



# ACADEMY NEWS



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## A MESSAGE OF GOODWILL FROM BDA MARKS THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

**Madam Coates:** At a time when many churches are proclaiming peace and goodwill our world seems to be headed in the opposite direction. The threat of a possible terror attack, danger of another war in the Middle East, and the situation in Syria, conjure feelings of unsettling uncertainty.

Advent is a message of hope for all of us: our attention be so fixed on giving glory to God that all international and personal human conflicts will be turned into peace and

goodwill for everybody. It starts with a smile, thinking happy thoughts and caring for those around you.

When we place the star on top of the Christmas tree in Main Reception and let its light shine, we are filled with hope, a promise, and a commitment that this year, in Burlington Danes and our own homes, Bethlehem will happen again and we will attempt to live out those Christian values that underpin the academy community.



*'It starts with a smile, thinking happy thoughts and caring for those around you'*

## BDA PRIMARY PROPOSED FOR 2014

Burlington Danes Academy is currently proposing to open a two form entry primary school in September 2014, either on or adjacent to the existing Academy site.

The ambitious plans will enable Burlington Danes to offer an outstanding education to pupils from a young age, giving them the best possible start in life and supporting them with a smooth and successful transition to secondary school.

All primary pupils will automatically gain a position at Burlington Danes secondary when they leave year 6, but there will still be 120 secondary places available to children from other primary feeder schools and to those with siblings at the academy.

If you would like to pledge support for our application there is an e-petition available to sign on the Academy website at [www.burlingtondanes.org/primary-proposal](http://www.burlingtondanes.org/primary-proposal).



*'Giving them the best possible start in life'*

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

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December:

Winter concert (music and dance)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013:

Christmas Holiday

# JEANS FOR GENES THANK BURLINGTON DANES



The Burlington Danes community have been emphatically thanked by the Jeans for Genes Day organisation for the fantastic contribution made this year.

The Academy managed to raise an impressive £623.57, which will go towards helping children with genetic disorders across the UK. Such support will allow Jeans for Genes Day to continue changing the lives of young people living with genetic disorders, providing them with the support and care that they really need.

In a letter to the Academy the organisation stated: 'We want to say a huge thank you to everyone at your school for getting involved with Jeans for Genes Day. By working so hard to raise money for children with genetic disorders you've truly made a difference.'

It is precisely this proactive and caring spirit that makes life at BDA so fulfilling. Next year's Jeans for Genes Day will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of October and I'm sure that we will surpass this year's total. Well done all!

## STAFF COOK-OFF PROVES A SPICY ENCOUNTER

Staff rivalries reached boiling-point yesterday as competitors took to Miss Ford's technology room after school for the house cook-off competition.

With two representatives from each house tasked with combining their culinary skills to produce a dish worthy of Michel Roux, the sizzling encounter got underway.

A limited budget of five pounds per team sparked early controversy as rumours of contraband broccoli cast a dark shadow over Mr Clark's corner. However, the chefs soon settled and a myriad of Mediterranean, Mexican and French stroke Welsh aromas flooded the halls of BDA.

Dishes included the Romans' 'Caesar's Courgette Feast' and 'Centurion's Spaghetti', produced by the formidable pairing of Miss



Astley and Miss MacPherson. Mr Crawford and Miss Aitken offered up a 'Seafood Surprise', for the Ephesians, while Mr Baldwin and Miss Simpson whipped up a 'Colossal Con Carne'.

It was great to see contributions from loyal students, eager to secure points for their houses.

Mr Ribton and Ms Downey were handed the unenviable task of picking a winner. Ultimately, the Philippians' team of Miss Clark and Miss Bedford prevailed over Miss Loveday and Miss Forsyth, who were cooking for the Galatians. The Chicken and Mushroom risotto proved too tasty for the inspired Welsh-infused French onion soup.



# FILM CLUB REVIEW



## The Kite Runner challenges audiences with some serious themes and complex issues

Based on the critically acclaimed novel of the same name, *The Kite Runner* is a complex narrative that deals with some very challenging issues.

Set in Afghanistan and spanning three decades, the film introduces Amir, the son of a wealthy merchant, and his best friend Hassan. As children the boys are blissfully unaffected by the fact that Hassan's family are employed as servants by Amir's father, a situation that will define their future lives.

Having spent their young days kite-fighting, writing stories and reading books together, the

two friends are torn apart by a terrible incident that leaves one tormented by guilt, while the other fights for survival amidst the throes of war.

