



ACADEMY NEWS



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A SPECIAL DAY AT THE PALACE

Yesterday was a very special day for Ms Coates and the Burlington Danes family. Having been made a Dame for her services to education in the Queen's New Year's Honours List, our inspirational Principal visited Buckingham Palace to receive her award.

Following a meeting with the Queen, in the company of famous recipients such as Olympic star Jessica Ennis, Dame Sally took some time to reflect on the vital role that those close to us have on our paths to success.

She commented: "Families are so important. They provide the security, care and support we need... it is from them that we

first seek praise and recognition."

It is precisely these values that have helped make Burlington Danes such a warm and enjoyable environment for both staff and students. Over the past five years Ms Coates has led the academy through a dramatic transformation and has created a thriving educational community.

As always, she has been very keen to share the honour and acclaim with the school as a whole, commenting: "This is an award for Burlington Danes. Thank you all so much for your hard work".

We are very proud of this wonderful achievement.



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GET YOUR GUYS AND DOLLS TICKETS NOW!

Following on from the roaring success of the drama department's production of *Henry V* at the end of last year, the team is now taking on and revamping the Broadway classic *Guys and Dolls*.

The romantic musical comedy is about New York's underbelly of professional gamblers and petty criminals. The cast will be taking to the Dennis Potter stage as gangsters, showgirls and the Salvation Army, singing and dancing their way through three

nights of top quality entertainment from 11th-13th March.

Members of staff were treated to a fantastic sneak preview of the show this morning by Chante and Charles, who performed a wonderful duet during staff briefing, which was met with rapturous applause.

Tickets are selling fast so get yours ASAP from Miss Clarke in the music department. This really is not to be missed!



Key dates this half term. Stay in touch on twitter: @burlingtondanes

Monday 11th March – Wednesday 13th March: Academy Show, *Guys and Dolls*

Thursday 28th March: BDA staff training day, no students in school

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April: Easter Holiday

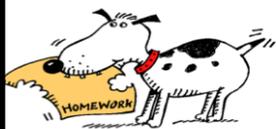
REFLECTION: THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Miss Hill: The parable of the fig tree teaches that God has no need for things that are not bearing fruit: they might as well be destroyed. The message might sound harsh, and for many it is a message that is hard to take on board. Specifically, Jesus is referring to a group of people who have heard his message and yet who are refusing to follow him, and Jesus says that time is running out. The warning is stark: the fig tree that does not bear any fruit will simply be destroyed because it is a waste of space.

We often spend time teaching that God is all loving and all merciful, slow to anger and swift to bless. This is not wrong. But this parable reminds us not to forget that God is also the judge of all creation, and that we should fear Him. He knows our every thought and word and deed, and those of us who are not walking His ways can expect punishment. During this season of Lent, why don't we think about asking God to take away those things in our lives that are sinful, so that we can walk in the freedom of the redeemed life.



Homework Club



- Every day
- Room 136
- 3.40-4.40
- All year groups

Do your homework before you get home



@BDALibrary1

Tweet BDA Library with your book reviews and suggestions
Regularly check for news on upcoming events and competitions

twitter



CALLING ALL TO CHECK OUT CHESS CLUB

Following on from the series of stimulating sessions that Year 7s have been enjoying, Chess Club will now be available to all students.

Starting this coming Thursday, the club is open to anyone who is interested in the classic game of strategy and patience; we welcome both newcomers and seasoned experts, so please pop your thinking caps on and come along.

The session will take place after school, from 4-5pm, in room F105. If you would like to sign up you must see maths teacher Miss Forsyth by Tuesday next week.

In line with our chess drive we are receiving support from the specialist organisation, Chess in Schools and Communities, and will soon be visited by a representative who will help pave an enriching path for chess at Burlington Danes.



WORLD BOOK DAY DRAWS NEAR!

At Burlington Danes we consider it of great importance to promote a wide-ranging interest and enthusiasm for literature. We know that books are a wonderful source of both knowledge and entertainment and we aim to make sure that students appreciate their enriching potential.

With this in mind we are really getting into the spirit of the upcoming World Book Day and there are a variety of ways for students to get involved.

