



School News

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Tips for Sports Day – Wednesday 11th July at Vincent Square

Summer is well on the way which means... Sports Day! As it is on the horizon, you may need these tips to make your way victoriously to the finish line.

1. Don't forget your kit!

The night before Sports Day, get your kit together (make sure it's clean!) and hang it on the inside handle of the front door. You will have to move it to leave the house, so you will not forget it!

2. Stretch

You need to make sure your muscles are properly warmed up, otherwise you could pull something and hurt yourself. It does not take long: roll your shoulders, swing your arms, touch your toes and reach for the sky. That's a good way to start and will make you feel ready to take part!

3. Hum your way to victory!

You're on your marks, you're set, you've got your eye on the finish line and the whistle blows. You can taste victory... but you've just face-planted! So embarrassing! A great way to distract you from any anxiety you may have and let you concentrate on enjoying Sports Day is to hum while you run! It occupies your brain enough to let you get on with sport, which is where your muscle memory takes over.

4. Bring extra hair ties!

If you have long hair that can get in the way when you do sport, bring a spare hair tie, obviously!

5. It's the taking part that counts!

Yes, you've heard it before, but this is super important: Sports Day is supposed to be *fun*. You might not win anything, but that's not the point.

It's about having a laugh with your friends and trying something new. Who knows? You might discover you are actually fantastic at the sack race or really good at supporting your team.

Whatever part you take, **just take part!**

World Cup Football learning!



Have you been watching the World Cup? The 2018 FIFA World Cup is the 21st FIFA World Cup, a quadrennial international football tournament contested by the men's national teams of the member associations of FIFA.

It is currently ongoing in Russia and started on the 14th June. It will end with the final match on 15th July 2018

Welcome to the world

I am delighted to be able to report the safe arrival of a baby girl to staff member, **Gemma Rose. Rayna Penny Jeanne Rose** was born on **Monday 11th June** and weighed **6lb 14oz**.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating **Gemma** and her husband **Zeek** on their new arrival.

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Summer fair feedback

The Summer Fair was a success! Thanks to all the **parents, staff, children, helpers and people in our community** who worked tirelessly to make it happen by:

- **Organising**
- **Setting up**
- **Meeting regularly**
- **Posting letters**
- **Preparing food**
- **Handing out leaflets**
- **Erecting tents**
- **Moving tables**
- **Giving their time**
- **Tidying up**
- **Running a stall**
- **Buying food and drink**
- **Dancing**
- **Singing**
- **Socialising**
- **Cooking**
- **Washing up**
- **Smiling**
- **Playing music**

The **Friends of Burdett-Coutts**, (*our parent & staff association*) raises much valued funds for the school and the money raised will be going towards enhancing our playground provision.

Thank you to **Clear Vision, The London Eye, Mrs Fiona Burdett-Coutts, Starbucks** and **Sainsburys** for their generous donations to the school fair.

Thank you also to the KS2 dancers, the Community Police and MEND teams whose presence was greatly appreciated.

We are so grateful for everyone's combined efforts! However a special mention must be made to the following parents and carers who planned the fair to ensure that things ran smoothly:

Sandra Brightwell
Nadine De Keyser
Caroline Hall
Rachida El Mamoun
Alison Seedat
Ying Timothy

<u>Stall</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Admission	£253	N/A	£253
Raffle	£312	£100 prize	£212
Adult Tombola	£56.10	£2.20	£53.90
Ice cream	£31.36	Donations	£31.36
Photo Booth	£80	<i>Paid for by the trustees</i>	£80
Starbucks coffee and tea	£55	Donations	£55
Hot & Cold Food	£251.80	£79.81	£170.99
Barbeque	£320	£8.80	£311.20
Cakes, sweets and soft drinks	£301.53	N/A	£301.53
Children's tombola & toys	£75.00	£73.43	£1.57
Bric a brac and plants	£195.94	£38.50	£157.34
Face painting	£123.90	<i>Paid for by the trustees</i>	£123.90
Used toys and books	£90.80	Donations	£90.80
Adults only bar	£176.80	Licence - £21 Expenditure £101.65	£54.15
KS1 bouncy castle	£164.40	<i>Paid for by the trustees</i>	£164.40
KS2 bouncy castle	£176.20	<i>Paid for by the trustees</i>	£176.20
Games	£10.85	Donations	£10.85
Barriers		£395.96 – paid for by the school	
Paper plates & Cups		Donations + £76.82 paid for by the school	
Total PROFIT			<u>£2,248.19</u>

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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.**
- ✓ **Health**
- ✓ **Teaching**
- ✓ **Charity Events**

In this issue, we will discuss your questions raised about the **Curriculum, Resources and School Management**. These are the last areas raised for discussion in the parents' survey.