The years pass and a chance to make amends draws Amir back to the location of his childhood, tracing the remnants of his former friend's life. A series of compelling events ensue, exploring themes of friendship, social class, racism, betrayal and redemption.

This provocative drama makes for very tough viewing at times, but if you can cope with the subject matter, it is well worth a watch.



Based on the award winning novel

“For you, a thousand times over”

## SUCCESS AT CAKE SALE



The cake sale was a great success. We managed to raised £125.00 for charity. Thanks so much to everyone who donated their baked goods, it was great to have so much support.

Thanks to Ms Simpson who organised the event and of course to the PTA who brought in cakes to sell.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Burlington Danes PTA, please email Mr Prout at:

[teddy.prout@burlingtondanes.org](mailto:teddy.prout@burlingtondanes.org)

## CLASSES FOR PARENTS



The Academy is committed to ensuring that supporting parents remains one of our highest priorities. We are therefore looking to start a series of classes that will be focused for parents in a range of subjects. From English and literacy, to maths and numeracy; from Zumba and badminton, to art, music and ICT classes. If you feel you would benefit from attending any of these classes, or a class that has not been mentioned. Please email Mr Prout at [teddy.prout@burlingtondanes.org](mailto:teddy.prout@burlingtondanes.org) to confirm which class you would like to attend. The classes will be running from mid January and we look forward to hearing what support you would like to receive.



# NEXT WEEK'S DIARY



<b>7N Jamie's Farm trip</b>	
<b>Monday</b> <b>10.12.12</b>	PSHCE: Lawyers In Schools PSHCE: Home Truths Homelessness pm: Annual Tea Dance House Busking at White City Tube
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>11.12.12</b>	Y12/13 SLT Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y8 Year Assembly (Sports Hall) Afternoon Choir Rehearsal then BDA singing at ARK Conway carol service House Busking at White City Tube
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12.12.12</b>	Y11 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y9 Year Assembly (Sports Hall)
<b>Thursday</b> <b>13.12.12</b>	Y12 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Christmas concert
<b>Friday</b> <b>14.12.12</b>	Y13 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y7 Year Assembly (Sports Hall) Y12 & Y13 Performance 17:00 Potter Theatre



# NEXT WEEK'S MENU



<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Soup of the Day Leek & Potato	Soup of the Day Creamy Tomato	Soup of the Day Oriental Noodle soup	Soup of the Day French Onion	Soup of the Day Parsnip & thyme
Chilli Con Carne served with Sour Cream	Bangers & Mash	Chicken & sweet corn Pie served with Crust Topping	Roast Lamb served with all the trimmings	Deep Fried Haddock
Wild mushroom Risotto served with a Herb Bread	Quorn sausages	Leek and Lentil Pie	Spanish Potato & feta parcel	Vegetable Sausage Roll
Rice	Spring Onion mash	New Potatoes	Roast Potatoes & baton Carrots (thyme butter)	Chunky Chips
Jacket Potatoes with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a Selection of Fillings			
Pasta Selection				
Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches				
Grab & Go salad Pots Grab & Go Dessert pots Dessert of the Day	Grab & Go salad Pots Grab & Go Dessert pots Dessert of the Day	Grab & Go salad Pots Grab & Go Dessert pots Dessert of the Day	Grab & Go salad Pots Grab & Go Dessert pots Dessert of the Day	Grab & Go salad Pots Grab & Go Dessert pots Dessert of the Day
Summer Fruit and Apple Crumble Served with Custard	Jammy Coconut Sponge with custard	Rice pudding	Caramel Tart	Arctic Roll



# MR PRESTON'S NEWS QUIZ



1. What was the profession of Oscar Niemeyer who has died at the age of 104?
2. Which country supplies the Christmas tree for Trafalgar Square?
3. Which film has now taken the most money at the UK box office?
4. What type of music did pianist Dave Brubeck play?
5. Which English cricketer has scored the most centuries in test matches?

