



Dear Parents and Carers

Hello again everyone.

It's been a very busy week at Burrough Green and the children are continuing to work hard, producing some quite excellent work. As you all know, I am teaching year 6 during the morning, covering their English, reading and mathematics. They have been working exceptionally hard. In English, one student wrote this sentence...

**"It was an eerie, lifeless island guarded by steep, rocky cliffs and echoes of pain and death."**

Just WOW!!! Thank you for this Oliver – it really did make my happy!

I wanted to give this newsletter a Safeguarding focus (I did similar with a newsletter during the first term)

#### **Online Safety**

You have all (hopefully) seen our new website and have explored it. I hope you noticed our detailed safeguarding tab. It has lots of pertinent information on it, including a very useful parent's leaflet on YouTube. The children were asked which social media platforms they most often use and YouTube was a clear winner. This leaflet was put onto the website in response to the data that we collected (we did it very informally) and is an example how we should all be working in partnership to safeguard our children when they are online. As with most social media platforms, the children shouldn't be accessing them until the age of at least 13 (What's App is 16 and YouTube Kids should be available to those over 13!), however we understand that some children will be accessing them. The information on the website is designed to inform you.

#### **Prevent**

During our staff safeguarding update at the beginning of this term, I spoke to all staff about Prevent (safeguarding from the threat of radicalisation), particularly the rise of influencers (there are many on YouTube). These influencers are very much the 'new celebrity' and most children using social media will follow one or some of these. I used the example of Andrew Tate to demonstrate how dangerous these influencers can be, especially towards those who can be easily influenced. I have put a 'poster' onto the website (under safeguarding) on Andrew Tate and other influencers entitled 'The Dangers of Influencers'.

#### **Future Dates**

We have a few things happening in the near future:

- 1) The first is an opportunity for KS2 parents to enjoy a freshly cooked meal with their children. This is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 12pm. Please click [here](#) to book. Our KS1 Parent Lunch was very successful and everyone enjoyed it.
- 2) Parent Evenings will happen in February and booking will be open soon for these, this is via the new website. You will need to have set up your website log-in to book (see below)

- 3) Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January we will be hosting a Parent Meeting concerning Burrough Green Primary joining ACT Academy Trust. Alison Anderson will be there to answer any questions you have about this. Our governors will be hosting the meeting and I will also be there to answer questions. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

**You were all sent an email during the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> January with an explanation as to how you set up your new account. It will have been sent from [noreply@burroughgreen.juniperwebsites.co.uk](mailto:noreply@burroughgreen.juniperwebsites.co.uk). Please check your junk folders. For those that get stuck, please ring the office and the system will be explained to you.**

### **Reading**

Our new reading spine is proving very popular and the children are enjoying the new books. On top of this, our live reading sessions for parents to attend are proving popular. Obama parents were treated to the beginning of Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah, and a discussion ensued on the treatment of Alem (the main character) and his family. The Einstein session proved even more popular and I'm sure everyone that came left informed about the various strategies used to teach reading. Teresa will be doing theirs tomorrow (today when you read this and Malala will follow soon.)

In line with this thread, we will be welcoming the Scholastic Book Club to Burrough Green.

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/burrough-green/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by February 16th, 2024**.

A book fair in school will follow just before Easter.

### **Larks and Owls**

More and more parents are continuing to use our new wrap-around-care service. There are places available for all days and we always take late bookings as we appreciate that life throws us a curveball now and again. On the 19th December we held our very first Larks and Owls Christmas Party – organised by our amazing wrap-around-care staff. Over half the school attended and it was a great event. Larks and Owls is becoming so popular. I know the staff here have great plans for the next term – they have already sourced various competitions for the children to enter!

To remind you all, morning sessions (Larks) run from 7.30am – 8.45am and evening sessions (Owls) run from 3.30pm to 6pm (even on a Friday, as this is a day many schools will offer a reduced service) – this is much later than local schools offer and has been a real game-changer for working parents.

