



BUXLOW
Preparatory School

Buxlow Bulletin

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Update from Mrs McLelland, Headteacher

It was wonderful to see so many parents at this week's Sports Day - thank you all for showing your support. Year 4 & 5 represented Buxlow at a Latin competition held at Westminster Under School this week - they were the youngest performers, with all others being senior school pupils and certainly held their own against such tough competition. I was lucky enough to see them perform before they left school and was so impressed that they could perform Red-Riding Hood in Latin and were 'off script'.

Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils have been having their RSE lessons this week. I have been delighted by their level of maturity and their openness to share their experiences and concerns about growing up.

Next week we have the Year 6 production of Aladdin to look forward to - it is promising to be an excellent show!



School Updates:

Stars of the week:

Reception: AlHassan Year 1: Ahmad
Year 2: Riley Year 3: Vitoria
Year 4: Ellie Year 5: Gabriel
Year 6: Ava

Pen Licence in Year 4 - Dylan

House Points - Well done
to **O'Donnell** for a total of 96 points
this week!



Nursery

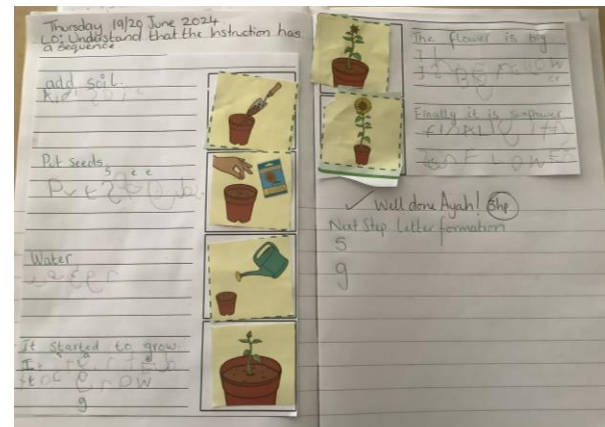
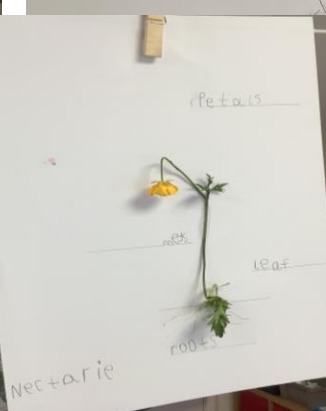
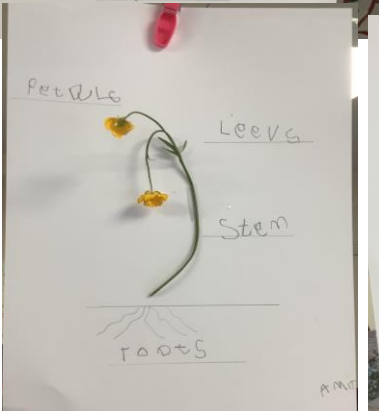
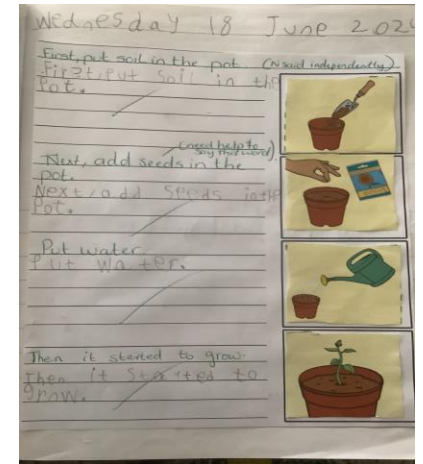
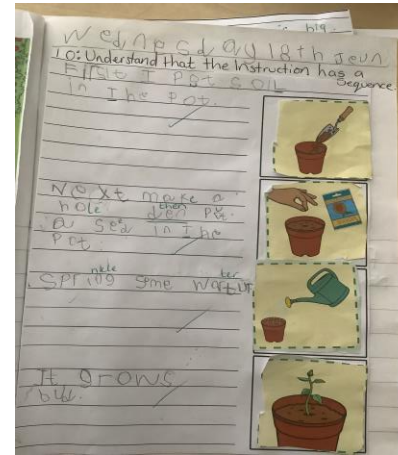
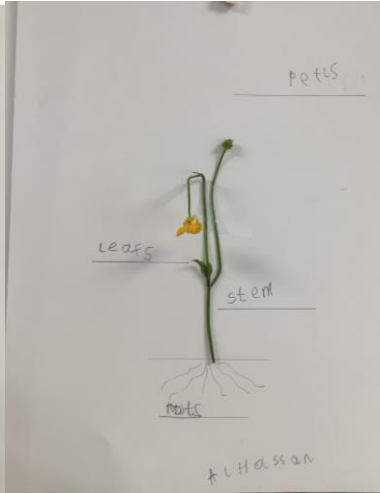
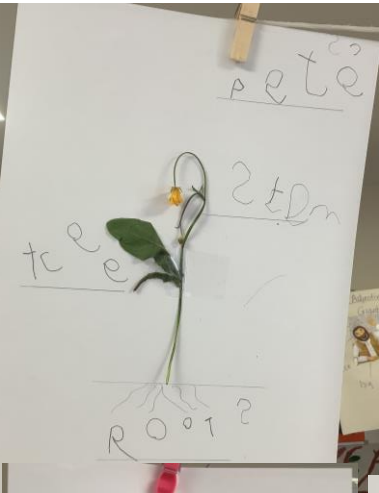
This week was a special week as our children took their road safety lessons beyond the classroom and into the real world. During a supervised walk, they practiced crossing the road at a zebra crossing with traffic lights, applying the crucial "Stop, Look, Listen" technique. They stopped at the curb, looked both ways, listened for oncoming traffic, and pressed the button for the light to change. Once the signal indicated it was safe, they made eye contact with drivers before confidently crossing the road. This practical experience reinforced their understanding of pedestrian safety and built their confidence in real-life situations. We are incredibly proud of their attentiveness and courage, and this exercise was a significant step toward becoming more independent and responsible pedestrians.