**Last week's questions and answers:** What is the nationality of the next governor of the Bank of England? **Canadian** Which country is reported to have the best education system in the world? **Finland** How many women have been shortlisted for this year's Sports Personality of the Year award? **5** Which university city was visited for the first time jointly by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge? **Cambridge** Which band is celebrating 50 years in the music business? **The Rolling Stones**

## 5, 4, 3, 2, 1: Mr Crawford reveals an appetite for steak, summer and the Italian side of Hollywood...

### 5 people you would love to have round for dinner:

- My mum (she passed away when I was very young)
- Frank Sinatra
- Robert De Niro
- Usain Bolt
- Mila Kunis

### 4 books or films you will never forget

- The Shawshank Redemption
- The Godfather II
- Gladiator
- Of Mice and Men
- The Hobbit

### 3 foods you would have for your last meal

- It has got to be a nice cut of rib eye steak, medium-rare (**50 times over**)
- Fajitas
- Cheese cake

### 2 countries you would love to visit

- New Zealand/Australia
- Seychelles

### 1 day you will always remember

- There are far too many – my cousins wedding was an amazing day! ( love a big family get together, plus it was the middle of the summer)



"I suppose it's not a conventional group of people to have for dinner"





# THROUGH THE YEARS



**Miss Clements:** Good afternoon **Year 7**, Good afternoon Year 7, believe it or not, we only have 2 weeks remaining of your first term at BDA. I have been very impressed with the way you have matured and are conducting yourselves in such a polite manner around the academy. This week I have particularly enjoyed popping into 7A Science with Mr Hayward and 7R English with Miss Astley. It was also a pleasure to read the Greek Myths written by students in 7D, they showed real creative flair! The number of Year 7 students that have already brought in goods for the hampers has been remarkable; thank you for all your charitable donations, I'm sure you'll make a lot of people happy this Christmas. Miss Clements.

**Miss Quinton:** Good afternoon **Year 8**, this week in assembly we launched the Pathways Programme. You now all know the Pathway that you are currently on. Knowing which Pathway you are on matters for two reasons. First it lets you see where you are heading at your current rate of progress and therefore gives you the chance to change or maintain this through hard work. Second it focuses your minds on career opportunities and what you need to do right now in Y8 to make sure your dreams become a reality. Do ask your tutors or myself or Ms Aitken if you have any questions about this. Have a good weekend!

**Miss Akingbule:** Good afternoon **Year 9**. I hope you have had a smooth and pleasant week enriched with exciting lessons. The term is almost at an end; nevertheless, you still need to stay focused in lessons. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, I will have the pleasure of accompanying the students with no demerits so far to the cinema. Are you on my list? You need to wisely utilise your planners, all homework must be written in and there must be no gaps on each page. Ensure it is regularly signed by your parent or guardian. Well done to my Star of the week-Jahon Rockny (9U).

**Mr Stephenson:** Good afternoon **Year 10**. Thus far the effort during exams has been wonderful. I must say the effort to turn up to interventions has been brilliant and on that note, a special mention has to go to the members of Miss Stone's Geography intervention class who raised money and purchased a card to say thank you to Miss Stone. I would also like to express my pride to the Year 10 pupils who are taking part in the model UN conference; your positive attitude and determination is wonderful and you represent the school with great integrity and honour. Special mention to Fahim Omarziay 10D, who displayed excellent manners and maturity during a recent rugby tournament in which Year 10 came runners up. Parents, thank you for your continued support, it truly is a pleasure looking after Year 10. Mr Stephenson.

**Mr Bissoo:** Good afternoon **Year 11**. The exam season is upon us and I sincerely hope that you have all put preparation in place for the tests ahead next week. Make no mistake that with the changes in grade boundaries which hit the previous year 11 very hard we need to ensure that **everyone** in our year is working to achieve the highest possible grades they can – **exam grades are like the keys in life which can open the doors to opportunity and wealth** – don't be the person locked out in the cold!! Congratulations to **Ryan Howard 11D** who has amassed the most merits this week – great work!! In just over a week's time a huge number of year 11 students will be skating, spending money and enjoying a free trip to the Winter Wonderland courtesy of Bristol University & Mr Adcock – do you have enough golden tickets? Make sure you are doing the simple things right with a positive attitude – everything else will fall into place if you put in the effort. So remember "*Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. and Today is a gift – that's why we call it the present*" – so **make the most of EACH day and REVISE REVISE REVISE!!**

**Mr Fenn:** Good afternoon **Year 12**. Exam season is upon us as next week your mock exams begin. This week has been a very busy week as your latest predictive data was released. There were lots of positives to take from this. I would like to say thank you, and congratulate, the following students for all of their hard work resulting in them being ABOVE their target grades: Chantell (QM), Josh, Debbie, Natnael, Max (12No), Lia, Nancy, Fatima (Bi) and Gytis, Giorgi, Jemma, Laura, Diana and Fred. I know there are also lots of you who are working hard who may not be on this list, but I also greatly appreciate your efforts. My SotW this week is Manahel. Manahel was way below her targets earlier on in the year but has worked exceptionally hard to turn this around. Well done Manahel.

