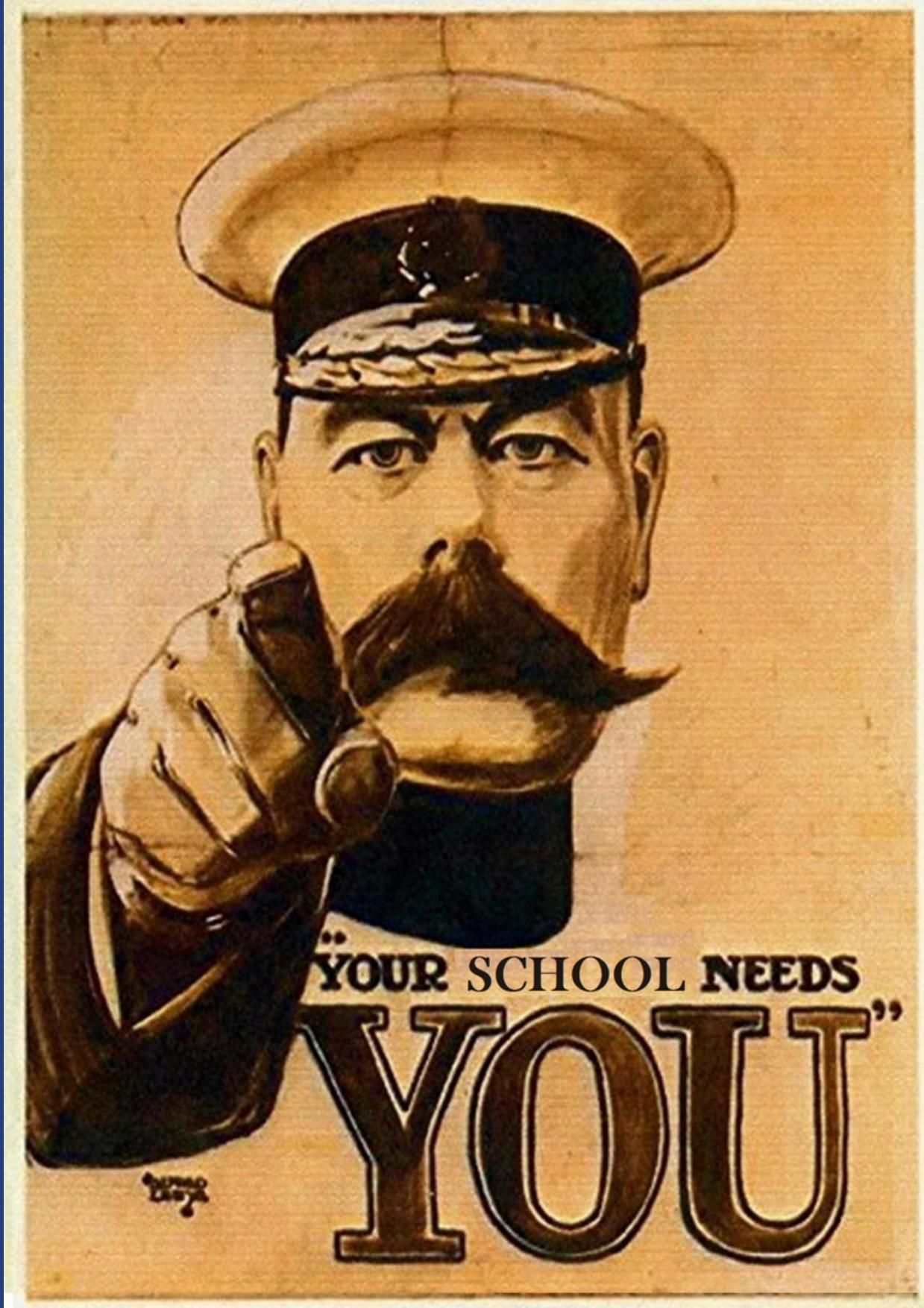
Thank you, as always, for your continued encouragement and commitment to school life.

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 12th February, Dance Day with Laura

Monday 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



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

Burnley Road Awards Page

Maths Shed

House Points

Compassion - 301

Courage - 257

Perseverance - 215

Teamwork - 212

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

ABC Awards

- 1st Year 5** - 10.3 million
- 2nd Year 6** - 3.2 million
- 3rd Year 4** - 350,000
- 4th Year 3** - 96,000

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

Spelling Shed

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

- 1st Year 6** - 44.5 million
- 2nd Year 4** - 23.1 million
- 3rd Year 3** - 2.4 million
- 4th Year 5** - 1.5 million

Tidy Cloakroom Awards

KS1 - Year 1 / Reception

KS2 - Year 5

Lunchtime Behaviour Awards



Well Done
Everyone

PENNY WARS

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

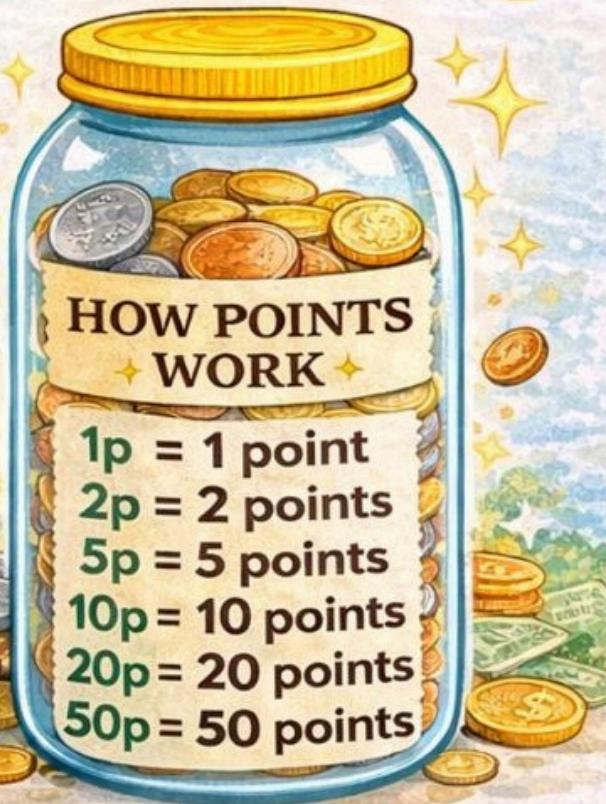
HOW POINTS WORK

- 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! *

HELP US FUND A NEW TRIM TRAIL!

THE KIDS WANT
MONKEY BARS!

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



MONKEY BARS
PETITION



£10k

£8k

£6k

£5k

£4k

£3k

£1k

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!