



The BuGle

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Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends,

Up until this year the Y6 pupils were expected to complete a long and a short piece of timed writing for their SATs. Fortunately this has now been changed to allow teachers to build up a portfolio of their writing across the year. In the longer piece of writing they were given 40 minutes, which is about as long as I have to compose this edition of the BuGle. The pressure is on!

I would like to thank and congratulate so many people for making this another successful term for the school. The children have done themselves proud. Last night's Nativity was fantastic, the PTA made over £400 through the raffle, the readers in the carol service spoke so well to the microphone, the football and netball teams performed really well to win and finish second in their respective Linton schools tournaments, and the School Council is making an amazing contribution to the development of our learning environment, ably supported by Carla Nicholson. Governors continue to support all this work behind the scenes.

Our whole school theme culminated in the opening of the Digging Deep Museum, which attracted record numbers of visitors. For lovers of statistics 46 parents and relatives came to try on the clothes, have a Roman makeover, eat Roman food and be generally educated and tested about the life and times of our ancestors and prehistoric animals. Oh, and there was the small matter of that wonderful evening in October when we celebrated the opening of our new school buildings.!

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Some of the things visitors said they enjoyed about the Museum:

"Everyone was smiling."

"The children were so excited about their work."

"The children were so eager to show me what they had been doing. It's hard not to be interested when the information is presented in such an enthusiastic way."

"Seeing the children working so well together."

"Such an array of interactive exhibits. Fantastic!!!"

Some of the things children said they enjoyed about the Museum:

"Have you seen the video in there? It's awesome!"

Making an amphitheatre and cooking the food: it was the best museum ever!"

(Note use of colon = Level 5)

"I liked learning things I didn't know."

"I liked looking at the amazing stuff everyone had made."

We know that a lot of help came from home, as well, for which we thank you. Next term's theme will be *Around the World in 80 Days!*

Mention must also be made of the volunteer effort that supports so much of what happens in school. A small army of dedicated parents helps us to change books, listen to children read, administer spelling tests, photocopy and prepare resources, prepare for and tidy up after events, and greet your children every morning for the Walking Bus. This

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commitment is much appreciated. If you think you can offer a regular time to support learning in this way we would like to hear from you.

Please note that Burrough Green CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful candidate will be required to have an enhanced CRB check and provide two supporting references.

Dates for next term (some additions here so please update your calendars):

- 4.1.12 – School reopens
- 20.1.12 – PTA Meeting 10am
- 24.1.12 – Y3 Winter Olympics at LVC
- 25.1.12 – Explorer Adrian Hall visits Class 4
- 26.1.12 – Y6 SATs parents' meeting 6.30-7.30pm
- 10.2.12 – School closes for half term
- 20.2.12 – School reopens
- 22.2.12 – Girl Guide/Scouting Thinking Day

It just remains for me to admit that I missed the 40 minute deadline, and as a result will be doing some extra homework on my time management (probably in the new year). More importantly I want to wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope that you get whatever you need!

Keith Archer

