



School News

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Running a Mile a Day!

At the start of the half term holiday, Miss Rhodes and ten pupils from KS2, accompanied by Mrs Dyer, took part in the **Westminster Vitality Mile**.

This event was to promote community participation – old and young, in running/walking a **mile every day**.

The aim of **The Daily Mile** is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children – regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances.

The group ran around **Horseguard's Parade** and alongside **The Mall**, all the way to the finish line at **Buckingham Palace**.

They received a medal and some of them met **Mo Farrah** too! Sir Mohamed Muktar Jama "Mo" Farah, CBE is the United Kingdom's most successful distance runner and Olympic athlete.

He is the 2012 and 2016 Olympic gold medalist in both the 5000m and 10,000m, and is the second athlete in modern Olympic Games history, after Lasse Virén, to win both the 5000m and 10,000m titles at successive Olympic Games!

We are proud of the way that the children represented the school – well done!



This term all classes from year 1 through to year 6 will be taking part in the Daily Mile – oh what a great way to boost our health and brain power too!

Happy Eid

Mrs Dyer interviewed **Hafsa** and **Quayum** to find out more about **Eid**.

What is Eid al-Fitr?

Eid al-Fitr means "**festival of breaking the fast**" and marks the end of the fasting month of **Ramadan**. It is a celebration!

When does Eid al-Fitr begin?

It begins with the first sighting of the new moon, so most of the time Muslims have to wait until the night before Eid to verify its date. The starting day varies every year and from country to country depending on geographical location.

How do people celebrate?

On the morning of the first day, Muslims gather for prayer. In some countries the prayers take place outside, while others are hosted in mosques or large halls.

After the prayers, Muslims wish those around them a happy Eid. People then visit relatives and remember those family members who have died.

Other traditions include **Zakat** the giving of money and the wearing of new clothes. Many people give gifts or money to children and donate to charity.

We wish our Muslim families a happy Eid!

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Green for Grenfell - Friday 15th June

Thursday 14th June will mark one year since the Grenfell tragedy. On Friday 15th June, schools and community groups are invited to take part in 'Green for Grenfell Day', by wearing green. This is not a fundraiser but a mark of respect for those families affected.

To join in, children can wear something **green** to school to show their support for the Grenfell community!

Summer Fair update!

Our last summer fair meeting will be on

- **Wednesday 20th June** at **9am in the ground floor hall.**

As you are aware, the summer fair will be on **Saturday 23rd June** from **12pm – 3pm.** Karen and Jackie have been receiving your generous donations.

However, we need **more** especially:

- **bric a brac,**
- **toys,**
- **tombola items**
- **food donations**
- **parents to take posters and put them up in local shops, buildings, etc.**
- **Sweets**
- **Cakes**

Thank you!

Online payments are here!

Following request from parents and carers, we are pleased to announce that, parents are able to use the schools **NEW secure online payments system.**

Parents will be able to pay for school dinners, uniform and school trips online. **Please see the office for more details.**

Dates for your diary Summer Term 2018

Dates	Events
	<i>*All highlighted events demonstrate parents engagement</i>
June 2018	
Friday 15 th	Eid al fitr Green for Grenfell 9.15am, King-Smith class assembly – Year 3
Monday 18 th	Nursery educational visit to London Zoo Year 6 choir educational visit to Cadogan Hall
Wednesday 20 th	9am – the last summer fair meeting before the fair!
Friday 22 nd	9.15am, Rowling class assembly – Year 4
Saturday 23 rd	Summer Fair 12pm-3pm
Monday 25 th	STAFF TRAINING DAY– SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 26 th	9am, Secondary Transfer meeting for year 5 parents ONLY
Thursday 28 th	Year 6 Leavers' service at St Margaret's Westminster YEAR 6 parents and carers are welcome to attend
Friday 29 th	9.15am, Blackman class assembly – Year 5
July 2018	
Monday 2 nd	9am, Parents Online Safety coffee morning with Jen Cleary
Thursday 5 th	Year 6 Educational Visit to the Museum of London
Friday 6 th	9.15am, Carle class assembly – Nursery
Tuesday 10 th	10am & 6pm, Year 6 production For YEAR 6 parents and carers
Wednesday 11 th	NEW DATE Sports Day at Vincent Square am – EYFS & KS1 pm – KS2
Wednesday 18 th	10am, Year 6 Leavers' service at St Stephen's church
Friday 20 th	Last day of the academic year SCHOOL CLOSSES at 1.30pm.



