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Dear All,

It's nearly here, folks – don't panic (no, not Christmas, but our Winter Solstice on 22<sup>nd</sup> December)! The shortest day of the year is the light at the end of the tunnel for many construction workers who have been working in the wet, cold and dark afternoons and evenings for what feels like an age at this point. We know it's likely to get colder, but the lighter evenings make a big difference to us all. The darkness hasn't stopped us however, as progress continues and the in-situ stair cores in the new school building are increasing in height.



The west core shutters in place ready for the 1st floor pour

### Coming up this month

#### Notable deliveries/collections:

- Removal of excavated earth
- Water storage tanks and tankers
- Concrete loads for stair cores

This section of the works feels painstakingly slow as each crane lift adds another shutter to provide the mould for the outline of the stair cores. The concrete walls are reinforced with steel before the concrete is poured and each concrete pour is specifically timed to ensure the concrete cures at a rate which means it can bond successfully with the next pour. The smallest of issues can cause big problems for the scheme at this stage, like a concrete wagon getting stuck in a traffic jam...

***Fact of the month: Since we're talking stair cores, let's talk stairs: The Guinness Book of World records recognises the longest staircase can be found on the Niesen Mountain in Switzerland with a whopping 11.674 steps. Thankfully there aren't quite that many at Burlington...!***

### SUSTAINABILITY

Our aim is to be as sustainable as possible throughout the project:

**Plant:** Reused or recycled so far: N/A  
**People:** Local employees - 3  
**Profit:** Local business contracts – 2





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The Morgan Sindall project team were delighted to introduce the year 3 and year 6 pupils at Burlington to a little bit of construction during STEM week. We had them building towers and builders out of the best kind of materials: newspaper and masking tape! The winners of each class get to come for a special tour of the site in the new year. And the winners are: The FIFA Group, The Construction Kings, Lily the Builder and 'Bob'!

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We also held a school artwork competition over the October half-term and the winners, second and highly commended places were announced in that week's school assembly with their wonderful works to be printed on the hoarding in the new year.

We were also delighted to support the School's Christmas Fair this year by making a donation of £500 and holding a pizza night for our excellent operatives working tirelessly throughout this winter weather.

**As you may have noted, the pathway into and out of Blagdon Park from Burlington Road has had to be closed as it leads directly onto access for the construction site, which is where all site traffic, plant and deliveries are being routed throughout the project.**

**The pathway will have no access available during the following times:**

**Monday—Friday 07:00-18:00 and occasionally Saturdays 07:00 - 13:00**

**A gated entrance has been created that will be open outside of site working hours.**

We're really proud to be creating the best facilities for delivering the highest quality education but we do sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you'd like to pop in and say 'hello', you're always very welcome — we're a friendly bunch! Until next time, Merry Christmas and a very happy new year...

### Contact us

If you would like to get in touch, please use the site email [Burlington@morgansindall.com](mailto:Burlington@morgansindall.com) or call a member of the team on 07977 526 229

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