**Miss Megaw:** Good afternoon **Year 13!** Happy Friday! Our mock exams start in earnest on Monday so please ensure you utilise the weekend to swot up on your subjects and show myself and your subject teachers how you are going to achieve all your grade predictions! Congratulations to the Sixth Form **girls netball team** this week for their win against Hammersmith, and the **boys football team** who are improving game by game. Well done to **Rahsaan** for securing a trip to Downing Street this week for his drama achievement; what an amazing opportunity, do us proud! Well done to this week's SOTW; **Vincenzo, Yonca, Altan** and **Ashleigh** and this week's DOL SOTW **Halwest!**

# BURLINGTON NOTICE BOARD

Burlington Danes Academy presents the

## Christmas Concert

Thursday 13th December 2012, 7:00pm  
Dennis Potter Theatre  
Tickets: £2.50 Adults, £1.50 Students

**TICKETS ON SALE FROM MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOW.  
2011 Tickets sold out. Get yours now to avoid  
disappointment.**

## Instrumental students wanted!

The Music Department at BDA currently has space for new steel pans, flute, clarinet and brass students. Lessons happen throughout the week during school time. Steel Pans lessons are in groups of up to 8 students and brass and woodwind lessons are generally individual. If you are interested and would like to start lessons in the Spring term, please come along to the Performing Arts Office in the Dennis Potter building to collect a form and return it to us ASAP.





## PROMISING YOUNG PLAYERS FLOURISH AS RUGBY FEVER GRIPS BURLINGTON DANES

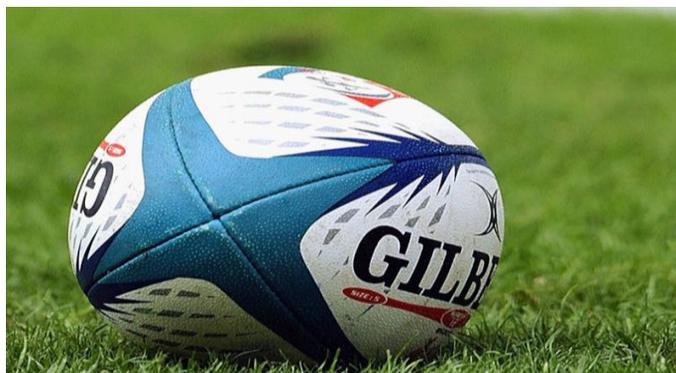
Burlington Danes has experienced somewhat of a revolution in recent months. At the beginning of this school year rugby was a nonentity at the Academy, but with the introduction of Mr Thornton, a specialist coach, much has changed.

Students from Year 7 and 8 have shown particular interest and with regular training sessions and matches, their progression has been remarkable. The improvements have been such that many a staffroom conversation has revolved around the rising stars and their inspired performances.

Yesterday afternoon was a fine illustration of the positive direction of rugby at BDA. A group of Year 8s and 9s headed off to Regent's Park for the Central Schools Tournament. The team, brimming with enthusiasm, were frustrated on arrival to find that the competition had been cancelled. However, a quick phone call to Hammersmith Academy secured a mouth-watering friendly encounter with a well-drilled opposition back at the BDA playing fields.

In the bitter cold the boys pulled on their jerseys and took to the pitch for what would be an enthralling battle. Hammersmith Academy started well, their powerful backline breaking through for the opening try. BDA responded instantly with some clinical rugby; quick ball handling and support saw the boys pull level. Aggressive tackling from Abdullah and defensive covering from Mark and Tommy prevented Hammersmith from establishing a lead.

The second period saw impressive attacking performances from Daniel and Nathaniel, whose



decisive running patterns were a joy to watch. Kaelan's notorious burst of pace secured the promising young player a well deserved hat-trick and James Patton's willingness to put his body on the line was second to none.

With such outstanding performances all round, the man of the match decision was a very difficult one. However, with unwavering dedication at the breakdown, forceful ball carrying and great support play, Adam El Bounabi was well deserving of the accolade; he has a bright future in the game.

Despite notching up 35 points, the quality of play was not quite converted into a victory. Alas, the boys will not lose heart; Hammersmith Academy are a very good team and BDA have only been playing for a short time. The Year 7s and 8s have already managed five wins and there is no doubting that many more will follow.

