

Growing Together



Friday 5th April

We have had a very busy term in school and the children have responded well to all of the topics and activities we have covered. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and school will reopen on Tuesday 23rd April with lots of new and exciting topics for the children to learn about. Thank you for all of your continued support throughout school.

### Message Board

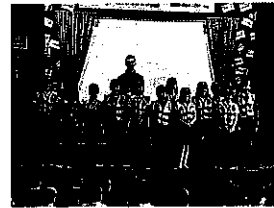
#### Safeguarding

Can we remind parents that KS1 children are not allowed to walk into school by themselves or with siblings. They should be accompanied by their adults onto the yard and into their lines, please do not wait at the small gate and allow children to walk to their lines unsupervised. It is the parents responsibility for their children until they can be handed over to the teacher when the bell rings in the morning.

We are increasingly finding that some parents are picking children up late from school. Reminder that the school day ends at 3.15pm and parents must be in the yard ready to collect the children. We will be introducing a system where parents will need to fill in a form if a child has to be collected from the office after 3.15pm or late for a club so we can monitor this issue. Staff have to go straight to meetings or clubs at the end of the school day and this causes an inconvenience as they don't have time to wait after school. Thank you to all the parents who collect children on time every night. This is very much appreciated

#### Mini Police

The Mini Police did an amazing job with their Trust and Tell assemblies. We had a special visitor, Tom James from Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC), who came in to help the children prepare and deliver their assemblies to both Infant and Junior children.



#### Attendance

Well done to those with 97% plus attendance so far this academic year. Voucher winners will be picked at random today. As always, our aim is to keep authorised attendance in the safety zone of 96% and over. Any questions on attendance can be directed to our attendance officer Lesley Seybourne via the school office.

#### Equality Poster Competition

Thank you to all of the children who took the time to enter our equality poster competition. There were so many fantastic entries and it was really difficult to choose! After A LOT of deliberation, the overall winner was Erin in Year 6. Erin's entry will be displayed around the school very soon! Runners up were Kyara ( year 2 ) and Ruby ( Year 4 ). Well done to everyone for your efforts.

#### Happy Feet.

Just a reminder about our happy feet challenge which we started in September. We have loved seeing all of your fantastic photographs of your family walks and it has been wonderful to see so many children receiving certificates for their walking during our celebration assemblies. This Easter, we would like you to embrace the challenge once more. Any walks you do over the holidays, please log on the record sheet and bring into school when each award is complete. All of the children are receiving a new sheet and are welcome to work through the awards again. If you take any photos please email to happyfeet@burnopfieldschool.co.uk and remember to put how far you walk and how long it took.

#### Famous Year 4!!

This week, we have been super excited in Year 4. We have been listening to a new song in our equality assemblies called 'So am I' by Ava Max. For our music lesson this week, we decided to learn the song and perform it. We decided to tweet it to Ava Max herself, who then retweeted it! As if this wasn't enough, Capital radio also got a hold of it and played it on their radio station. Our amazing Year 4 children have had over 29 thousand views to date!! We have had some VERY excited children and two even more excited teachers!!!

We can't wait to see your new responses and keep an eye out on twitter over the Easter holidays to see where our staff have been walking!

#### Parent's Evening Booking System

We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to our new online parent's evening booking system, thank you for your feedback. A couple of things you may not know:

If you click back on the original link in the message you can view your time after you book.

If your child had a hyphenated name you must put both names in.

If you have more than one child, entering the name of one child will allow you to view all of the slots you booked.

### tweet of the week



**Burnopfield Primary** @Burnopfield\_sch · Apr 1

Year four are bringing equality into their music lesson by learning and performing a song by @avamax Don't they sound wonderful? #alldifferentallequal Mrs Gray and Miss Alsop. #musicburnopfield

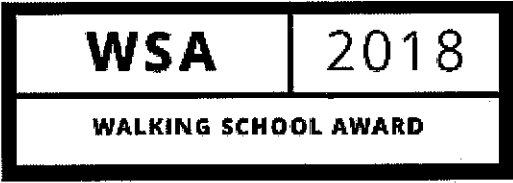
#### Keep in Touch



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Dear Parent/Carer,

This year we are working towards achieving a school walking award. As you already know, we have set a challenge called 'Happy Feet' for children, staff and parents. We are challenging you all to get outside and start walking! We would love to see your photos and have already received lots of amazing snaps of our school members walking all over the world!! Photos can be sent to [happyfeet@burnopfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:happyfeet@burnopfieldschool.co.uk). Remember to include your child's name, where they walked and how long they walked for. As part of this the children will also be completing challenges in school with their class teacher and will be walking around our school grounds and community.

We are sending home a record card for each child. The idea is this is kept at home and is filled in every time a walk is completed outside of school time. The children can then bring in their record card when they have reached a certain level and will be given a certificate in our celebration assembly each week.

We are classing a walking session as 20 minutes or more. This could be your daily walk to school or a walk around the village! If a walking session goes on longer than 20 minutes, this can count for several sessions. For example a one hour walk=3 boxes. All you need to do is sign and date your child's record card to show they have completed a session.

