



# School News

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## Music at the Westminster Library!

To celebrate the 70th birthday of the Westminster Music Library, twenty children from Year Six have been working with an animateur and a pianist from the Royal College of Music, both at the Library and here in school.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the Library, the children combined with an inter-generational community choir to give a short performance of a piece from the 16th century by William Cornysh, a song by the Library's founder Ralph Vaughan Williams as well as a song they had composed themselves.



## Reminder about Contact Details

If you change your contact details, please let the office know **immediately** so that we can contact you. This is important because there may be an emergency situation where we need to notify you. Contact details, eg:

- **Address**
- **Mobile telephone number**
- **Alternative carer**

Thank you for your kind assistance.

## The Daily Mile



Last week the **Secretary of State for Health**, the **Right Honourable Matt Hancock MP**, launched **World Obesity Day** by running a mile with our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

The Daily Mile scheme was started in 2012. University researchers have compared the health of children at a primary school which takes part in the scheme with those at a school which does not.

They found it led to **improved fitness and body composition**. It is the first quantitative research to back up anecdotal evidence about **the benefits of the Daily Mile**.

The mission of the World Obesity Federation, which represents professional members of the scientific, medical and research communities from over 50 regions, is **to lead and drive global efforts to reduce, prevent and treat obesity**.

Children at Burdett-Coutts run a mile every day either though doing ten laps around the playground: **walking, jogging, skipping or running** or by running two laps around Vincent Square – phew!

You can view the clip on Twitter via this link: <https://twitter.com/MattHancock/status/1050372098185682944>

## Thought for the week

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Or on our school's blog which you can find at [www.burdettcoutts.co.uk](http://www.burdettcoutts.co.uk)

### **Road Safety rules you must follow to stay safe**

Staff have noticed that a few children on their way to school are not crossing the local roads safely.

**Rochester Row and Artillery Row** are busy in the mornings, especially between 8.30 and 9.30am and also in the afternoons from 3 through to 7pm.

We do not want children to be involved in an accident. Therefore, we ask parents to talk through the road safety rules below during this half term. This will hopefully help to reinforce the Road Safety messages that we are teaching the children in school.



Children need to be taught the language of road safety before they can understand the rules.

When parents / carers are walking to school with younger children, talk with them about the

- names of vehicles
- identify the pavements and kerbs
- and give them an understanding of fast, slow, looking, listening and crossing.

Check that your younger child understands the following information:

- Paths and pavements are for people
- Roads are for traffic.
- Never go out near roads without an adult. Hold their hand and don't let go.
- Stop at once if you are told. Never try to cross a road until you are told.
- Don't run into the road or play on roads – play in a park or garden.
- You can help an adult look and listen for traffic to cross safely.
- Traffic lights and other crossings help people cross the road. When a red person appears, it means you must stop.
- If you ride in a car, never undo your belt, play with door handles, or distract the driver.

By the age of five, children are ready to learn, in addition to the above:

- The Green Cross Code
- The safest places to cross: underpasses, footbridges, where there is a crossing-patrol (lollipop) person, traffic light crossings, zebra crossings.
- In a car, only get out on the pavement side.
- In a bus or coach or minibus, wear your seat belt.
- When getting off, never cross the road in front of or behind the bus. Wait until it has pulled away so you can see in all directions.

#### **What is the Green Cross Code?**

The Green Cross Code is a short step-by-step procedure designed to enable pedestrians to cross streets safely.

1. Find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass
5. When it is safe, go straight across the road – do not run.

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## Mrs McMullan's news



Half term is upon us, hasn't the time gone quickly! I hope you have a good break from school. We met the author **Andy Briggs** this week I bought his book **Drone Racer** and he has signed it and dedicated it to the pupils at Burdett-Coutts. I will give it Mrs Dyer and perhaps it could go in the library for you all to read.

## It's never too early to think about – CHRISTMAS!



The **Burdett-Coutts' Christmas Fair** will be held on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018** from **3.45pm – 5pm**.

We are very pleased that the '**Friends of Burdett-Coutts**', our Parent-School Association, are organising the fair! Similarly to last year, our playground and ground floor hall will be transformed into a festive market. We will have a range of stalls including:

- **Santa's Grotto** – everyone who visits Santa will get a present!
- **Cake Stall** – with lots of delicious cakes and cookies
- **Sweeties stall** – full of lovely treats
- **Food stall** – delicious food for everyone
- **A children's chocolate tombola** – with fabulous prizes
- **Face painting** – fun for all the children
- **Refreshments** – tea, coffee and soft drinks
- **Bric-a-brac** – you never know what you might find!

- There will also be a **raffle** with amazing prizes and **much, much more!**

**We need your support** by way of **donations** for the fair and also **volunteers** for the day. We will need your donations by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**.

### Donations

We are hoping to receive:

- **Chocolate – boxes, tubs, tins or packets for our Chocolate Tombola.**
- **Second hand toys in good condition – if you're clearing out your child's old toys – DON'T THROW THEM AWAY – give them to us!**
- **Christmas gifts and decorations, eg: un-used tinsel/Xmas decorations, gift packs of food/tins or un-opened gift sets etc.**

Kindly bring all donations to the school office.

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY PRODUCTS/FOOD CONTAINING COCONUT OR NUTS DUE TO PUPIL ALLERGIES.**

### Volunteers

We will also need **volunteers** on the day who are willing to do any of the following:

- Arrive at 2.30pm to help out
- Set up and decorate stalls and price all items clearly
- Ensure that all items sold are in good condition and that food items sold are fresh
- Run the stalls for the duration of the event
- Clear stall area of all rubbish and unsold items at the end of the fair

### Christmas Jumpers

Further funds will be raised by our **Christmas Sparkle Day** which will also be held on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

If your child would like to take part, please make a **donation of £1 to raise money for the Friends of Burdett-Coutts!** And wear a Christmas jumper or something sparkly!

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If you can help, please speak to **Karen** or **Jackie** in the **office**.

### Dates for your diary Autumn Term 2018

*highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school*

Dates	Events
<b>October 2018</b>	
<b>HALF TERM MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> – FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn term 2 begins – children back in school
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>DEADLINE DATE</b> for Year 7 secondary applications
<b>November 2018</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am: Blackman Class Assembly, Year 5  6.30pm, All Souls Day service at St Stephen's church – all welcome
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sitting with the Silhouettes installation at St Stephen's church - see flyer
5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FRIENDSHIP FORTNIGHT</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Special Remembrance Service at St Stephen's church  Parents & carers invited - please be seated by 10.50am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am, Parent Gym  9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 at St Paul's for a Remembrance Service
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ANTI-BULLYING WEEK</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day for the start of Anti-Bullying Week!
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am: <i>Ready, Respectful and Safe</i> – behavior focus coffee morning for parents & carers

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Parent Gym  9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Anti-Bullying Assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am: Parent Gym  9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019  3.40 - 7pm: Parents' Evening for all classes in the Hall
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am: King-Smith Class Assembly, Year 3
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christ the King
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9am, Parent Gym  9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Jeffers Class Assembly, Reception  3.45-5pm CHRISTMAS FAIR & CHRISTMAS SPARKLE DAY
<b>December 2018</b>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Sunday of Advent
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Educational Visit to Westminster Abbey
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am & 2.45pm: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play  (for parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9am: <i>Ready, Respectful and Safe</i> – behavior focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am & 2.30pm: KS2 Christmas Play  (for parents of children in Years 3-6)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of the Autumn Term <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm</b>

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