

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

BURTON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to our end of term newsletter!

What a busy term it has been! Here is a summary of what we have been up to:

TRIPS & VISITS & EVENTS

Year 5 & 6 Visit To Barnsley Miners Hall

Our Year 5 & Year 6 Pupils have been studying 'Mining' this term., and having had a visit to the National Coal Mining Museum back in September, recently had a visit to the Miners Hall located in the NUM headquarters building on Victoria Road in Barnsley.

The miners hall houses a collection of over 150 years of coal mining records, including registration books, ledgers and mining banners from collieries all over the area. This was a great way to finish our topic and everyone really enjoyed the experience.

Year 4 Pantomime Trip Wakefield Theatre Royal.

Our pupils from Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Theatre Royal in Wakefield to watch their annual pantomime which this year was Cinderella. Oh no they didn't!! Oh yes they did!! This was a brilliant production and a great time was had by all.

Year 6 Pupils visit to Horizon Theatre—Wizard of Oz

The pupils from Horizon CC Drama Club invited our Year 6 pupils to attend a performance of their production of The Wizard of Oz earlier this month. Our children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the Horizon Drama Students gave an outstanding performance. Thank you for inviting us, and well done everyone.

Class Assemblies

This month has seen children in Classes 9, 10 & 11 hosting Class Assemblies for their parents/carers. They have been sharing what they have been learning about, and what they will be focussing on next term. All pupils in all remaining classes will be preparing their own assemblies in the coming months, details to follow.

Barnsley College Performing Arts Department

It was lovely to welcome the students from The Performing Arts Department of Barnsley College. The college students gave us an amazing performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' which was thoroughly enjoyed by all children in school.

FUNDRAISING

We have had a very full calendar of fundraising events this term, and we would like to thank you all for your generous donations and charitable support.

We are delighted to confirm that we have raised the following:

Halloween Disco—£900

All the children had the most wonderful time at the Halloween Disco which raised over £900 for PTA Funds.

Christmas Fayre—£1200

Thank you for your amazing support at our recent Christmas Fayre, where we raised over £1200 for PTA Funds

Members of the PTA will be discussing which projects they will be funding at their next meeting. We will keep you informed as to what is agreed.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal—£498.12

Our friends at the Royal British Legion supplied us with a variety of 'Poppy' items in support of their annual 'Poppy Appeal'.

We have great pleasure in confirming that £498.12 was raised for this extremely worthy cause. Once again thank you for your valuable donations.

Children In Need—£244.50

We had a great day celebrating Children In Need. Pudsey Bear was everywhere, on T- Shirts, Jumpers and Pyjamas. We are pleased to confirm that the overall total raised was £244.50 for this amazing charity

Thanks everyone.



Christmas Concerts & Celebrations

December also saw our usual busy diary of festive concerts and celebrations.

Nursery

In Early Years, our Nursery pupils enjoyed a day of Christmas Crafts which they were able to share with their parents/guardians, finishing off with a good old sing-song of some of their favourite Christmas Songs.

Reception—Classes 1 & 2

Our Reception pupils performed a traditional Christmas Nativity, which included some wonderful story telling and singing of some lovely songs including 'Three Kings Were Riding' and 'Angels From Heaven'. Thank you everyone for your amazing performances.

Key Stage 1— Classes 3, 4 & 5

Key Stage 1, pupils in Classes 3, 4 & 5 took part in a fabulous production of 'Prickly Hay—A Nativity Hoedown', a wonderful Christmas nativity story about Sam, a hardworking young stable boy, trying to keep the stable clean and the hay fresh for all the animals in his stable with his ever-faithful friend, Shrew, and as all the inns fill up in Bethlehem, some very special visitors are shown to Sam's stable.

Well done everyone, it was a wonderful performance, thank you.

All our nativity performances were followed by 'Festive Refreshments' served in our Breakfast Club Room.

We hope that you all enjoyed the festivities as much as we have enjoyed arranging them.

MUSIC

This year we have welcomed 'Rocksteady' Music into our school. 'Rocksteady' deliver fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for years 1 to 6.

This term the children have been learning 'Back In Black' by AC/DC, 'I Knew You Were Trouble' by Taylor Swift, 'Shut Up and Dance' by Walk The Moon, and 'Can't Stop The Feeling' by Justin Timberlake. They have been playing electric guitars, keyboards, bass and drums. This has all resulted in a fabulous end of term concert, which was enjoyed by the children and parents of the band members.

'Rocksteady' will continue in the new year, please check with school reception for details of vacancies and costs involved.

We also continue to offer in-school music lessons for recorder, flute, clarinet and violin. Again, if you think your child may be interested, please contact school reception.

SPORTING EVENTS

The school continues to excel in sports. We organise and outsource high quality and consistent sporting provision for 12 schools in the area. Our principles, aims and vision are to provide high quality participation and involvement in sports, to encourage all children to be healthy for life. This provision provides a wide ranging mix of both competitive and participation events and have included:

Year 5/6 - Rugby League

Year 5/6 - Athletics

Year 5/6 - Open Boys/Girls Football League

Year 5/6 - Handball

Year 5 - Table Tennis

Year 5 - Hockey

Year 5/6 - Boccia

This term's events have predominantly been aimed at Upper Key Stage 2, other year groups will be participating in the New Year. Every child from years 2 to 6 will have the chance to participate in an event, should they wish to do so. In 2023/2024, over 95% of our pupils represented the school.

Musical Theatre After School Club

We have had a new addition to our range of After School Activities, with the introduction of Miss Moncrieff's Musical Theatre Club. This has been a wonderful success and has seen the club members performing songs from Matilda, and Annie, 'The High School Hop' from Grease, and of course 'Let it Go' from Frozen, all resulting in an end of term performance for parents, along with a lovely visit to Riverside Care Home, where our children performed for the residents.

The club will be open to new and existing members from January, for details, please check out our list of activities which will be available in the New Year.

DIARY DATES 2025

Christmas Holidays

The School and Nursery will be closed to all pupils from Monday 23rd December until Friday 3rd January.

School and Nursery will re-open to all pupils on Monday 6th January 2025.

February Half Term

School and Nursery will be closed for the February Half Term from Monday 17th until Friday 21st February 2025. We will re-open to all pupils on Monday 24th February 2025.

Holidays in Term Time.

Don't forget that the school will once again be taking a two week break at Spring Bank, so if you are thinking of booking a holiday around this time of year, please take advantage of this extra week and avoid the new increased penalties for taking holidays during term time.

The dates for our Spring Bank Holiday this year are from Monday 26th May until Friday 6th June 2025. School will re-open to all pupils on Monday 9th June 2025.

All of us at Burton Road would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT DATES

Year 1—Phonics Screening Check

9th—13th June

Year 4—Multiplication Tables Check

9th—13th June

Year 6—SATs

12th -15th May

Don't forget that if your child is in Year 1 Year 4 or Year 6, it is imperative that they are in school on these days and are able to sit these mandatory DFE tests.

And Finally ...

As has become a Burton Road tradition, we would like to invite you all to watch our latest Christmas video. Following on from 'Feliz Navidad', 'Step Into Christmas' and last years version of 'Stay Another Day', we hope that you will enjoy this years offering of our version of the Mariah Carey classic of 'All I Want For Christmas'.

Check out our social media pages or visit the School Website.

We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we all enjoyed making it.