Feedback from the school

Parents' queries / suggestions	School response
Curriculum	
Can the pupils go on more trips?	<p>Although we list the school trips on the school diary page in the newsletter, we appreciate that some parents and carers might not realise that pupils in almost every class attend several trips!</p> <p>Staff value the importance of educational visits. Children learn best when we can see, hear, and experience things first hand. Education Visits also provide a great opportunity for multi-sensory learning; pupils to gain a range of experience and face challenges that can contribute significantly to their personal development.</p> <p>We recognise that visits to museums and art galleries can also make a major contribution to the acquisition of knowledge and development of skills. Studies of the natural and man-made world, the present and past, science and arts, language and music can all be extended outside the classroom.</p>

	<p>Residential visits enhance pupils' interpersonal skills, including leadership, team work and trust and respect.</p> <p>Staff are mindful of the need to ensure a balance between the number of excursions and the time that pupils are in school. So far this year classes have gone on the following trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nursery: London Zoo ✓ Reception: St Stephen's Church ✓ Year 1: Local walks and the River Thames ✓ Year 2: Westminster Abbey and St James's Park ✓ Year 3: The Central London Mosque; the Science Museum and the Museum of London ✓ Year 4: St John's Smith Square and the British Museum (twice) ✓ Year 5: The London Assembly, City Hall and the William Morris gallery ✓ Year 6: PGL 5 day residential school journey in Swindon, Westminster Abbey, Westminster Archive, the Household Calvary Museum, the Museum of London, Ministry of Drama at the Abbey Community Centre, local walks and St James's Park <p>In addition to this we have trips to support music, collective worship and the More Able pupils to Cadogan Hall, St Matthew's Church, Westminster Abbey Evensong, Royal College of Music, the Charing Cross Library, Pimlico Academy and the Buckingham Palace Gallery.</p>
Can we have a syllabus break down at the beginning of each term?	<p>This already happened! Every term, parents receive a class curriculum newsletter. This provides information about class trips, the PE / swimming day, assemblies, the homework collection day and it also details the information for the term in every subject. Topics this term are as follows:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nursery & Reception: Traditional Stories ✓ Year 1: Our School ✓ Year 2: The Victorians and Plants ✓ Year 3: The Romans ✓ Year 4: Ancient Egypt and Coasts ✓ Year 5: The Mayas and the Human Body ✓ Year 6: The Ancient Greeks and World Cup Geography
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ and the areas for improvement Coffee mornings – to consult with parents and carers about policies and to inform you about health and well-being.
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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**

Toilets

We have one parent toilet and this is located on the ground floor. All other toilets on the ground floor **are for the children.**

Adults (even staff) are not permitted in the children’s toilets. If any adults are seen entering the children’s toilets – this is

School Management

<p>I would like communication to be improved!</p>	<p>We are always striving to improve our communication with parents that is why we have a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The school newsletter – to communicate school news. ✓ The school website – to communicate school news and policies in detail. ✓ Year group expectations booklets – these give parents and carers the core subject curriculum coverage for the year. These are distributed in the autumn term and give detailed information in the areas of Reading Writing and Mathematics. ✓ Termly class curriculum newsletter: to provide parents and carers with information about the dates of their child’s class trips, the PE / swimming day, assemblies, the homework collection day and the curriculum information for the term in every subject. ✓ Texting service – to send reminders to parents and carers about school events ✓ A Parent-School Association – to involve parents and carers in fundraising for curriculum projects ✓ Weekly class assemblies – to share pupils work from their year group curriculum ✓ Parent surveys - to hear the views of parents and carers: to celebrate things that they enjoy
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considered to be a safeguarding issue and could potentially involve the police.

It is important that we bring this issue to your attention so that you are aware of the school's requirements.

Dates for your diary
Summer Term 2018

Dates	Events <i>* highlighted events indicate parents' engagement</i>
June 2018	
Thursday 28 th	1.45pm: Year 6 Leavers' service at St Margaret's Westminster <i>YEAR 6 parents and carers are welcome to attend</i>
Friday 29 th	9.15am: Blackman class Year 5 assembly
July 2018	
Monday 2 nd	9am: Parents Online Safety coffee morning with Jen Cleary
Friday 6 th	NEW DATE: 9.15am: Year 6 PGL school journey assembly NEW DATE: 10am: Year 6 attending Sports Tournament at Vincent Square.
Tuesday 10 th	10am & 6pm, Year 6 production <i>For YEAR 6 parents and carers</i>
Wednesday 11 th	Sports Day at Vincent Square AM – EYFS & KS1 PM – KS2
Friday 13 th	NEW DATE: 9.15am: Carle class (Nursery) assembly
Monday 16 th	Bellringers Club (<i>Campanology club</i>) Educational Visit to Rochester Cathedral.
Tuesday 17 th	NEW DATE: 9am: Coffee morning for parents & carers about techniques to help manage anxiety and build confidence in children Led by a CAMHS Child Wellbeing Practitioner
Wednesday 18 th	10am, Year 6 Leavers' service at St Stephen's church NEW DATE: Last day for Nursery pupils SCHOOL CLOSES at 1.30pm
Friday 20 th	Last day of the academic year for Reception to Year 6 SCHOOL CLOSES at 1.30pm.

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