Reception

This term, our topic has been centered around the theme of transition and changes. To kickstart our exploration, we delved into the classic story of "Jack and the Beanstalk," where we observed how a small bean undergoes a remarkable transformation into a towering beanstalk. This narrative sparked curiosity and interest among the children, leading us to delve deeper into the concept of growth and change.

In our **English** lessons, we have been exploring non-fiction books on plants. The children have been actively engaged in various activities, such as completing KWL sheets to document their knowledge about plants and expressing their curiosity about the topic. They have also been busy labelling the parts of a plant and writing instructions on how to grow a sunflower. I am pleased to share that the children have shown independence in sequencing pictures and writing instructions accurately.



Reception

In **Science**, we delved into the growth of a beanstalk and conducted an experiment on planting sunflowers. This hands-on activity was integrated with our literacy lessons, allowing the children to understand the importance of nutrients for plant growth and drawing parallels to our own needs for growth. We also explored the life cycle of plants, sparking curiosity and engagement in the subject..



In **Maths**, we focused on bond numbers up to 10, using practical strategies and techniques to enhance the children's understanding. Through hands-on activities, we aimed to solidify their grasp of these foundational mathematical concepts.



During our exploration of the world, the children went on a nature walk to observe different plants and flowers. They participated in a flower hunt, identifying various plant species and discussing their characteristics. This outdoor activity not only deepened their understanding of plants but also fostered a connection to the natural world.



Reception

In **French**, children have been continuing with garden beast topic. Scan the QR code to hear them practice the words.