We would really appreciate your support and encouragement to help us achieve our award.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks

Mrs Gray

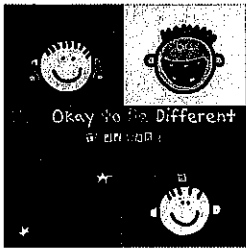
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## Book Recommendations

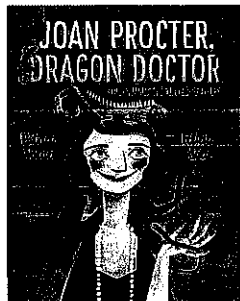
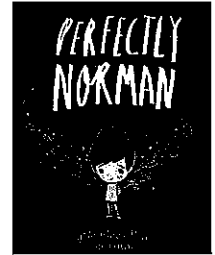
In school this term, we have been teaching the children about equality and diversity.

This issue's recommended books all follow this theme.



*It's Okay to Be Different* cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring bold, bright colours and silly scenes. This book will inspire children to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence.

Norman had always been perfectly normal. That was until the day he grew a pair of wings! What will his parents think? What will everyone else think? Norman feels the safest plan is to cover his wings with a big coat. But hiding the thing that makes you different proves tricky and upsetting. Can Norman ever truly be himself?



A fascinating picture book biography of a pioneering female scientist- who loved reptiles! Back in the days of long skirts and afternoon teas, young Joan Procter entertained the most unusual party guests: slithery and scaly ones, who turned over teacups and crawled past the crumpets.... While other girls played with dolls, Joan preferred the company of reptiles. She carried her favourite lizard with her everywhere- she even brought a crocodile to school!

What is a family? Once, it was said to be a father, mother, boy, girl, cat and dog living in a house with a garden. But as times have changed, families have changed too, and now there are almost as many kinds of families as colours of the rainbow. This is a fresh, optimistic look through children's eyes at today's wide variety of family life.

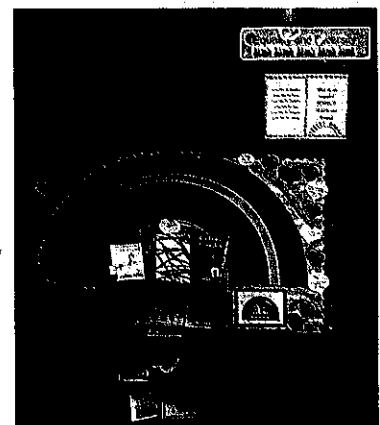


Lexie lives in London with her colourful Greek-Cypriot family. She's devoted to her fragile cousin of the same age, Eleni, who has a heart condition. But after the death of their grandmother, Lexie tells a terrible, instinctive, jealous lie about an heirloom necklace, a lie that splits the family apart. It's up to her to bring the family back together ... but after such a lie, can she find a way to tell the truth?



## Equality Corner

In our Key Stage 2 hall, we have set up an area where children can read some of our lovely new books promoting equality and diversity.



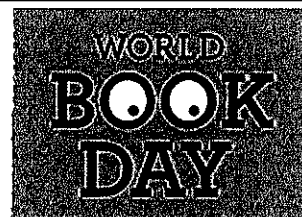


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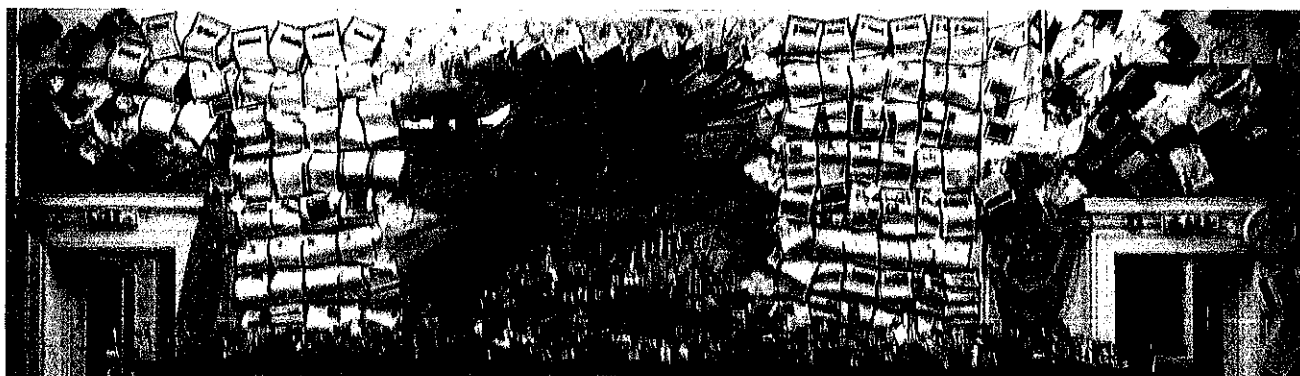
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## World Book Day 2019

To celebrate World Book Day, the whole school spent a week using the wonderful book, 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore' by W.E.Joyce - chosen by our Reading Champions group.



The children completed some amazing writing linked to the book, including letters, character descriptions and stories. You may have noticed this display in our school hall.



William Joyce, the author of the book saw our display on Twitter and wrote:



**William Joyce** @heybilljoyce · Mar 14

Replying to @Burnopfield\_sch

Y'all have made my day month year. Thank you

## Reading Challenges

At the start of the school year, we challenged all of the children to read at home and there is a prize for the class that does this the most each week. Please sign your child's reading record or planner at least 3 times a week to help us with this.

Children can read books from school or home, comic or magazines!

**Key Stage 1 Reading Race**

The Challenge: To read 3 times each week and be the class that fills the Reading Race jar the quickest.

Read 3 times (or more!) each week and put 3 pom poms into the jar.

Don't forget you must get your adult to sign your reading record or it won't count.

There are no pom poms for less than 3 times. It must be 3!

The class that fills their jar first will be rewarded with a prize.

Good luck Key Stage 1!