



Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery

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13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been 'Feeling Good Day' across the whole school. All children in Key Stage 1 and 2 have taken part in a Mindfulness Assembly this morning. Across the school there has been yoga, mindfulness activities, art and physical activities, Forest School and we're all ending the day with a dance party on the field. A huge thank you to Mrs Mollett who has organized the day and to all of the members of staff who have gone over and above to give the children learning opportunities helping them to understand the importance of physical and mental health.

Barnsbury's Challenge Day

On Wednesday, the CEO of the Swan Trust, Elaine Cooper and two other Heads from the Trust came to visit for the day. The purpose of the Challenge Day is to assess the teaching and learning opportunities for the children across the school and to monitor children's learning behaviours and attitudes. It was a very positive day and I was incredibly proud of all of the staff and children—Barnsbury really is a fabulous school!

Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

We are working with a charity called Coram Beanstalk to recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can commit to an afternoon a week to come in to school. As a reading helper, you will support at least 3 children on a one to one basis outside of the classroom environment. It's a fun role that's about much more than just listening to children read.

As a reading helper you will support children to become readers; helping children to switch onto reading, learn to read and become confident independent readers. You will be trained in a proven approach and will lead sessions for each child that bring fun and enjoyment to the reading experience, ultimately wanting the child to choose to read and be enthusiastic about it!

If you would like to become a reading helper at our school, or you know someone, perhaps a grandparent or a neighbour who would like to join our friendly school community please do consider this role. For more information, or if you wish to apply, visit the website at www.corambeanstalk.org.uk or call 0207 729 4087.

Key Stage 1 Court Yard Area

We have had parent volunteers coming in over the last few weeks to help us develop the court yard area in Key Stage 1. They have all worked so hard and we are incredibly grateful. I will share pictures with you when the area is 'finished'. Today, they found a newt in the area—how exciting!



Vacancies

Nursery Assistant

Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery has an exciting opportunity to join our Nursery team. We are looking for a nursery practitioner to join our Early Years team and work with staff to provide an outstanding start for our youngest learners.

This is a permanent role, working 37 weeks per year. Working hours will be 33.50 per week, Monday, 8.00am - 4.00pm and from Tuesday - Friday between 8.00am - 3.00pm.

More information can be found [here](#).

Special Needs Assistant (mornings)

Our dedicated and enthusiastic team of staff are looking to appoint a new, dynamic Special Needs Learning Assistant who has a passion for supporting additional needs to join our caring and values led community working on a one to one basis with a child.

The working hours for this position are:

Monday to Friday , 8.30am - 1.00pm, 22.5 hours per week.

More information can be found [here](#).

Kitchen Staff

Twelve Fifteen are currently recruiting for kitchen staff at Barnsbury, please see the advert in the body of this newsletter.

Barnsbury PTA—200 Club for 2023/24

Please see the joining details for the 200 club on the poster in the body of this newsletter. Buy your number now for the current school year. Draws will be made at the monthly PTA meeting with 50% of all entries going to our fund-raising and 50% in the prize pot. Prizes could be as much as £100 each month.

Friday 20th October is the last day of the half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 30th October.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

With kind regards



Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher

Dates for your diary 2023-24

Autumn Term

October

Friday 13th	Feeling Good Day
Friday 13th	PTA—Cake Sale
Friday 20th	PTA—Non Uniform Day
Friday 20th	PTA Bingo—7.30pm
23rd to 27th	Half Term
Monday 30th	Children return after half term

November

Thursday 2nd	Outdoor Classroom Day
Tuesday 7th	3.30-5.30pm Virtual Parents' Evening Consultations
Wednesday 8th	PTA—Return Bags 2 School (8th, 9th and 10th)
Thursday 9th	3.30-7.00pm Face-to-face Parents' Evening Consultations
Saturday 11th	4.30—6.30pm PTA Fireworks Display
Wednesday 15th	8.00am Local Governing Committee Meeting
Friday 17th	Team Building Day & 4T Class Assembly
Friday 24th	6G Class Assembly

