Burford Primary School
'Respect, Aspire, Achieve'

Burford Primary School Newsletter - 21st October 2026

A message from Mrs Docherty and Mrs Veeder

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 1 we would like to thank all of our families, staff and children for an amazing start to the year. We have seen some wonderful learning taking place around the school and really value the support our families offer our children at home.

After Half Term we will begin our new topics, curriculum maps will be shared on Class Dojo by the end of the first week.

We hope you all enjoy a restful Half Term break.

Football

We are so incredibly proud of our U11 Boys Football Team who won the tournament! They played fantastically and most importantly were great sports people demonstrating our 'Burford Best' School values. We would also like to congratulate the girls U11 team who did us proud.

Friday 13th November is Children In Need Day. Children can come into school wearing their own clothes and something Pudsey themed or something spotty if they wish. We would appreciate any donations via the link below - thank you in advance for your generosity.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/burford-primary-school-2?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Rags to Riches raised almost £30 for school thank you for your donations.

Bonfire Night Thursday 5th November

Our wonderful FoBPS will be running their sweet cones and candy floss stall at Burford Firework Display up on the rec. If you are able to offer any time with set up or running the stall that evening please do let one of our lovely FoBPS team know.

Parent Readers

Do you have any time you could spare to come into school and listen to some of our wonderful children read? If you do please let the office know.

Learning Focus -Writing

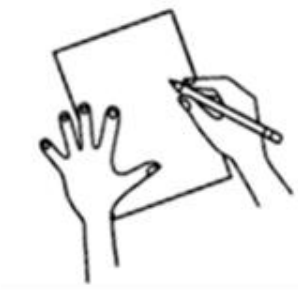
This term, we have been focusing on developing our children's writing skills across the school. In particular, we have been working on writing dictated sentences, forming letters correctly and developing a good pencil grip. These early skills are essential in helping children become confident, fluent and independent writers.

A good pencil grip is key to a fluid writing movement. We aim for all of our children to be using a tripod grip and recognise that other grips such as fist grip are developmentally appropriate prior to this. If you notice your child's pencil grip at home is not a tripod style gentle reminders can help.

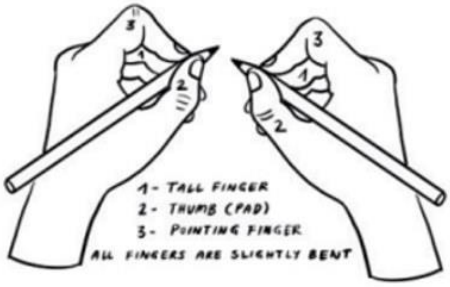


Paper positioning for left-handers:

Paper positioning for right-handers:



Finger positioning using the tripod grip:



The position of the paper your child is writing on is also key, depending on whether they are left or right-handed. The non writing hand can be used to steady the paper.

You can support your child at home in lots of fun ways, such as saying a simple sentence for them to write down, practising letter formation, encouraging a comfortable pencil grip, or writing shopping lists, birthday cards and little notes together. Remember to celebrate their efforts and praise their progress to help build their confidence and enjoyment of writing! The Read Write Inc Letter formations rhymes we use for letter formation are available on our school website https://www.burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Early+Reading+and+Phonics&pid=43 They are called sound mats.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Docherty and Mrs Veeder



















Eco Committee – Green Flag Award!

We are delighted to share that our Eco Committee has been awarded the **Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction!** This is a fantastic achievement and recognises the hard work and commitment of our pupils in helping to make our school a more environmentally friendly place. We are incredibly proud of their efforts to care for our planet and make a positive difference to our school community. Well done to everyone involved!



EVERY. MINUTE. MATTERS.

Attendance Matters!

Every Student, Every School, Every Day

For our pupils to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. Absences may be investigated by the Education Welfare Officer. The Absence Policy is available on the school website.

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY ABSENCE BEFORE 9AM BY TELEPHONING SCHOOL ON 01993 822159.

PLEASE DO NOT DOJO OR EMAIL.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 95.4%

Dates for your Diary



- Monday 2nd November - Inset Day
- Thursday 5th November 9.30am - Open Morning for potential new EYFS families
- Thursday 5th November - U11 Hockey
- Monday 9th November - Childhood Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 10th November - School Photographs Siblings/Individual

- Tuesday 10th and 11th November - Parents Evening (sign up to follow soon)
- Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day (more info to follow)
- Monday 23rd November - U11 Boccia Event
- Friday 4th December - Christmas Fete
- Thursday 10th December - Nativity Play
- Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 11th December - The Snow Queen - Pantomime Day
- Wednesday 16th December - Upper School Christmas Carol Concert at 5pm
- Friday 18th December - last day of school **EARLY FINISH 1:30PM**
- Monday 4th January - INSET DAY

Afterschool Clubs - Next Term

We have some exciting school clubs available next term.

Please see below breakdown:

Crafts Club (Upper School) - Wednesday 18th November - 16th December 15:15-16:15

Available to book on Bromcom.

Hockey Club (Upper School) - Wednesday 18th November - 16th December 15:15-16:15

Available to book on Bromcom.

Multisport Club - Tuesday 3rd November - 15th December 15:15 - 16:15

Enrolmy | Footy Kids - Booking Calendar for Burford Primary School - Term 1 - Multisport After School Club

Burford Best Celebrations



Friday 16th October

Hendrix - Warwick Class

Dolly B - Warwick Class

George C - Windrush Class

Ava - Tolsey Class

Robyn W - Wysdom Class

Kyra R - Priory Class

Perfect Presentation

Sienna D - Priory Class

Max S - Priory Class

Burford Best Mathematician

Billy O - Wysdom Class

Well done everyone!

Community Information





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