

EDGWORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 19th July 2024

What we've been up to!

The **Year 6 Performance of World War II** was simply amazing and touched everyone who watched it. Fabulous acting, singing, props, make up, costumes; it was a stunning performance and one which I'm sure the children will remember for a very long time. Massive thanks again to all the staff who helped to put this production together and to the families who came along to support.

Year 2 have been **planting trees at The Barlow** woods, huge thanks to Mr. Hodgkiss, our site supervisor for arranging this. It was a little wet but the children (and staff) got stuck in and completed their planting.

Bolton Wanderers Community Trust came in for a Well-Being day. They talked to the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and healthy eating and then they spent the afternoon playing sports with Lofty the Lion. Thank you to the team from BWiTC.

Rock Steady Music Performance—the children celebrated their musical talents with a wonderful performance for their families; we have some very talented musicians amongst us. Thank you to the families who were able to come along to watch.

Folk at The Barlow also treated us to a musical performance recently. Thank you for sharing your talents with us.

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Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Today, we say a very fond farewell to our Year 6's who leave us to go onto their next big adventure. We hope they've made the most amazing memories during their time here and that they'll keep in touch. We send them our very best wishes for the future. It is also the end of an era for some of our Y6 parents; may we also take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the future and to thank you for your amazing support over the years.

School Data and Performance

Once again, our children and staff have worked their socks off and our school data remains incredible. We are so much more than our academic data but this is one of our core purposes! Early indications are that we are above the local and national data in every single measure. We are also able to celebrate that fact that all of our children, in every year group have made amazing progress towards their own personal targets. I am so proud of each and every one of them. Well done to everyone!

Reception, phonics and Multiplication tables check		Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception: Good level of Development	86%	Reading	71% EXS+ 32% GDS	Reading	81% EXS+ 30% GDS
Year 1 Phonics	85%	Writing	68% EXS+ 4% GDS	Writing	89% EXS+ 22% GDS
Key Stage 1 Phonics (Y1+2)	93%	Maths	79% EXS+ 36% GDS	Maths	81% EXS+ 33% GDS
Y4 Multiplication tables check	20.83 (average)	Science	82% EXS	Science	96% EXS
Key: EXS = Expected Standard EXS+ = Expected Standard or better GDS = Greater Depth Standard		Grammar, punctuation & Spelling	N/A	Grammar, punctuation & Spelling	85% EXS+ 26% GDS
		Reading, Writing & Maths	68% EXS	Reading, Writing & Maths	70% EXS+ 15% GDS

Sports Update

We are delighted to announce that we have retained the School Games Mark GOLD Award for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, as well as all of the young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2025!

We've had another half term, jam-packed with fantastic sports events,

In June our Cricket team took part in the Blackburn with Darwen Primary Schools' Cricket tournament at Darwen Cricket Club and resoundingly won the title, beating a number of talented schools along the way. This was an amazing and richly deserved achievement which led to us being able to compete against the County's finest at the Lancashire Cricket Foundation Dynamos Schools County Finals in Liverpool. This was an amazing opportunity to pit our wits against the best our county has to offer. The standard was incredibly high and the children represented school with dignity and pride. The team should be very proud of their achievements.

In July, we hosted the Lancashire Cricket Club Foundation to run a Cricket workshop in school. This was another amazing experience for all involved and gave the children the chance to not only play cricket, but grow a love for the sport, learn vital life skills, improve wider wellbeing and fulfil their potential.

We also managed to compete in The DPSSA Athletics event at Witton Park on 8th July (We weren't beaten by the glorious British Summer this year!). This is always a fabulous event and the children selected represented school fantastically well. We had some wonderful individual success with Robyn (Yr5) and Ava (Yr6) securing individual golds as well as a whole host of other medals.



Meet the Teacher Evening

We will be holding Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1—6 on Thursday 5th September at 3.00—3.30pm and a repeated session at 5.15—5.45pm. Please do come along to one of the sessions to find out everything you need to know about your child's new class and timetable. Please enter and exit the school via your child's new classroom door. Thank you

Our Before & After School Club—'Kids Zone'

If you need help with child care before and/or after school, just let us know by email to kid-zone@turtonedgworth.blackburn.sch.uk and our fabulous team will look after you. See our school website for further details. Thank you

Calendar of Events 2024—2025

To help parents and families plan ahead for the year, we have again put together a calendar of the main events that take place in school. We will of course endeavour to stick to these dates and will only change a date when we have exhausted all other avenues. If we do need to change a date, we will give as much notice as possible. The calendar is attached to this email, please keep it safe or if you would like a paper version printing, please let the office staff know. There will be other events, such as class trips that take place throughout the year that haven't been finalised yet and we will communicate these out with plenty of notice.

The complete school calendar of events can be found on the school website, under the Parents tab, Term Dates and will be the version that is kept updated. If there are any changes or new additions to the calendar, we will highlight these in amber for your ease. Paper copies can also be collected from the school office.

Return to school in September

We look forward to Wednesday 4th September when we welcome back all pupils. Please remember to telephone the school office or email all absences as early as possible and before 9.30am.



PTFA News

This week we held our final fundraiser of this year, a pyjama and popcorn day with a movie. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day. Thank you to everyone for supporting us this year, we couldn't have done it without you. Next year we will continue with our discos and lots more exciting events which we will share in due course.

This year, our funding has helped the infant & junior playground refurbishments, cooking lessons, mothers and fathers day breakfasts and materials for every classroom.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA or has a great idea for an event, please send an email to:

edgworthprimaryptfa@gmail.com

Thank you once again, PTFA

General Information

Staffing Update: Since our last update, we have sadly said a fond farewell to Mrs. Halliwell, one of our teaching assistants and we wish her the very best of luck for the future.

Dinner Money will increase from £2.60 per day to £2.70 per day with effect from 4th September 2024 due to rising costs. This will ensure that we can continue to provide the very best ingredients for our children. Please do try to keep your child's dinner money account in credit at all times and come and speak to us if you wish.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing summer break Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see more amazing pictures of our school in action! (via the school website www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk)

Mr. Wheatley