NEWSLETTER

Message from Miss Snow

Friday 13th November 2026



What a busy week we've had at Burnt Oak! It feels as though there has been something happening every single day! We've squeezed in three cinema trips (with one more to come the week after next), Remembrance activities, anti-bullying workshops, Pudsey Day and, of course, the big tidy-up following our fireworks evening!



We've also had the excitement of parents' evening bookings going live, which didn't quite go to plan thanks to some technical difficulties beyond our control! Thankfully, everything now seems to be sorted, and thank you for your patience while we worked through it.



Last Friday's fireworks evening was a huge success! A massive thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help organise and run the event. We really couldn't do it without you! We hope everyone who attended had a fantastic evening – my daughter certainly did ☺ Once we have the final fundraising total, we'll share how much was raised and what we plan to spend it on.

We've included a few photos from this week's activities in the newsletter, but there are plenty more over on our Instagram page @CISBOJTPA, so do take a look! Have a lovely weekend, everyone!



Attendance

After finishing as runners-up several times, 4T were determined to claim the top spot this week – and they certainly did it in style with an incredible 100% attendance! What fantastic teamwork and commitment! Well done also to 3B with 98%, and 3T and 5B, who shared third place with 97.3%.

A brilliant effort, everyone!

We've noticed an increasing number of children being absent from school on their birthdays. Whilst we completely understand that birthdays are special occasions, these absences cannot be authorised. We kindly ask that birthday celebrations take place outside of the school day. Don't worry, we'll make sure your child feels special and celebrated at school too!





Remembrance

I was incredibly proud of our Head Pupils, Ella and Jackson, and their deputies, Clara and Dhruv, who represented Burnt Oak so brilliantly at South Norwood Primary School on Wednesday. They read an original poem, laid a wreath at the memorial and had the opportunity to meet other Head Pupils from across The Pioneer Academy.

Back at Burnt Oak, our pupils learnt about the significance and history of Remembrance Day and showed great respect and maturity as they observed a two-minute silence. A special moment of reflection across the school, and a reminder of the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed so much.



Safe

Be Bright, Be Seen! 🌟 With the darker evenings now upon us, it's more important than ever to make sure we're staying safe on our journeys to and from school. We are reminding children to Be Bright, Be Seen! Wearing bright or reflective clothing, using well-lit crossings and taking extra care near roads can make a big difference.

Please encourage your child to stay alert, avoid distractions and make sure drivers can see them, especially as the afternoons get darker.





Happy

Talking of bright colours... Burnt Oak was a sea of yellow, spots and pyjamas today as we came together to support Children in Need! It was lovely to see everyone getting involved, and a huge thank you for your generous donations towards such a worthwhile cause.





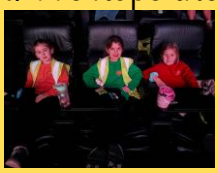






As mentioned, Years 3, 4 and 6 have also enjoyed trips to the cinema this week, completely free of charge thanks to the Into Film Festival! What a lovely treat for the children. Year 5 still have their turn to look forward to, with a visit to on 24th November to watch How to Train Your Dragon. We hope they enjoy it just as much!













Learning

Today, we welcomed a visitor from OpenView Education into school to deliver our 'Break the Silence' anti-bullying sessions. Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an assembly, while Years 5 and 6 took part in interactive workshops in their class groups.

The children explored the difference between bullying and everyday disagreements, how to resolve conflicts and the importance of speaking up when something isn't right. Through role-play and discussion, they learnt how to support others, show empathy and make positive choices, including when dealing with difficulties in group chats.

The key message was simple but important: use your voice, speak up and be kind! A valuable reminder that we all have a part to play in making Burnt Oak a safe and happy place for everyone.









Diary Dates

Mon 16th Nov – Flu immunisations – catch up

Fri 20th Nov – Parents' Eve booking closes

Tues 24th Nov – Y5 to the Cinema/Parents Eve

Weds 25th Nov – Parents Eve

Thurs 26th Nov – Y3 to Lesness Abbey

Mon 30th Nov – St Andrew's Day (Wear a token something blue)

Weds 2nd Dec – Community Meal