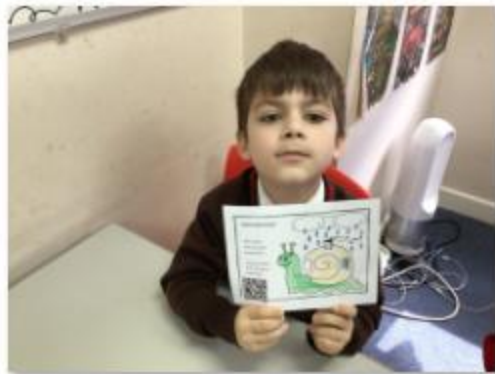
Sports Day

We are delighted to report that our recent sport day at Buxlow at Wembley Primary School was a huge success! The sun was shining, and the children had an absolute blast participating in various activities and cheering on their teams. It was heartwarming to see the excitement and enthusiasm with which all the children approached the day. They put in a tremendous effort and truly showcased their sportsmanship and team spirit. The energy and camaraderie on display were truly inspiring. We were thrilled to see so many parents come along to support their children. Your presence and encouragement mean a lot to the children and help create a positive and inclusive atmosphere. Thank you for being a part of this special day and for showing your unwavering support for your children. We have captured some wonderful moments from the sport day, and we invite you to look at the pictures to relive the excitement and joy of the day. Sport day is not just about physical activity and competition; it is also about fostering teamwork, socialisation, and self-confidence in our children. Events like these play a crucial role in their overall development and well-being, and we are committed to organising more of such activities in the future. Once again, thank you for your support and participation in making our sport day a memorable and successful event.



Year 1 French

In French this week, Year 1 continued to learn some weather phrases and sang a song about a snail who comes out of his shell when it rains (il pleut). The children coloured their snails and read the song lyrics. You can scan the QR code on their work to sing along.



Year 1

This week in Year 1, children have been learning to add and subtract with whole tens. They have also been working on adding and subtracting two digit numbers without rounding. In English, children have been writing procedures for how to wash an animal. In science, they have been learning about Mary Anning. This week, they have made fossils using shells, legos, and the imprints of their hands.



Year 2



This week in Year 2 has been full of excitement. We had an amazing time on Sports Day, enjoying the sun and having lots of fun! A big well done to Year 2 for trying their best in all activities.

In English this week, Year 2 completed their creative writing pieces based on the story, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. They worked incredibly hard to produce detailed stories using their own ideas inspired by the sequence of events from the story.

In Maths, Year 2 have continued learning about position and directional language but have taken this further by solving two-step problems and applying mathematical language to follow instructions in practical activities.



Year 3 French

This week in French, Year 3 recorded a video where they discussed their favorite and least favorite playground games. Scan the QR code to watch the video.





Year 3

Another action-packed week saw us ready to compete at full strength on Sports Day. Well done to all for showing the school value of resilience! Similarly, we completed assessments in our final swimming lesson of the year and greatly enjoyed a Fun Swim session at the end.

In Maths we have been continuing to revise key concepts ahead of our move to Year 4 – this time, making sure we know our methods of calculation. We even helped Ms Stanton demonstrate a new app called Freeform, where we can each contribute to the same question from our own devices. It was lots of fun!

In English we completed the final drafts of our competition entries for Young Writers, ahead of starting our final topic – Instruction texts.

We are also having great fun working on independent film projects reviewing the Sir John Soanes museum. Combining different apps and their uses really allows us to be creative!

Year 4

In Maths this week, Year 4 have been learning about area and perimeter. They have been doing calculations to work out the area and perimeter of irregular shapes which can be very challenging.

English has been a continued focus on 11+ comprehension papers. This week the children completed some papers under exam conditions. The answers were discussed and the children contributed on how they could improve their answers.

In Science this week, the children have been understanding the relationship between solids, liquids and gases..

It has been a busy week, sports day was a fun day in which all the children enjoyed the activities. Following on from sports day,

Year 4 had a brilliant opportunity to visit Westminster Under School with Year 5 to perform their Latin play. It is hard enough to learn a play in English but the Year 4's excelled themselves learning a play in Latin and performing it confidently.