The vast improvements are a testament to the hard work and enthusiasm of Mr Thornton and all of the players involved. Keep up your pursuit of excellence and you will reap the rewards!

## YEAR 8 TAKE CONTROL OF 'POWER-HOUSE' LATYMER

**Mr Thornton:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, Burlington Danes took on Latymer School and emerged victorious. Following in the trail of England upsetting the All Blacks' twenty match unbeaten run, BDA were hoping to inflict a similar defeat against an established rugby powerhouse. In the early exchanges the considerable rugby experience of the Latymer players was evident as BDA struggled to hold on to the ball

in the contact areas. However, BDA clearly possessed the stronger runners and when the ball finally got into the hands of our backs James Patton and Jamie Pasangaman broke the defensive line and raced some 40 yards in quick succession to bring two quick BDA tries.

In the second half, some strong words from Mr Gooch ensured that the forwards were more competitive at the breakdown,

Saad Kessassi and Adam Elbounabi providing the platform for Tom Matthews and Kurt Fagyan to benefit. Drastically improved defensive alignments and positioning ensured that Latymer were restricted to just one try in the game, before some impressive off-loads in the tackle led to Adam Elbounabi, Taylor Omegie and Abdullah Abuzaid completing the romp. **FS: 40-5 MOTM: Yassin Seddik**

# Sixth Form Netball Team Beat Hammersmith Academy



**Miss Aitken:** Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> December saw the first ever Sixth Form Netball team beat Hammersmith Academy a convincing 14-3.

Captain Kelly Tarawalie (GA) dominated the game with exceptional footwork and ball handling skills with Zeta Nkrumah (GS) making it difficult for the Hammersmith defence to stop the goals from being scored.

Lashantay Richards (GD) was strong in both the goal and centre thirds, making some key interceptions that Corrina

Abbot (C) and Lia Stephenson (WA) could then feed into the shooting circle for Ashleigh Stephenson (GS) to also score!

Sahra Warsame (WD/GK) and Ruth Livingstone (GK) worked out some great tactics which rarely saw interceptions from the opposing team, hence only 3 goals being scored by Hammersmith!

Overall, a great game and the team are looking forward to their next match after the Christmas break, hopefully against Phoenix!



'The first ever Sixth Form Netball team'

## XL club rugby team make tournament final

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November the Year 10 XL Club rugby team took part in the annual tag tournament held at the Westminster sports ground, Chiswick.

Despite freezing weather conditions, the team performed exceptionally well, winning their opening four games in emphatic fashion. Josh Clements' dynamic running and Kieran's quick feet were influential in the team's progression to the latter stages.

With great support and encouragement from Miss Grayling, Miss Welch and one another, the group not only

displayed their sporting prowess, but also sporting values and exemplary behaviour. They advanced to the final but just missed out on the title by four tries to three, a truly magnificent effort. Jake, Hugo and Bacary all played fantastically well and Fahim showed what a true gentleman he is, making warm tea for the shivering teachers.

A representative for the RFU said: "From what my coaches have seen, there were a number of really talented young people and we'd like to get them while they're enthusiastic." A great testament to their brilliant display.



'Winning their opening four games in emphatic fashion'



# UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES

Date	Sport	Year Group	Opposition	Venue	Staff	Start
10.12.12	Football	7	H and C	BDA Astro	Mr Crawford	4:00
10.12.12	Football	8	H and C	BDA Astro	Mr King	5:00
11.12.12	Football	10	Cardinal Vaughn	BDA Astro	Mr Stephenson	2:00
12.12.12	Netball	7, 8 and 9	Borough Tournament	Holland Park	Miss Aitken	4:00
12.12.12	Rugby	7	Holland Park	BDA Astro	Mr Thornton	4:00
13.12.12	Footabll	10	King Solomon	BDA Astro	Mr Stephenson	4:00

## LAST WORDS

### COATES' COMMENDATION:

This week's commendation goes to Daniel Ozokolie who found and handed in another student's lost Oyster card. This care and attention to the needs of fellow students is precisely the kind of behaviour that we so value here at Burlington Danes. Well done.



### WORD OF THE WEEK:

#### **ASSUAGE**

Verb...

*to make unpleasant feelings less strong*

### THIS WEEK'S THEME:

#### **PREPARATION**

...the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah in the wilderness... As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "...Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him; Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation..."

**Luke 3: 1-6**