

BURTON BUZZ

I hope that you and your children had a good break over half term.

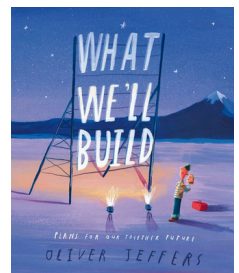
It has been wonderful to see the children getting stuck into their learning and enjoying being back among their friends. We have done lots including recognising Empathy Day and learning about D Day in our Picture News assemblies along with our usual range of lessons!

I have had the pleasure of leading assemblies on four days this week and I have been thoroughly impressed by the children's behaviour and engagement. I introduced the children to our school value of 'ambition' which we will be focusing on this term. We told the children that ambition was being determined to achieve success and explained that success can mean very different things for different people and by trying their best they will achieve their personal best or personal success.

We read the story of 'What We'll Build' in our picture book assembly that considers how, together, we can build our futures. Why not ask your child this weekend about the story?

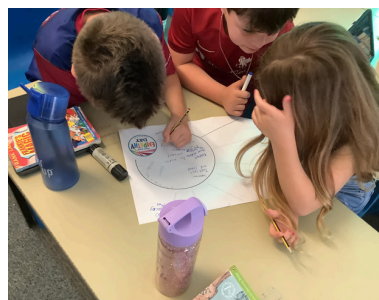
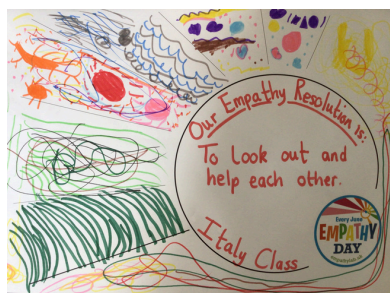
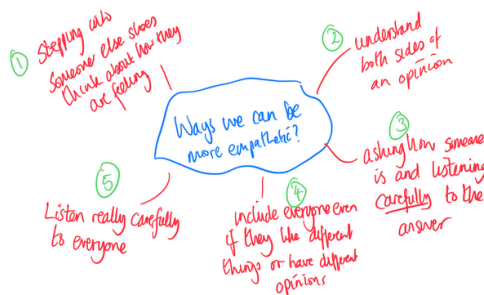
Have a lovely weekend

Graham Almond - Headteacher



EMPATHY DAY

On Thursday Miss Butt organised a great Empathy Day for us all. Empathy is being able to understand other people's feelings and points of view. During the day all of the children got the chance to discuss this theme and gain a better understanding of empathy. Each class also made an 'Empathy Resolution': choosing one thing to do that changes our behaviour towards others.



OUR MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



WARMER WEATHER

As the weather starts to (hopefully) warm up next half-term, please can you ensure that you apply sunscreen to your child in the morning and send them in with a hat and a water bottle. The great British weather is unpredictable so it would be advisable to keep a waterproof in their school bag ready for any summer showers!

Please see link below which you may find helpful with tips on staying sun safe.

<https://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/sun-safety-advice-for-parents>



On the very warmest of days if you would like your child to wear sun protection please apply this before school – staff are unable to apply sun cream.

TOP UP SHED

Thank you for supporting our Top Up Shed. Remember it is open each day at the start and end of the school day. If you are able to add any donations this is greatly appreciated. No questions, no means testing just there when you need some extra support.



ART FESTIVAL

It is time for our annual Art Festival and Miss Holt has been busy organising this and ordering resources. The theme this year is **“peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding”**. The children will all be taking part in art activities during the day on Tuesday 18th June. We would appreciate it if you could send your child to school with an old t-shirt that they can wear during the activities.

We would also like to invite parents and carers to join us from **3.00pm on Tuesday 18th June** to have a chance to to come see the children’s artistic creations!

CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

It is our school policy that we mix the classes children are allocated to across their year group each school year. This has always proved to be successful. It allows children to widen their friendship circles and enhance their social skills. We will be talking with the children before class lists are finalised to ensure that children are with at least one of their friends. We will continue to keep our class names. We will inform you of which class and teacher your child has in September with your child’s annual school report. Further information about our transition arrangements are on the last page of the newsletter.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

A reminder that is part of our Unity Schools Partnership attendance policy that we do not authorise term time holidays. This includes long weekends where children will be absent on Friday and/or Monday. Whilst we entirely understand and sympathise with the difficulties that families face with work commitments and also understand the difference in price paid for holidays during school holidays, we are unable to authorise pupils’ leave from school in these circumstances. We have published our the term dates for the upcoming years to help with planning.

BETTER LUNCHTIMES!

This week we have been trialing some new routines for our lunchtimes. We have been auditing our lunch time provision for the last few months and wanted to make some changes to help our children enjoy their lunchtimes more. The children still get the same time outside to play and we still make sure all of the children have time to eat all of their lunch. This is similar to other schools our size and locally. As with any new practices and systems in school we will constantly review and make changes when necessary.

On the playground the children have more activities in zones, the playgrounds have less children out at the same time and each playground has a quieter 'Wellbeing' zone where children can take part in quiet activities, read, chat with their friends or an adult.

In the hall when eating the children have more of a 'family dining' experience during their 'sitting' where they can chat with their friends in a quieter, less busy environment. The children also have their own 'table numbers' and spend less time queuing for their lunches. We have been really impressed with the children's improved table manners even after just a few days!

We have asked some of the children for their thoughts too.



"it is good having a Wellbeing zone outside so if we are hurt or want to do colouring we can go there"

"there are less children on the playground now so we have more space to play"



"we don't have to wait for ages in the line to get our food now"



"I love all the different zones on the playground"

"it is less noisy in the hall"



"I can now eat in the hall with all of my friends instead of having to eat in a quieter space"

"it is easier to make sure we can sit with our friends at lunchtime"



TRANSITION

We know that our parents and children will be very aware that the end of the school year is getting closer. We say farewell to our Year 6 children, we welcome our new Reception children and all of the children move up to their new year groups and classes.

As is normal at this time of year we are finalising our staffing team and their year groups for September. To help the children with their transition they will spend two days in the last week of term with their new teacher. Parents will also get the chance to meet the new teacher and visit the classroom on one of these days too. The children will then return to their current class teacher for their final day on Friday 19th July.

BURTON END PRIMARY ACADEMY: CALENDAR 2023-2024

| JUNE | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 10th—12th June | 3 days | PGL Residential Trip | Year 6 |
| Thursday 13th June | All day | Trip to Daisy Mae Farm | Year 1 |
| Thursday 13th June | 2.00pm | Explorers Sports Day | Explorers |
| Tuesday 18th June | 3.00pm | Art Festival Show case | All parents/carers |
| Friday 21st June | All day | Roman Experience in School | Year 3 |
| Wednesday 26th June | am | Sports Day | Nursery |
| Wednesday 26th June | pm | Sports Day | EYFS/KS1 |
| Thursday 27th June | pm | Sports Day | Key Stage 2 |
| Friday 28th June | All day | School Closed: PD Day | All year groups |

| JULY | | | |
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| Tuesday 9th July | All day | Trip to Botanic Gardens | Year 2 |
| Thursday 11th July | All day | Trip to Lackford Lakes | Year 5 |
| Thursday 11th July | All day | Trip to Boydells Farm | Year 3 |
| Monday 15th July | All day | Trip: High Altitude | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 16th July | 9.00am | Year 6 Leavers' | Year 6 + Parents |
| Wednesday 17th July | All day | Transition Day 1: Children in new classes | Go to current class-room in the morning |
| Thursday 18th July | All day | Transition Day 2: Children in new classes | Go to new class-room in the morning |
| Friday 19th July | 3.25pm | End of Summer Term: School closes | All year groups |