Year 5

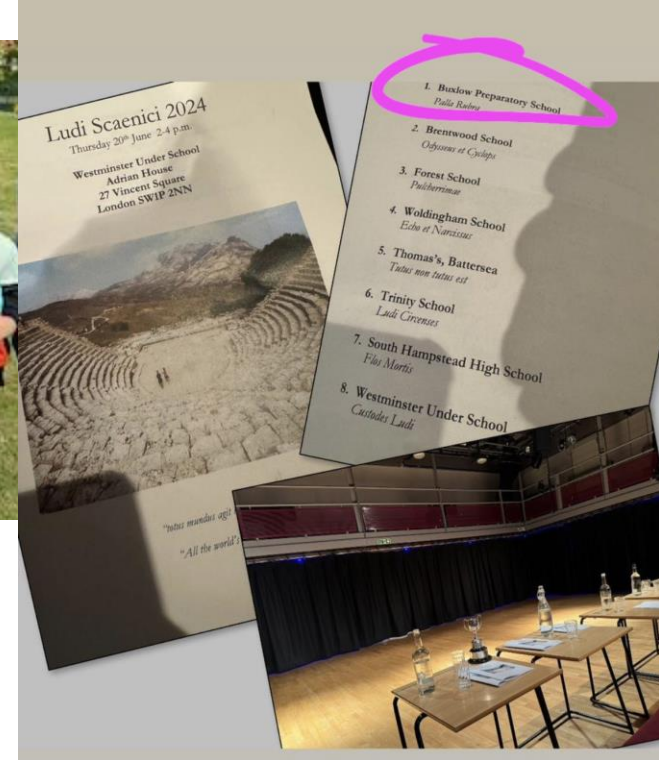


This week has been extremely busy in Year 5. Apart from the usual lessons and 11+ preparation, we have managed to squeeze in quite a few extras!

On Wednesday, the whole school went across the road to Wembley Primary for our annual Sports Day. The weather was good to us and the children took part in running, throwing, jumping and relay events.

On Thursday, Year 4 & 5 went to Westminster Under School and took part in their Latin Festival, performing a version of Red Riding Hood in Latin! They all did brilliantly and made us all very proud of them.

We have also had a Buddy Reading session with Year 1.



Year 6

Anticipation is building this week! Lots of things have been happening with our big production coming up next week.

First, we got started on our Entrepreneurial Challenge that we will be hosting after we return from residential. We have lots of great ideas for things to sell at stalls as well as activities to carry out. Staying within the £5 budget is hard, but they have done a great job to work within their limits!

Second, we had some very important lessons in our RSE units in PSHE. We had a lot of great participation, and even though the pupils had moments of shyness and nerves, they were very comfortable at the end of the lesson and more confident about themselves moving forward.

We also had Sports Day this week - what a great day! The students performed well and had loads of fun.

Finally, we had our first dress rehearsal for our production. They all look fantastic, and we are putting the finishing touches on our performance. We're looking so forward to showing off what we have done!



Eco Council - Distinction award!

Our Eco Council, under the guidance of Ms Stanton are delighted to announce that they have not only retained our Eco Schools Accreditation for another year, but this time they have achieved a **DISTINCTION!**

Well done to all members of the Council for this brilliant result!



Eco Council - 21.6.24

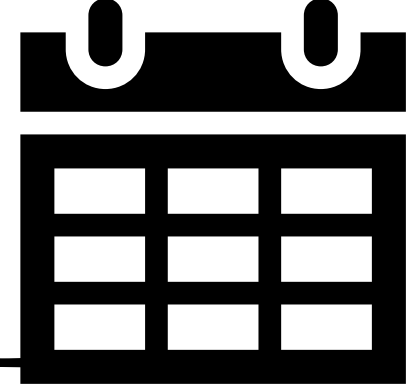
It's official – not only are we once again an Eco School for 2024-2025, we have achieved the top grade, 'Distinction', for the very first time! This is an outstanding result for a school of our size, and we are all very proud. To celebrate...

This week's Eco School Challenge: Be creative!
Create a poster celebrating the fact that we are a top grade Eco School. Decorate and present your poster in any way you like to show off our amazing achievement.

Send any results of your challenge to our staff supervisor, Ms S, via h.stanton@buxlowschool.org.uk. Good luck!