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Parents' Survey

In the newsletters this term, we have explored your queries / suggestions and concerns about:

- ✓ **The School Office**
- ✓ **Before and After school**
- ✓ **Lunchtime**
- ✓ **Pupil Progress**
- ✓ **Behaviour**
- ✓ **Homework.**

In this issue, we will discuss your questions raised about **Health, Teaching and Charity Events**

Strengths – things to celebrate!

Parents commented favourably in the section "*things I like about Burdett-Coutts*".

They said that they liked...

- **Safe environment**
- **Happy children**
- **Clean**
- **Learning**
- **Good teachers**
- **Good curriculum**
- **Helpful staff**
- **Good updates and information given**
- **Breakfast and holiday club**
- **Support completing secondary applications**
- **Lots of activities to take part in**
- **Different cultures and religions are embraced**
- **Pupil progress is well communicated**
- **Healthy meals**
- **Workshops for parents**
- **Good discipline being instilled in children**
- **Child feels safe**
- **Child feels proud**
- **Welcoming environment**

Feedback from the school

Parents' queries & suggestions	School response
Health	
Can the children have more fruit at playtime?	<p>Fruit and vegetables are a good source of the nutrients that children need and form part of a healthy, balanced diet.</p> <p>It is recommended that children – like adults – eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables every day. But research shows that on average children in England eat only about three portions, with many eating fewer.</p> <p>The government provides pupils between the ages of 4 and 6 with free fruit every day. The fruit and vegetables are delivered to schools three times a week to ensure freshness.</p> <p>Depending on the season, there is a choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bananas • apples • pears • carrots • tomatoes • easy-peel citrus fruits, such as satsumas • and strawberries when they are in season. <p>All the fruit and vegetables are washed before they are handed out, which is usually just before the mid-morning or afternoon breaks.</p> <p>As all pupils in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 already have fruit EVERY DAY.</p> <p>Mrs Dyer will be talking with the <i>Friends of Burdett-Coutts</i> (our parent –school association) to see if they would like to fund fruit for the pupils in key stage 2.</p>



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Charity Events		Teaching	
Can we stop asking the children to wear fancy dress for one day?	<p>We raise money for a variety of charities. Some of them do not involve dressing up eg: Poppy appeal, Harvest & Christian Aid</p> <p>Dressing-up is an important activity where children use their imaginations, build vocabulary skills, gain confidence and develop ideas about how the world works.</p> <p>Staff encourage children to be involved in 6 daytime events out of the 195 days in the school academic year.</p> <p>Some pupils choose not to be involved and this is acceptable.</p> <p>The 6 events are as follows:</p> <p><u>Autumn Term</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peace day – (white clothes) 2. Jeans for genes (jeans) 3. Spanish Day (red, yellow and black clothes) <p><u>Spring Term</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Red Nose day (every two years) 5. Book Day (book character) <p><u>Summer Term</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Green for Grenfell <p>We believe that these 6 events are manageable We hope that with sufficient planning, parents and carers will not feel too overwhelmed in future.</p>	Can we have less supply teachers in year 6	<p>There are two full time teachers in year 6. We only use supply teachers in year 6 when teachers are absent.</p> <p>Teachers may be absent from school for several reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sick leave • To attend a course for professional development and • For weekly PPA, that is: <u>planning, preparation and assessment time.</u> <p><i>(PPA is a national entitlement for all teachers. It is 10% of their teaching time per week.)</i></p> <p>This year there have not been any teachers on long term sick leave in year 6.</p>
Can we have more notice for special non-uniform days	<p>We communicate regularly with parents and carers about school events through the newsletter; letters from the school to parents and carers and via regular texts.</p> <p>We appreciate that people are busy but we have endeavoured to provide parents and carers with as much notice as possible!</p>	Can we have music assembly?	<p>Once a week, children have a fifteen-minute music assembly where they sing songs together.</p> <p>This is in addition to their weekly 45-minute music lesson with Mr Carden.</p> <p>In the 2018 autumn term, we will be trialling a termly music assembly where pupils will be able to share their ability at playing a musical instrument with the classes in their key stage.</p>



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