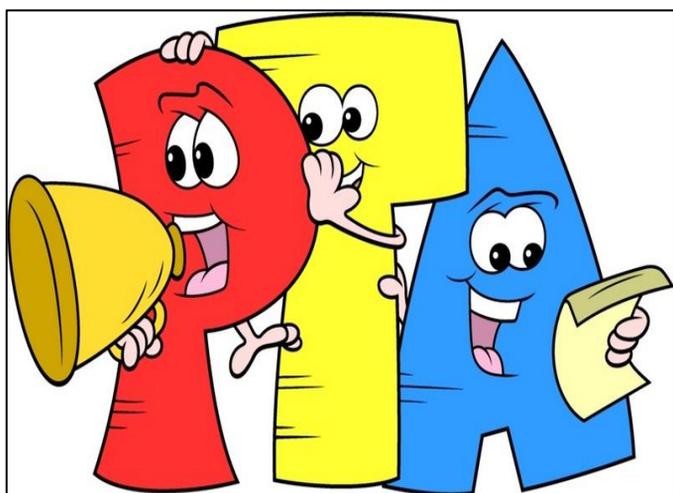
It takes place on Thursday 7th March and on that day all students will receive a voucher worth one pound that can be used in either local bookshops or the library to exchange for one of the six special World Book Day titles.

We also have Sam Enthoven, author of *The Black Tattoo* and *The Crawlers*, visiting the library to discuss his books – get your tickets now from Mrs Castle as they are being issued on a first come first served basis.

A special competition will also be taking place all day in the library and around the school where any student seen reading of their own accord will be entered for a prize draw at the end of the day. So get reading for a chance to win!

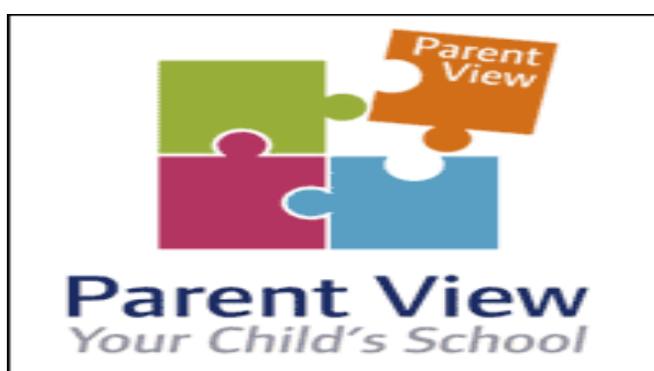


PTA : 6th MARCH SHARE YOUR VIEWS



Mr Prout: All parents are warmly invited to our next PTA meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 6.30 in the library.

This is a great opportunity to discuss school issues and to meet other parents and members of staff. The meeting will finish at 7.30.



Parent View is an opportunity for you to tell Ofsted what you think about Burlington Danes Academy.

The survey asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour.

If interested, please visit the website at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> or contact Mr Prout for more information

WORLD NEWS: THE POPE OFFICIALLY RESIGNS



Pope Benedict XVI officially resigned from his position as head of the Catholic Church yesterday.

The 85-year-old pontiff was flown by helicopter to a retreat near Rome, having vowed unconditional "reverence and obedience" to whoever will succeed him.

The 85 year old is the first Pope to have stepped down in 600 years, citing poor physical health as his reason for doing so.

Until a long term successor is appointed, the Catholic Church will be headed by Pope Benedict's deputy, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, who will be in charge of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics.

FILM CLUB ENJOY ROMEO AND JULIET



Baz Luhrman's 1996 adaptation of Shakespeare's classic tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* is a fast paced, riveting ride through the fictional present day location of "Verona Beach".

With a modernised plot and exhilarating performances from Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes as the tortured lovers, the film is not what we have come to expect from screen versions of the classic playwright's work.

Using much of the original dialogue, the film is a great way for students to access the quite challenging material.

Next week's screenings will be of the Oscar winning documentary, *Undeclared*.



NEXT WEEK'S DIARY



Monday 04.03.13	LIBRARY WEEK Lawyers In Schools BDA Holy Communion Home Truths
Tuesday 05.03.13	Y12/13 SLT Assembly Y10 Year Assembly Y8 Year Assembly
Wednesday 06.03.13	Y11 Year Assembly Y9 Year Assembly Y9 Outside Chance Workshop Y9 Into University (after school)
Thursday 07.03.13	WORLD BOOK DAY Y8/9 SLT Assembly Y12 Year Assembly pm: Literacy Parents' Meeting
Friday 08.03.13	Y10/11 SLT Assembly Y13 Year Assembly Y7 Year Assembly Guys & Dolls Rehearsal (continues Saturday and Sunday)

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday

Soup: Pumpkin & Carrot

Caribbean Lamb Curry

Quorn Curry (V)
Rice & peas
Steam Vegetables

Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches
Grab & Go Salad

Peach and Apple crumble with Custard
Selection of cold Desserts

Jacket Potatoes/
Pasta with a
Selection of Fillings

Tuesday

Soup: Tomato & Basil

Marinated Lemon Chicken

Tuna Pasta Bake served with Ciabatta Herb Bread(V)
Dice Herb Potatoes with a Salsa Topping Salad

Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches
Grab & Go Salad

Carrot Cake with Citrus Topping
Selection of cold Desserts

Jacket Potatoes/Pasta with a
Selection of Fillings

Wednesday

Soup: Broccoli & Stilton

Lamb Lasagne

Filled ricotta & Spinach Cannellini Served with salad(V)
New Potatoes salad

Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches
Grab & Go Salad

Bake well Tart & Custard
Selection of cold Desserts

Jacket Potatoes/pasta with a
Selection of Fillings

Thursday

Soup: Chicken & Mushroom

Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding & Trimmings

Caribbean Fish Served with Dumplin (V)
Roast Potatoes
Seasonal vegetables

Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches
Grab & Go Salad

Lemon Drizzle served with Custard
Selection of cold Desserts

Jacket Potatoes/pasta with a
Selection of Fillings

Friday

Soup: Minestrone

Deep Fried Haddock

Mixed Peppers Omelette
Chunky chips
Baked Beans

Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches
Grab & Go Salad

Chocolate Brownie
Selection of cold Desserts

Jacket Potatoes/Pasta with a
Selection of Fillings

BDA HOUSE COMPETION

House	Handwriting Comp	Chicken Race	House Netball	Cook Off	Acc Reader (Dec)	Hamper	Dec Merits	KS4/5 Football	Acc Reader (Spr1)	TOTAL	Position
PHI	20	50	60	60	50	60	60	50	10	540	1
ROM	10	20	40	30	60	50	30	60	60	460	2
COR	10	30	30	40	50	20	40	20	30	420	3
EPH	0	60	50	30	20	40	10	30	50	410	4
COL	10	40	30	30	10	30	50	20	30	360	5
GAL	30	10	10	50	20	10	20	40	50	320	6



MR PRESTON'S NEWS QUIZ



1. Where did this week's parliamentary by-election take place?
2. Who won this year's Oscar for Best Supporting Actress?
3. What has been voted the most popular name for a recently discovered moon of Pluto?
4. Who has been forced to pull out of an expedition across Antarctica due to severe frostbite?
5. Which country issues the world's lowest value coin?

Last week's questions and answers: Who was the last pope to resign before Benedict XVI? **Pope Gregory XII** Who won the BAFTA award for Best Actor? **Daniel Day-Lewis** What sort of creature was Lolong who died in the Philippines this week? **Crocodile** Which Beatles' album was recorded fifty years ago this week? **Please Please Me** Which footballer is to write a series of children's books? **Frank Lampard**

5, 4, 3, 2, 1: Mr Cooke reminisces about the day he flew over Brazil...

5 people you would love to have round for dinner:

- Super Furry Animals – a great Welsh band
- Novak Djokovic – I could see if he wants to play ping pong
- Michael Haneke – an amazing filmmaker shrouded in mystery
- Peter Bradshaw – an interesting film critic sure to be good for a debate
- WG Sebald – a favourite writer of mine with some amazing ideas about the possibilities of literature

4 books or films you will never forget:

- Rings of Saturn by WG Sebald
- For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
- There Will be Blood – what a performance by Daniel Day Lewis!
- Once upon a Time in Anatolia by Nuri Bilge Ceylan

3 foods you would have for your last meal:

- Some very tender BBQ ribs
- Sushi
- Pork scratchings (horrible, I know)

2 countries you would love to visit:

- Russia
- South Africa

1 day you will always remember:

-The day that I arrived in Brazil to start 10 months travelling around South America. Flying over Salvador I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It was the start of an amazing experience that I will never forget.



“I couldn't believe what I was seeing”





THROUGH THE YEARS



Miss Clements: Good afternoon **Year 7**. Welcome back to the 2nd half of your first year at Burlington Danes Academy. It was fantastic to hear from Madame Coates and Mr Wilson that your behaviour around the academy has improved and you are still extremely well mannered when addressing staff and students. The rank order will be published next week and I am very much looking forward to announcing the names of the students that will be moving groups. Well done to 7D for winning last term's commendation race, I hope you enjoyed your pizza party. The new race has begun so I hope to see lots of form groups being awarded class commendations. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Quinton: Good afternoon **Year 8**. Well done to those of you who have gone up in the Rank Order. A particular well done to pupils in 8A who have moved from A into L and even R! You have really turned your behaviour around this year and the result of this is now evident in your attainment. Obviously there is also disappointment for some – particularly in L and D for those who have moved down as a result of missed learning due to lack of focus in lessons. Your job now is to commit to working hard and moving back up. A special well done to Dion White, Eliza Krauce, Yassin Seddiq and Molly Corry who have all made significant achievements. We will have a Rewards Assembly in two weeks to celebrate this success.

