



School News

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Working together in Faith, Hope and Love!

Angela Burdett-Coutts Day!



Luna received a cup; a book token and a special card from **Mr William Burdett-Coutts**, a direct descendant of the Baroness. Staff at Burdett-Coutts felt that **Luna**, in both her manner and conduct in and out of school embodied the school values.

She earned the award for being **trustworthy**; having a **forgiving** nature, for being optimistic, **thankful** and **hopeful**; for being a **peaceful** member of our school community and for being a great **friend**.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.

On the second day of term, the whole school celebrated the life of one of our school founders, the **Baroness Angela Burdett-Coutts**. We decided to have a special service at St Stephen's church in her honour because we wanted the children to have the opportunity to learn about her good deeds and how she was an inspiration to all!

The year 5 children dressed up as children from the Victorian era – we were even visited by **Charles Dickens** and the **Baroness** herself!

Graham, our school vicar, presented the very first Angela Burdett-Coutts award, on behalf of the school trustees to **Luna Mahon-Owusu** (year 6).



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More about the Baroness!

Angela Burdett-Coutts was born in Piccadilly, London, on the 21st of April, 1814. Queen Victoria, her friend, was also born in that year.

Angela Burdett-Coutts inherited a vast fortune from her grandfather's estate when she was 23. Her grandfather was the owner of *Coutts Bank*, one of the richest banks in the world.

Angela had many famous friends, including the author Charles Dickens, David Livingstone (the great explorer) and Queen Victoria.

She supported many of the poor people of London through countless schemes and donations of money. She became well-liked and respected by many Londoners (who were at that time very, very poor!)

The area which Dickens called 'The Devil's Acre', chosen by him and Angela for her church and school was the worst area in London. Some of its street names were 'Rogue's Acre', 'Pickpocket's Alley', 'Dirty Lane', 'Long Ditch' and 'Bandy-leg Walk'!

In 1849, the Baroness established the school called 'St Stephen's Schools', which was later renamed 'Burdett-Coutts'.

She also co-founded the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), a charity that still exists today.

During the Crimean War, Angela Burdett-Coutts wanted to help her friend, Florence Nightingale. Angela paid for a huge drying machine, which helped the nurses to clean and sterilise sheets, towels and bandages - thereby stopping the spread of diseases.

Angela Burdett-Coutts was very religious and attended church regularly. She built two St. Stephen's churches – our school church in Westminster and another in the North of England, in Carlisle.

Angela set up St Stephen's church as a tribute to her father. She wanted it to be a very practical centre for working Christianity - a centre for education and social work as well as a place of worship.

It took more than five years to clear the site for this church. Rotting houses had to be cleared, landowners compensated and the land had to be cleaned up and all the rats killed!

Angela did not give *all* her money away. She had a very comfortable life with several houses, lots of parties and she travelled a lot in Europe - often going on cruises with her friends!

Angela insisted that the spire of this church had to be tall enough so that she could see it from her house in Piccadilly!

After the consecration of this church, Angela gave a party for the construction workers in a tent on the school playground.

Angela also paid for the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral!

Throughout her life, it is estimated that she had spent nearly three million pounds to help those in need. That is still an enormous sum of money today, but in those days it was an *incredible* amount!

In 1871, in recognition of all her good work, Queen Victoria made Angela a baroness – *Baroness Burdett-Coutts of Highgate and Brookfield*. She was the first woman ever to be made a peer in her own right.

She died on the 30th of December 1906 - of bronchitis, aged 92, in her London house.

Her body lay in state at her house and over 30,000 filed past the coffin to show respect.

Her funeral took place in a crowded Westminster Abbey on the 5th of January 1907.

The spot where she was buried in Westminster Abbey is to the left of the main entrance (the West Door.) A plaque on the floor reads, 'BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS 1814-1906':

King Edward VII said, on her death that, "***after my mother [Queen Victoria], she was the most remarkable woman in the kingdom***".



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Summer Term Diary 2017

Dates	Events
May 2017	
Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 2 nd	KS1 SATs testing period begins
Friday 5 th	9.15am, Blackman class assembly , year 5
Monday 8th – Friday 12th KS2 SATS week	
Friday 12 th	9.15am, Rowling class assembly, year 4
Wednesday 17 th	More able writers workshop for the more able writers in years 3 & 4
Friday 19 th	9.15am, Burningham class assembly , year 1 5-7pm, International Evening
Monday 22 nd	Year 5 educational visit to the Tower of London – class 1
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 5 educational visit to the Tower of London – class 2
Thursday 25 th	9am, Coaching coffee morning Ascension Day
Friday 26 th	9.15am, Browne class assembly , year 2
Saturday 27 th	Start of Ramadan
HALF TERM Whitsun half term holiday Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	
June 2017	
Monday 5 th	First day of summer term 2
Wednesday 7 th	9am Metacognition coffee morning
Thursday 8 th	London Fire Brigade workshops for years 2,3,4 & 5
Friday 9 th	9.15am, King-Smith class assembly, year 3
Tuesday 13 th	Year 4 educational visit to the British Museum
Thursday 15 th	Year 4 educational visit to the British Museum Corpus Christi

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Monday 12 th	Homework bookshop in school at 9am & 3.30pm
Friday 16 th	9.15am, Colfer class assembly, year 4
Wednesday 21 st	9am, Supporting the More Able Child coffee morning
Friday 23 rd	9.15am, Lewis class assembly, year 5
Monday 26 th	<i>Eid al Fitr</i>
Tuesday 27 th	9am, Secondary Transfer meeting for parents of pupils currently in year 5. <i>Eid al Fitr</i>
Thursday 29 th	The Feast of St Peter and St Paul Year 6 pupils attending the Westminster school leavers' service at St Margaret's church
Friday 30 th	The Yr 6 more able scientists' group attending a Science Discovery day (<i>organised by the Mayor of London</i>)
July 2017	
Saturday 8 th	'Friends of Burdett-Coutts' Summer Fair 12-3pm
Wednesday 12 th	Parents' evening for parents of children in the Nursery and Reception classes
Thursday 13 th	10am , Meet your teacher assembly (for 2017) 6pm, Year 6 production evening performance
Friday 14 th	10am, Year 6 production morning performance
Tuesday 18 th	Sports Day – <i>provisional date</i>
Wednesday 19 th	10am, Year 6 Leavers' service at St Stephen's church
Thursday 20 th	Last day of the summer term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

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Angela Burdett Coutts' Birthday Celebrations

Wednesday 19th April 2017



Hope



Forgiveness



Friendship



Trust



Thankfulness



Peace

The winner of the Angela Burdett-Coutts cup was **Luna Mahon-Owusu**, Morpurgo Class, because she demonstrates all the school values.