**The service is now open to rising 5s – those children in the final year of playgroup or nursery before 'proper school' starts – I'm sure the current customers of Burrough Green Playgroup will be pleased to hear this!**

**STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...We have our first booking from the playgroup. We all hope it is the first of many!**

That's all from me this week.

I hope you all have restful weekends and enjoy yourselves.

I'll leave you with this discussion piece (such fun over a family meal!!!)...

**If you paint a window black, is it still a window?** (I might make this a regular feature!)

Take care

David Sandford

To see what's been happening at BGPS, please visit our [website](#) and our [Twitter](#) feed.

Click [here](#) to access the booking form for larks and Owls Wrap-Around Care

### Next Week's Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b>	Beef burger in a bun (G)(E)	BBQ Chicken pitta (G)(MK)	Chicken Katsu Curry (G)(E)(MK)	Premium Sausage Toad-In-The-Hole (G)(E)(MK)(SD)	Fish Fingers (G)(F)
<b>Meat Free</b>	Halloumi burger with lettuce and tomato (G)(MK)	Macaroni Cheese (G)(MK)	Gnocchi Pomodora (G)(MK)	Broccoli Cheesecake with Yorkshire pudding (G)(E)(MK)	Bagel Pizza (G)(MK)
<b>Side dish</b>	Homemade potato wedges, beans & sweetcorn	Carrots, broccoli	Peas, broccoli	Homemade roast potatoes, carrots, cauliflower cheese(MK)(G)	Chips, beans, peas
<b>Other option</b>	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i>	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i>	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna sweetcorn and mayo (F)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i>	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i>	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i>
	Bread Roll (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), cheese (MK) or ham</i>	Bread Roll (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), egg mayo (E) or ham</i>	Bread Roll (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), cheese (MK) or egg mayo (M)</i>	Bread Roll (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), cheese (MK) or ham</i>	Bread Roll (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), cheese (MK) or egg mayo (E)</i>
<b>Dessert</b>	Cookies(G)(E)(MK), Fruit, yogurt(MK)	Fruit Muffin(G)(E)(MK), Fruit, yogurt(MK)	Shortbread(G), Fruit, yogurt(MK)	Treacle Sponge and Custard (G)(E)(MK) Fruit, yogurt(MK)	Self-Saucing Chocolate Cake (G)(E)(MK)(SO) Fruit, yogurt(MK)



### Celebrating Achievement at Burrough Green

Every Monday, in our assembly, we recognise and celebrate children who have shown evidence of our school value Aspiration, Resilience and Kindness.

This week's ARK children are:

Malala Class	Dotty-Rae – Ella - Archie
Einstein Class	Fenella – Jacob - Connie
Teresa Class	Harvey – Timmy - Sidney
Obama Class	Izzy – Macie - Arthur



### Upcoming Events

Please make sure you check our [school calendar](#) to stay up-to-date with information about future events, term dates, training days etc. It is colour co-ordinated to make it easier to pick out term dates, events, special days etc.

**Don't forget to use the "Easy Fundraising" and "My School Fund" when you are doing your shopping!**



**Easyfundraising.org** –There are lots of retailers and service providers on the list, businesses you normally shop with anyway. Even if you log into your favourite retailer through the app half way through, it saves your basket, so you don't have to do anything different. Try it, it really does make a difference <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>



### **My School Fund**

In association with Argos and Sainsbury's, we have a new way to fundraise for the school when you are shopping. Every time you make a purchase, both you and BG benefit with cashback. A flyer is attached to this email. Click on the link to register as an individual and link your account to the school. <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>

### **Amazon Wish Lists**

A big thank you to parents who have brought items from the wish lists, it is very much appreciated that you are supporting the school. You can find our wish lists here:

Class 1: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NPNW0VXC5B5L/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NPNW0VXC5B5L/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

Class 2: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1G7U68RHVFQ87?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1G7U68RHVFQ87?ref=wl_share)

Class 3: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/DT99H5C97OM9?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/DT99H5C97OM9?ref=wl_share)

Class 4: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IR87MQS5XAYJ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IR87MQS5XAYJ?ref=wl_share)

SEND: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/13U005HZ9BPYF?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/13U005HZ9BPYF?ref=wl_share)