



# School News

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## Countdown to the Christmas Fair – One week to go!



The **Burdett-Coutts' Christmas Fair** will be held next Friday 30th November 2018 from 3.45pm – 5pm. We are very pleased that the 'Friends of Burdett-Coutts', our Parent-School Association, are organising the fair!

We have **fabulous raffle prizes** so PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – buy a ticket – only £5 for a book of 5!

- ✓ **1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE - £100**
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE - £50 House of Fraser voucher**

Other prizes include:

- ✓ **£25 MasterCard voucher**
- ✓ **£25 Argos voucher**
- ✓ **£10 Boots voucher**
- ✓ **Breakfast hamper**
- ✓ **Sweet hamper**
- ✓ **Fruit basket**
- ✓ **Zoella toiletry gift hamper**
- ✓ **Meal (donated by the Turkish Kitchen)**
- ✓ **Echo pizza voucher**
- ✓ **Hairdresser Voucher (donated by Headmasters)**
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- ✓ **Bottle of Prosecco** (donated by the Slug & Lettuce bar)
- ✓ **Jewellery**

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

## Donations

**We need your support** by way of **donations** for the fair and also **volunteers** for the day. We will need your donations by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. 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.**

Please bring all donations to the school office. **Do not donate any products/food containing coconut or nuts** due to pupil allergies.

## Christmas Jumpers



## Thought for the week

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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!**

### Mrs McMullan's news



I have just found out about the **50 things** a child must do before they get to the age of 11¾ on the National Trust website. It's full of wonderful things to do – some of which you can do in the playground at Burdett-Coutts.

Why don't you read the list, choose your favourite activity you would like to do and explain why. Please let Mrs Dyer know.

A winner will be chosen and a prize will be winging its way to you.

*Mrs McMullan*

### Remembrance at St Paul's

**Blackman class**, Year 5, attended **St Paul's Cathedral** together with Miss Jorquera, Graham and Mrs Dyer to worship with hundreds of London schools at the INSPIRE: Remembrance for Peace event on Friday.

We certainly thought that it was a really incredible service. The children behaved brilliantly and everyone was thoroughly engaged during the service. The pupils were marvellous ambassadors for our school, and for London!

Every child made a peace motif in the shape of flowers and birds. During the service they were displayed under the dome and they were then

given out to the congregation after evensong that evening.

A special moment during the service was when the peace prayers were scattered from the Whispering Gallery. As they fell, the pastel pieces of paper appeared to glisten and shimmer. There was a peaceful silence as the schools looked on in awe and reverence.

## Plants

You may have noticed that plants have been popping up around our school. Miss Matthey has been hard at work distributing the plants because plants not only visually improve the look of our school environment, but they are good for our health too!

Did you know that:

- ✓ The leaves and stems can absorb, deflect, and retract background noise, such as exterior traffic, children playing in the playground, and people talking in corridors.
- ✓ The presence of plants can increase memory retention by around 20% because they reduce levels of carbon dioxide. Exposure to high levels of carbon dioxide can cause headaches, dizziness and tiredness, and these can all have an impact on your concentration.

### 'Made in History' - The Voice Newspaper

#### Black History Competition winner!

We were delighted and extremely proud that Burdett-Coutts pupils were invited to City Hall to be congratulated for their entry in The Voice Black History month competition.

**Nevaeh, Zahra, Yusra, Grace, Alarna, Michal, Kloi, Kaiyah and Bethel** attended the award ceremony, together with Mrs Dyer, Miss Jorquera and Mrs de Kock.

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With confidence and expression, **Kaiyah Rose** read her prize-winning poem, **The Windrush Generation**, to a packed audience of 36 schools in the assembly room.

**BEAUTIFUL**

Nine-year-old Kaiyah Rose of Burdett Coultts, who came top of her age group with her poem *The Windrush Generation*, told *The Voice*: "I feel really glad and I'm happy I did it. I love all of it. I love how they came to Britain to help make it beautiful and to rebuild it after the war."



**HAPPY:** Kaiyah Rose of Burdett Coultts School with Robert Reid

Kaiyah added: "I think my mum will obviously scream but my dad will be very happy."