Miss Akingbule: Good afternoon **Year 9** and welcome back from your half term break. With your SATs taking place in four weeks' time, how are you preparing for these vital examinations? Some of you will need to start having conversations with your teachers about how to meet or exceed your target levels, especially if you have underperformed in your spring examinations. The following will probably help with the latter, identifying the weak aspects of your curriculum and spending valuable time working on each section in room 136 (the homework club) after school. Enjoy every minute of your weekend and do not forget to read a book.

Mr Stephenson: Good afternoon **Year 10**. Welcome back and let me just say Spring is in the air, but the need to maintain academic stamina is ever clear! Apologies for the rhyme, but I have caught the rhyming bug from the wonderful Year 10 group that went to the Royal Albert Hall poetry event and displayed excellent maturity, manners and creative flair to impress their hosts. Special mention has to be to Fahim Omarazaiy who was interviewed about whether he aspires to be like George the poet, he responded by saying " No...I aspire to be me, so that I can shine my light in the world uniquely". Couldn't have said it better myself.

Mr Bissoo: Good afternoon **Year 11**. Well done this week to all the Mathematicians in sets 5-7 who worked extremely hard in both their preparation and their first paper on Thursday. It is massively important that you **ALL** ensure you are here on Monday as we have planned some extensive revision sessions for your final Maths paper next Wednesday. **Attendance reached an all time high of 97%** which proves that you can get to school rain, sleet or shine – so make sure you keep this up and you are on time! We are already in March so its vitally important you are focused on your academic goals, this afternoon I will have the next set of predicted grades and next week the new intervention groups will be released – make sure you are aware of where YOU are and where you NEED to be academically – I believe in you as do all your teachers. Remember - Learn from the past, set vivid, detailed goals for the future, and live in the only moment of time over which you have any control: **NOW**. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Fenn: Good Afternoon **Year 12** and welcome back to school. This week's theme was one of organisation. It is something you all must work especially hard on over the coming months, given that your mock exams are just two weeks away, which will feed into your AS exams in June and July. The finish line is in sight now and this is why it is so important you are fully focused and utilising your free time. I would like to remind you all that you should be trying to secure your work experience for the final two weeks of half term. For those of you wishing to apply to the Russell Group Universities, a placement on a summer school will be hugely beneficial to you. Have a nice weekend.

Miss Megaw: Good afternoon **Year 13!** Happy Friday! Its great to see you all back. With a very short half term, we now have very limited time left before exam season starts once again. With the bursary applications in, student finance to send off and the January results imminent it is a really key time of year to tie up loose ends and get prepared for your revision schedules. I am really proud of how many of you are on target or above as per the display in my office (come and see the pictures!) as well as the floods of university offers coming in over half term. Keep your attendance at 100%, your focus in lessons and your independent work up to date and you will reap the rewards in the summer. Well done to this week's SOTW **Dominic, Toyin** and **Sabina**; and this week's DOL SOTW **Hannan!**

PROMISING SIGNS FOR SUMMER OF CRICKET

A group of keen young cricketers from Years 7 and 8 took part in the U13s H&F Borough Indoor Cricket championship yesterday afternoon.

Accompanied by Mr Jennings, the boys headed to Hammersmith Academy for a 14.30 start. They played four games and won two of them, just missing out on a place in the final.

Mr Jennings commended the team's excellent fielding display and well oiled bowling attack. With superb performances from

Anosh, Harvey and Sachin in particular, they were unfortunate not to take home some silverware.

Notably, Anosh, a young Kevin Pietersen in the making, hit four sixes in four balls – a quite incredible feat.

The boys have been putting in some hard work this year, attending Cricket Club every Wednesday in the sports hall. With players as dedicated as Anosh, Aardash and Parvez, who rarely miss a session, the summer of cricket is looking very bright indeed!



UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES



Date	Sport	Year Group	Opposition	Venue	Staff	Start
4.3.13	Football	8	Chelsea Academy	BDA Astro	Mr King	4:00
4.3.13	Football	10	St Thomas Moore	BDA Astro	Mr Stephenson	5:00
5.3.12	Football	6 th Form	Phoenix	BDA Astro	Mr Clark	4:30
5.3.13	Basketball	10 and 11	Hurlingham and Chelsea	Sports Hall	Mr Jennings	4:00
6.3.13	Rugby	8	Latymer Upper	BDA Astro	Mr Thornton	4:00

WORD OF THE WEEK: DIVERGENCE

The process or state of diverging; a difference in opinions, interests

THIS WEEK'S THEME: WARNING

... Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."