



# BURTON BUZZ

Today we are sending out information for our Parents' Evenings that are taking place in the first week after half term. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and find out about the progress they are making. For those children on our SEND register teachers will also be sharing the children's updated Individual Learning Plan with you. We look forward to seeing you on the evenings.

I have been informed on Thursday morning of a very dangerous near miss when a white car was driving up on the pavement outside of school. This was not witnessed by any staff but may have been by other parents. If you saw this incident I would urge you to report this.

Thank you to Mrs Mace for co-ordinating our online safety work this week as part of Safer Internet Day whilst this has been a focus this week it will always be a focus to ensure our children are safe online. Please see more information later in the newsletter.

Let's hope for some dry weather over the weekend!

Graham Almond - Headteacher



Arbor

## ARBOR APP AND PARENT PORTAL

As we have previously mentioned we are moving over to using the Arbor Parent Portal.

This means we will have one platform for communications (we can send messages directly to the app), for booking places at clubs (we will no longer need to charge a £1 administration fee) and for payments (meals and trips).

We have set up parental access to the Parent Portal on the Arbor website and Arbor app and sent out emails for parents to gain access. Please check your junk folder.

We will send up a further registration email on Monday next week in case you have missed it.

Currently 56% of parents have signed up. Thank you.

Please make sure you select the Burton End tab when accessing on the app.

If you have recently changed your email address and school is unaware please inform the School Office ASAP.

To encourage everyone to sign up and get the benefits of the Parent Portal we will award a prize of a £10 Tesco voucher to one parent/carer who has signed up to the Parent Portal. We will draw this at random on Monday 26th February at 10.00am from everyone who has ever accessed the portal.

**You've got to be in it to win it!**

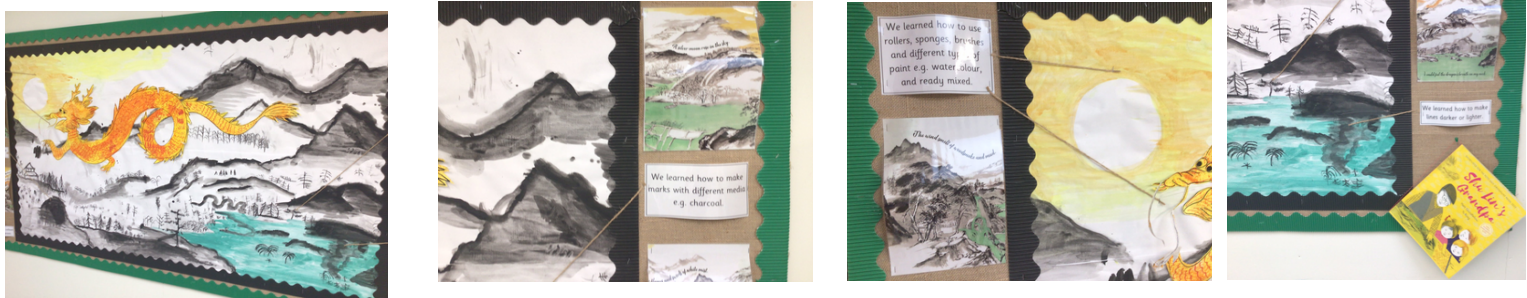
# SAFER INTERNET DAY

The 6th February was Safer Internet Day so across this week the children have taken part in workshops in their classes based upon online safety. Each key stage took part in an assembly where we thought about this very important topic. All parents have been sent a letter via Parentmail giving you access to the parent online safety area of the National College website. This gives you a wide range of advice and guidance and short workshops that you can watch to educate yourselves as parents about the digital world and how to support our children to access this safely and healthily. You can access by scanning the QR code or copying and pasting the link below into your browser.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/burton-end-primary-academy>

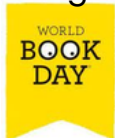
The image shows a 'You're internet Alert' poster from the New Zealand Class, which includes a 'SAFER INTERNET LEGEND STATUS' section. Below the poster is a photograph of children in a classroom working on laptops. To the right is a large QR code.

# GREAT WORK IN RECEPTION



The children in our Reception classes have been reading the text 'Shu Lin's Grandpa' and produced some brilliant work. So much learning and an impressive range of foundational knowledge and artistic skill involved here!

# WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March this is a day where we want to get children excited about reading. Introducing them to new books and authors and making them want to pick up a book! Some children already have a love of reading it is a chance to share their passion with their class!

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in non uniform. We understand it can be very costly to purchase costumes so please do not feel that you have to. We are going to be dressing up...

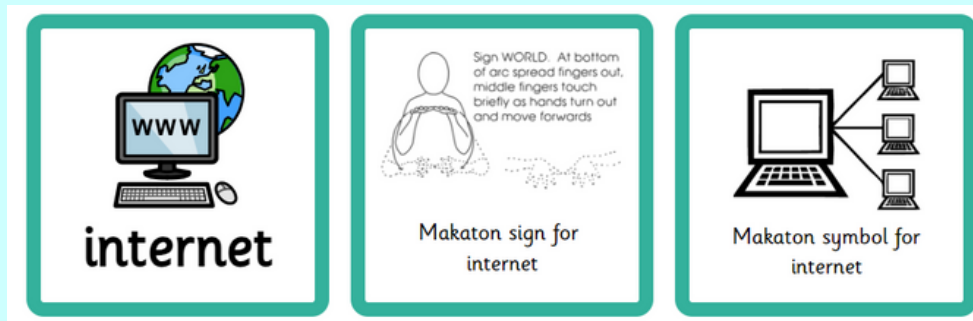
During the day children will take part in activities in their classes and also be reading with a reading buddy from another class and choosing a story that they would like to listen to from a selection across the school.

# WHAT IS YOUR CHILD READING?

Reading is the single most important thing you can do with your child. **Do you know which book your child is currently reading?** If not ask them! When you know fill in our online form (use the QR code or the link on Dojo) with your name, your child's name and the book they are reading. We will draw one lucky winner and their child will receive a book of their choice.



# OUR MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



## TERM DATES 2024-2025

Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to our survey regarding the two week half term in October. Next week we will send out information and term dates for next academic year. Thank you for your patience.

## KEEP SAFE WEEK 2024



We took part in Unity Schools Partnership 'Keep Safe' week in 2023. This was a huge success and given the importance of the topic, this is now an annual event. The focus of the week is to centre some of our teaching and learning around young people knowing how to keep themselves safe.

The theme of the work this year is 'No Means No.' This allows us to explore a range of topics from stranger danger, to friendships, bullying, healthy relationships and consent. Resources and activities have been chosen to support age appropriate learning. There will also be the opportunity for Year 5 and 6 children to engage with a virtual theatre production.

We will aim to celebrate the success of the week with you and we hope that feedback from your children is positive. Thank you for supporting this valuable work.



## PARKING

I have been asked by PC Fox who visited the school this morning to request that you do not park on the grass verge opposite school as this is damaging the grass. Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE

Our overall whole school attendance has improved this year. Attendance is nearly 1% higher than it was this time last year. Thank you for your support.

This may seem like a small increase but even a 1% increase takes a huge effort.

We are not the only school in the town who appear to be experiencing lots of common illnesses at the moment and we understand children will get ill from time to time.

Please keep us updated if your child is absent by telephoning the school office.

We want all of the children to be attendance Heroes. **Here, Everyday, Ready and On time.**



# DIARY DATES



## BURTON END PRIMARY ACADEMY: CALENDAR 2023-2024

### FEBRUARY

Friday 16th February	3.25pm	Last Day of Term	All year groups
Monday 26th February	8.35am	First Day of Term: Back to school	All year groups
Monday 26th February	All week	Keep Safe Week	All year groups
Tuesday 27th February	3.30pm	Parents' Evening	All year groups
Wednesday 28th February	10am	Makaton for Babies and Families course starts	Parents
Thursday 29th February	3.30pm	Parents' Evening	All year groups

### MARCH

Thursday 7th March	All day	World Book Day	All year groups
Wednesday 20th March	All day	Little City in School	Explorers, Nursery and Reception
Thursday 28th March	3.25pm	Last day of Spring Term	All year groups

### APRIL

Monday 16th April	8.35am	Back to school: Start of the Summer Term	All year groups
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