Nero Ughwujabo, special adviser to prime minister Theresa May, also attended the event. At the end of the presentation ceremony, Ughwujabo made a surprise announcement and informed the winners that they were invited to Number 10 Downing Street for a special reception held in their honour.

He told the children: "We're going to arrange the date and time so that you can come with a parent and celebrate the achievement."

She won the 9-10-year-old category and as a special reward, Kaiyah has been invited to a reception party at 10 Downing Street, (*the home of our Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Theresa May MP*).

**Well done to all of the nominees!**

**Curriculum update**

Class	What is my child going to be learning about over the next two weeks?
<b>Nursery Carle class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing with our food topic</li> <li>Where honey comes from &amp; facts about bees</li> <li>The Christmas story and why we celebrate Christmas</li> </ul>
<b>Reception Jeffers class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: looking at a story from Nadiya's <i>Bake Me a Festive Story</i> working up to baking the recipe.</li> <li>Maths: working on finding one less than a given number in different ways.</li> </ul>

<b>Year 1 Donaldson class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work about our educational visit to London Zoo</li> </ul>
<b>Year 2 Fine class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: description and story writing</li> <li>Maths: subtraction</li> <li>History: Florence Nightingale &amp; how she improved nursing</li> <li>RE: Nativity characters &amp; their importance to Christians</li> <li>Science: healthy food choices &amp; exercise</li> <li>PE: football &amp; gymnastics</li> <li>Art: leaf &amp; sponge printing</li> <li>Music: percussion instruments</li> <li>PSHE: friendships &amp; being kind to one another</li> </ul>
<b>Year 3 King-Smith class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: writing newspaper reports</li> <li>Maths: subtraction of money</li> <li>Geography &amp; Art: comparing the UK to the Caribbean &amp; making carnival hats</li> <li>RE: 10 Commandments</li> <li>Science: learning about vertebrates &amp; invertebrates</li> <li>Music: drumming rhythms &amp; Christmas songs</li> </ul>
<b>Year 4 Colfer class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: writing to inform through newspaper articles &amp; letter writing</li> <li>Maths: dividing 2 &amp; 3 digit numbers with remainders &amp; interpreting graphs</li> <li>RE: Advent</li> <li>Art: Viking art using collage, paints &amp; oil pastels</li> <li>PE: MEND &amp; football dribbling skills</li> <li>Science: Investigating how changing variables impact on melting points of Ice &amp; creating our own water cycles</li> <li>Topic: Viking invasions</li> </ul>
<b>Year 5 Blackman class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: Writing to persuade</li> <li>Maths: Multiplication and Division</li> <li>Geography: Antarctica</li> <li>Science: Living things and their habitats</li> <li>RE: What makes a Christian? How would Christians advertise Christmas?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art and Design: Sculpture - Penguins</li> <li>• PE: Yoga and Netball</li> </ul>
<b>Year 6 Morpurgo &amp; Pullman class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths: dividing fractions and decimals</li> <li>• Science: human body</li> <li>• RE: peace</li> <li>• PE: Hockey and Football</li> </ul>

**Dates for your diary**  
**Autumn Term 2018**

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

Dates	Events
<b>November 2018</b>	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christ the King</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am, Parent Gym</b>  9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am: Jeffers Class (Reception) Assembly followed by a Phonics workshop for Reception parents</b>  <b>3.45-5pm</b> <b>CHRISTMAS FAIR &amp; CHRISTMAS SPARKLE DAY</b>
<b>December 2018</b>	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
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
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am: Nine Lessons service at St John's Smith Square</b> <b>ALL PARENTS WELCOME</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am &amp; 2.45pm: EYFS &amp; KS1 Nativity Play</b>

	<b>(for parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)</b>
Dates	Events
<b>December 2018 (continued)</b>	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behavior focus coffee morning for parents &amp; carers</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am &amp; 2.30pm:</b> <b>KS2 Christmas Play</b> <b>(for parents of children in Years 3-6)</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Dinner Day followed by Class Party in the afternoon
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of the Autumn Term <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm</b>

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