

Congratulations to Penny Hazell who is the new Extended Schools Leader. Penny can be contacted on 01621 785740 during session times and [phazell@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk](mailto:phazell@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk) for all bookings and enquiries.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Julia Vanuffel who has recently celebrated working at the school for 20 years. She has made a wonderful difference to children she has worked with and is an invaluable member of staff.

A warm welcome to the school to Tim Melton as our music teacher. The children are thoroughly enjoying their lessons with Tim.

Tim is offering private lessons in piano and singing, if any parents are interested, please contact the school office before the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

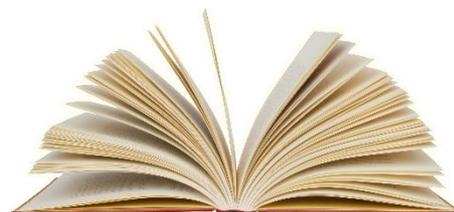
This is in addition to the lessons offered by Mr Pritchard.



A huge congratulations to Dawn Wood who has successfully completed her single handed 3,000 mile single handed row across the Atlantic. She is only the 7<sup>th</sup> woman in the world to have completed this challenge. Dawn is hoping to raise £100,000 to fund the campaign to make a huge impact on ocean plastic pollution.

### **World Book Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

It's the time of year again where everyone at Burnham Primary gets to share their love of books with the whole world. World Book Day is celebrated (almost) everywhere on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. However, due to the fact we will all be busy celebrating your children's work through Parent's Evening, our World Book Day will be the next day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.



As we enjoy it so much, we are asking all children (and staff) to come in wearing a costume to show their favourite character from a book. If possible, also bring the book in which features the character, so we can share how much we enjoy it with others. There will be a range of book-based activities on the day, and a lot of fun ways to celebrate reading.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Year 3 got to Skype Mrs Terry's friend Tony Field who is a Headteacher at a school in New Zealand. We asked him lots of questions about life in New Zealand and the differences between his school and our school. It was a wonderful experience to speak to someone from the other side of the world.

Xander couldn't believe that the children didn't have to wear school uniform. Oscar was excited to hear that Fernlea school have their own BMX track that the children can use at play and lunchtimes. Owen was interested to hear that the the children all learn Maori and their culture is very important to them. Ellie was shocked that all the children have packed lunch and there are no school dinners!! Holly and Mia found out that they don't have detentions at his school. Fred couldn't believe that their school field can fit a full size football pitch in it. Poppy was shocked at the time difference, as when we skyped Tony it was 9.00am in England and it was 10.00pm in New Zealand.

# RED NOSE DAY

Comic Relief Red Nose Day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## HOW CRAZY CAN YOU LOOK?

The school will be supporting Red Nose Day again this year and we hope to see you all looking crazy for the day. A suggested donation of £1 per child towards this charity would be fantastic.



Last half term saw a group of parents working with Sonia Suleyman from The Children's Society. This 18 hour course is aimed to support parents in understanding (and working with) their children's behaviour. The course demands a real commitment from parents and we would like to congratulate those parents who attended each week. The course leader commented on what a fantastic group of parents they were! Well done parents!

We are also very lucky in that Sonia has agreed to provide a drop-in session for any parent that would like to discuss any child or parental based challenges that they are facing and would like advice with. The first drop in session will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9am -12pm (refreshments will be provided). No appointment necessary.

Mrs Brown, our specialist art teacher, has asked that all children bring in a coverall to wear while carrying out their art classes. An old adult size t-shirt or shirt would be perfect. If you could possibly supply one for your child to keep in school, that would be great.

Fred Hall from year 3 has taken a wonderful photograph of the flowers at Hyde Hall this half term and it has been chosen to be published in the Essex Chronicle next week.



### PTA News

The half term discos were a great success and we would like to say thank you to Quest 4 for a great evening! We'd also like to say a special thank you to Bamboo the Panda who joined the KS1 disco - the children loved him!

The Penny Wars bottles are filling up fast, with one class already onto a second bottle! The final day for adding coins will be Friday 29th March, so please make sure any coins you'd like to donate are sent in before then. There will be a prize for the class that had collected the most money. Thank you for your support!

On Tuesday 5th March there will be an Art Exhibition held from 3-4pm at school. On display will be framed artwork from each child in KS1 and your child's will be available for you to buy. The KS2 exhibition will take place the following week, on Tuesday 12th, 3-4pm. Please ask a member of the PTA if you have any questions.

Some fantastic news in relation to Sport. First and foremost our Cross Country Runners performed brilliantly as we battled against the Dengie Primary Schools just before half term. A record number of runners, 33 in total, qualified for the next round at William De Ferrers. So it's back to training until we run again on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Match. All children are welcome to train on Monday mornings, however only those children that have qualified for the next round should try and attend Wednesday lunchtimes and Friday mornings.

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February a team of 6 Swimmers travelled to the epic London Aquatics Centre in Stratford to compete in the annual Panathlon Swimming Gala. Our children swam extremely well against a range of other schools, races included individual and team events all held in the pool where Tom Daley competed back in the 2012 Olympics! Further details and some brilliant photos can be found here:

<http://panathlon.com/teachers-hail-panathlons-impact-on-mainstream-schools/>



Finally a huge thank you to "Sonic Rail Services" based here in Burnham, as they have given us a significant amount of sponsorship in order to purchase Cross Country Running Vests. Thanks also to Mrs Longley who assisted in approaching this company. This purchase will certainly raise the profile of our talented runners when they compete in the future.

Mr Proudfoot



We would like to let you all know about the fantastic opportunities that the children have within our school every week. Every Thursday, we have a specialist art teacher, Mrs Brown who works with different year groups throughout the school. We have a specialist music teacher who has recently joined the school and works two days a week in class with different year groups and we also have Emma and Elliott who are our specialist dancers that work with key stage 2 classes teaching latin, ballroom and salsa.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, April Oxford has donated her hair to The Princes Trust. This charity makes wigs for adults and children who have lost their hair due to illness. Well done to April for her kindness to others.

Starting next Friday, tuck shop will be available for year groups 1 to 6 at a cost of 50p per item.

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