



# School News

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## Writing at Burdett-Coutts!

At Burdett-Coutts we are thinking about ways that we can improve our writing – in the next few newsletters we are going to include some ideas focused on how you can support your child in improving their sentence writing.

In each newsletter, we will give you five different ways and we will explain which are suitable for Key Stage One and which are aimed at Key Stage Two. This week – numbers 2 and 3 are suitable for Key Stage Two children.

## B.O.Y.S

**Rule:** A B.O.Y.S sentence is a **two-part sentence**. The first part of the sentence always ends with a comma [,] and the last part always begins with a connective.

### Examples:

- She was happily playing a game, **but** got upset when she got lost.
- The cookies could be double chocolate chip, **or** oat and raisin.
- It was a warm day, **yet** storm clouds gathered over the distant horizon.
- Mr File was hungry, **so** he ate all the chocolate biscuits.

## 2Ad

**Rule:** A 2Ad sentence has **TWO adjectives before the first noun and TWO adjectives before the second noun**. This sentence creates a clear picture for the reader.

### Examples:

- Mr Twit was a **dirty, horrible** man with **long, soggy** spaghetti in his beard.

- It was a **sparse, dry** desert with a **calming, exotic** oasis in the distance.

## Simile

**Rule:** A simile creates a picture in the reader's mind. It compares one thing with another, using **...like a...** and **...as a...**

### Examples:

- The huge, green monster chased after the children **like a** tornado.
- Although the pirate was as tall **as a** mountain, he wasn't frightening.

## 3\_ed

**Rule:** A 3\_ed sentence starts with **three adjectives that end in \_ed and describe emotions**. The \_ed words **MUST** be followed by commas.

### Examples:

- **Confused, shocked, scared**, the children ran from the burning building!
- **Excited, elated, thrilled**, she won the dance competition.

## 2 pairs

**Rule:** Begins with **two pairs of related adjectives**. Each pair is:

- followed by a comma
- separated by **and**

### Examples:

- **Exhausted** and **worried**, **cold** and **hungry**, they did not know how much further they had to go.

## Thought for the week Isaiah 42:1

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.*

## Authorising Passports

We have had several requests from parents and carers for their child's passport to be countersigned by a member of staff.

The school does not charge for this service and where it is possible to assist passport applications, staff undertake this as a goodwill community gesture.

Passports can be signed by a teaching member of staff. If you would like a teacher to sign your child's passport application, please note that:

1. Your child will have to have **been a pupil at Burdett-Coutts for a minimum of 2 years.**
2. The passport **can only be counter signed by a former class teacher** – from at least 2 years ago (*not their current class teacher*).
3. **Some class teachers** do not have valid passports and therefore they **cannot countersign passports.**
4. The **Headteacher does not countersign** pupil passports.

Teachers are not obliged to sign passports and they are well within their rights to refuse. The vast majority of parents are understanding about this but the office have experienced a few occasions where parents have been extremely rude. We would like this behaviour to stop!

Please note that a family friend who has one of the following **recognised professions**, can also be a counter signatory on a child's passport application:

- accountant
- airline pilot
- articulated clerk of a limited company
- assurance agent of recognised company
- bank/building society official
- barrister
- chairman/director of limited company
- chiropodist
- commissioner for oaths
- councillor, eg local or county
- civil servant (permanent)
- dentist

- director/manager/personnel officer of a VAT-registered company
- engineer - with professional qualifications
- financial services intermediary, eg a stockbroker or insurance broker
- fire service official
- funeral director
- insurance agent (full time) of a recognised company
- journalist
- Justice of the Peace
- legal secretary - fellow or associate member of the Institute of Legal Secretaries and PAs
- licensee of public house
- local government officer
- manager/personnel officer of a limited company
- member, associate or fellow of a professional body
- Member of Parliament
- Merchant Navy officer
- minister of a recognised religion - including Christian Science
- nurse - RGN or RMN
- officer of the armed services
- optician
- paralegal - certified paralegal, qualified paralegal or associate member of the Institute of Paralegals
- person with honours, eg an OBE or MBE
- pharmacist
- photographer – professional
- police officer
- Post Office official
- president/secretary of a recognised organisation
- Salvation Army officer
- social worker
- solicitor
- surveyor
- teacher, lecturer
- trade union officer
- travel agent – qualified
- valuer or auctioneer – fellows and associate members of the incorporated society
- Warrant Officers and Chief Petty Officers



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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**SPRING TERM 2018**

Dates	Events
<b>January 2018</b>	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am: <b>Science</b> Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Blackman class assembly – Year 5
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	National Handwriting Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: King-Smith class assembly – Year 3
<b>February 2018</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am: Morpurgo class assembly – Year 6
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February – Science, STEM Week</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Safer Internet Day</b> 9am: <b>Safer Internet Day</b> Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Jeffers class assembly – Reception
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term</b>	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Educational Visit to the Science Museum
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am: <b>PSHE</b> Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am: Lewis class assembly – year 5
<b>26<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Book Week</b>	
<b>March 2018</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	St David's Day World Book Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am: Burningham class assembly – Year 1

Dates	Events
<b>March 2018 (cont)</b>	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am: <b>Collective Worship</b> Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Rowling class assembly – Year 4
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Educational Visit to the London Central Mosque
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Cowell class assembly – Year 3
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick' s Day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>NEW DATE:</b> 9am, <b>RE</b> Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am: Carle class assembly – Nursery
<b>26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March – Holy week</b>	
Maundy Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the spring term <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm</b>



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