Summer Term Dates for your diary



- Tuesday 25th June - LAMDA Exams for Years 3,4,5
- Wednesday 26th June - LAMDA Exams Years 1,2,6
- Thursday 27th June - Year 6 Production at The Lycée, 16:00
- Tuesday 2nd July to Friday 5th July - Year 4,5 & 6 Residential
- Monday 8th July - Whole School Art Day
- Monday 8th July - Parents meet next year's Teacher from 15:30
- Tuesday 9th July - Move Up Morning: Pupils spend time with next year's Teacher
- Tuesday 9th July - Year 6 Young Enterprise Day (for all pupils)
- Wednesday 10th July - Non-uniform day, class parties
- Thursday 11th July - Prize Giving Ceremony at the Lycée 10am for all pupils and parents in Reception - Year 6. **End of Academic year - dismissal from The Lycee at 12:00**

Term dates for next academic year



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TERM DATES - 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September - Staff INSET
Wednesday 4th September - Start of Autumn Term
Half Term - Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November
Monday 4th November - Return to school
Friday 13th December - **End of Term (1200)**

Spring Term 2025

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January - Staff INSET
Monday 6th January - Start of Spring Term
Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Monday 24th February - Return to school
Friday 28th March - **End of Term (1200)**
Monday 31st March - Staff INSET

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - Start of Summer Term
Monday 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday
Half Term - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
Monday 2nd June - Return to school
Friday 11th July - **End of Academic Year (1200)**

ILG Refer a Friend Scheme

Did you know you could receive up to £750 rebate on your fees by referring friends and family to Buxlow?

For every family that you refer whose child/children join, and completes at least two full terms, you will receive a rebate on future fees, as a thank you.

Buxlow community is special and unique, and we want to share it with as many families as possible. By referring your friends and family, you are not only helping our school grow, and expand our facilities, but also giving others the opportunity to experience the same high-quality education and supportive community we strive to provide.

If you have someone in mind who has not yet contacted us, but would welcome our call, simply provide their contact details to the School and we will take care of the rest. The rebate will be paid once the child / children referred have completed two terms at Buxlow.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to welcoming new families to our school.



Saras Beads & Jewellery

Saras Beads and Jewellery now have a permanent kiosk at St Georges Shopping Mall, Harrow on the Hill Station!

Mrs Arouni (Year 4 Parent) is offering 5% discount to all Buxlow parents and staff during the month of May and will donate 5% of sales coming from Buxlow to the school charity.



Advertising Space Available

If you would like to advertise your small business or a community event here,

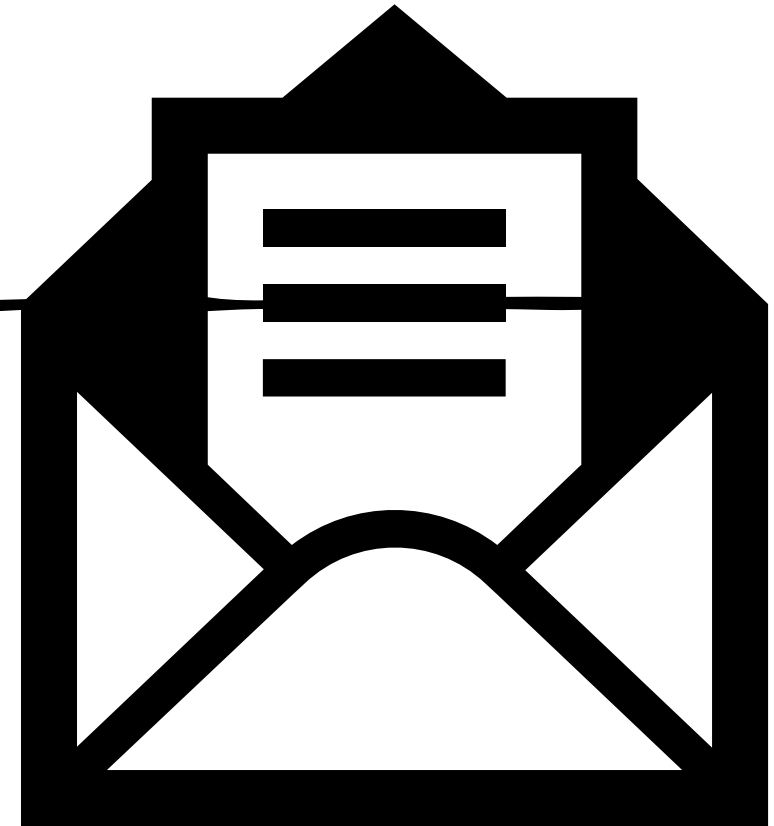
free of charge,

please contact Mrs McLelland

Head@buxlowschool.org.uk

Key contacts:

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