



Fundraising for Ukraine:



We are incredibly proud of Rosie and her friends Mia and Claudia for suggesting that the school do something to raise money to support those in need in the Ukraine. There is an article in Marlborough News Online that may interest you.

<https://marlborough.news/news/burbage-pupils-raise-funds-for-ukraine/>

Thank you to those of you who have 'liked', 'shared' and commented online in support of the project. So far, **we have raised over £600** for the DEC, we are hoping to secure some match funding and if we do, this figure will double. There are still orders flooding in.

My sincere thanks go to Emily Rogers of "My Little Blue Duck" for helping us along with some amazing members of staff who have been ironing through the night to set the paint - you know who you are.

Whole School Festival Day - Holi:

The wonderful smell of baking and the sound of exciting learning is wafting down the corridor to me as I type. The children are making the very most of our special day to learn about the Hindu festival.

Thank you to those who have paid their £1 contribution on MCAS, if you haven't yet please do this at your earliest convenience.

KS1 trip to STEAM:

A wonderful day was enjoyed by all the children at the end of last term. The children took part in age-specific workshops and came back to school brimming with information about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and The Great Western Railway. Thank you to Miss Arkle for organising the trip and the KS1 team and volunteers for making it all possible.



World Book Day:

The children looked amazing dressed up as their favourite book character. Speed dating about their favourite book and selecting stories from a story menu was popular. We had amazing entries into the competitions, thank you for supporting this so brilliantly at home.



Please keep reading with your child/ren every evening, this is the single most important thing you can do towards your child's education. Forming good regular reading habits is so important, both for learning and also for mental health and wellbeing. Reading is just as important for KS2 children as it is for KS1. Please record your reading sessions at home in your child's reading record.

Year 3 trip to Stonehenge:



A wonderful day was enjoyed by all the year 3s yesterday. The workshops were fantastic and the cobwebs were blown away as they walked up to see the stones. This trip was linked to work in history; the children had some fantastic questions and engaged in everything brilliantly. Thank you to Mrs Wilkins for organising it and Mrs West for driving the minibus.

Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March:

If the children would like to wear a red nose or something red with their school uniform, they may do so in exchange for a donation on the gate. This could be a red scarf, socks, hairband etc.

PTA Virtual Country Fair:

This was a great success, we are grateful to Pip Johnson and the PTA team for all their efforts.

PTA Chocolate Bingo:

This is being held on 1st April, there are 25 spaces left. Please see previous email message about how to book your place. We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 25th March, please bring in chocolate donations if your child would like to dress down.

Burbage Has Got Talent - Monday 21st March:

This is always the most anticipated day of the year by the children! We hold this event to celebrate the children's talents and encourage them to be proud and confident to perform in front of others. We want our children to know that everyone is special and that there may be things we don't know about other children that we don't get to see in school.

Entering is optional although we strongly encourage you to help your child to take part and believe in themselves. In the past we have had magic tricks, roller-skating, singing, musical instruments - the children's talents are always amazing. This year it will be held in the hall.

There will be a sign-up sheet in your child's class next week. If your child needs music for their act, this should be sent into the school office please. The teachers won't have time to source it online.

Save the Date - Saturday 26th March:

We would like to involve as many families as we can in our 'Wildflower Meadow' planting event which is part of the work the School Council have been doing on sustainability. There will be more details to follow, essentially we would like you and your child/ren to come along with their rakes and spades to seed to area along the side of the school field. The PTA will be there with some post-digging sustenance, please bring your friends and family.



ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support):

As you know, we have had a temporary pause due to staff changes. I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Lisa Baker has started her ELSA training and will be offering some nurture group work shortly. Please be assured that the class teachers also offer a lot of their time to children who may be struggling with individual issues in addition to ELSA sessions.

Playground Improvements:

The final stage of our playground improvement work is in progress (much to the excitement of the children). We are installing an outdoor gym as we aim to promote the importance of physical exercise to stay healthy. This will be used during PE sessions and at breaktimes.

Goodbye and Good Luck:

Miss Reynolds will be leaving us at the end of next week as she is taking up a full-time post elsewhere.

Welcome Back:

Ms Charlton is back following her maternity leave, she is working with the children in Years 2 and 3.

Dates for the Diary:

- Tag Rugby Festival at St John's for Year 4 - **16th March**
- Cricket afternoon at Marlborough Leisure Centre run by Wiltshire Cricket for Year 5 - **17th March**
- Red Nose Day - **18th March**
- Written Reports for all classes (except Reception who have theirs in the summer) will be out at Easter
- EYFS Parent's Evenings for Wren's Class - **5th and 7th April**
- Cricket Skills Day by Wiltshire Cricket - **8th April** in school
- PTA Easter Cake Sale - **8th April**
- SATS week (Year 6) - **9th May**
- St John's transition day for Year 6 - **1st July**
- PTA Summer Fair - **9th July**
- Sports Day for all children 1.30pm - **14th July** (we thought you may appreciate early notice to book days off work)
- PTA End of Year Disco - **21st July**