December

Friday 1st	5M Class Assembly
Monday 4th	PTA—Mince Pie Monday
Tuesday 5th	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7th	PTA—Christmas Secret Shop in school
Friday 8th	PTA—Christmas Secret Shop in school
Friday 8th	9.00am Rock Steady Concert
Monday 11th	PTA—Mince Pie Monday
Monday 11th	9.30am Dress rehearsal for KS1 Christmas Production
Monday 11th	2pm KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 12th	9.00am and 2pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 14th	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
Friday 15th	1.15pm End of Term



Star of the Week

Effort

Values

Award

Award

Oak

James

Imogen

Yana

Ash

Yuri

Flora

Bella

1B

Sammy

Amirah

Jaswick

1M

Connor

Saharsh

Ted

2M

Caitlin

Rowan

Isabelle

2T

Gia

Zach

Fin

3B

Olli

Jimmy

Elsie

3M

Thomas W

Maya-Mae

Jonathan

4T

Orla E

Rachael J

Owen B

4D

Emma

Victoria

Zoe

5M

Kasper

Fatima

Olivia

5B

Dylan

Aroosh

Anthony

6J

William P

Soha

Emie

6G

Diamond

Ethan

Yasin

**Congratulations to our Super Spellers
this week: Ava (5B)**



**Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificate this week: Poema
(2M), Harley (2M), Nayna (2M), Freya
(2T), Amelia (5M), Noah (5M), William
(5M), Adelyn (4D), William (4D), Ben P
(4D)**



Reception

For our topic we have been exploring 'our senses' and 'our school'. We went on a sensory walk and used our senses to experience outside in the sensory garden and meadow areas.

We went on a school tour and visited some familiar areas, such as the library, and lunch hall and some unfamiliar areas, such as year 2 and 4 classrooms and the KS2 playground!



In maths we have been learning about comparing objects by size, using the language of small, medium and big, or short, medium and tall. Last week we used scales to discuss and compare items by weight. This week we have been learning and comparing capacity.

Year 2

Mollie the tortoise

Year 2 were so excited to welcome our visitor for the week, Mollie the tortoise. We set up a cozy enclosure with a small heat lamp to ensure she had a warm and comfortable habitat. Mollie spent most of the day exploring her surroundings and munching on fresh vegetables. The children took turns observing her and learning about her habitat needs.

Throughout the week, our class had a fantastic experience with our cute class pet. We not only learned about tortoises and their unique characteristics but also developed a sense of responsibility and empathy for animals. It was a week filled with exciting discoveries and the beginning of a special bond with our tortoise friend. Thank you, reception, for allowing us time with magical Mollie.



Commando Joe

In Cojo this week, we finally saved Cojo bear from the wicked witch! We had to complete 3 tricky missions to successfully save the bear. With hard work, our fantastic values and PE skills we succeeded. The 3 missions included obstacle courses and loads of team work! Welcome back Cojo bear. We missed you.



Year 4

Our English lesson allowed us the opportunity of venturing outdoors. The Learning Objective was to experience the effects of the seasonal changes, and how our senses respond to this. Exploring touch, sight, sound and smell, the children used expanded noun phrases to describe the beauty of Autumn. They are super excited to translate this to poetry writing in the next lesson.



Year 4 children practising their drills for Long and Short distance running. This lesson saw the children working on explosive power techniques to improve their sprint form, and energy conservation when engaging in longer runs. Super proud of these children.



Year 6

In Science, we have been learning all about classification. We have created our own classification trees to sort and identify different types of sweets. We had to think carefully about the questions we asked to make sure we sorted the sweets according to specific characteristics.



This week, we took our learning about classification outside. We explored the Barnsbury school grounds, identifying different types of trees by using characteristics seen through their leaves- for example, leaf shape, size and arrangement. We then created scientific drawings, labelling these with scientific language to describe their features.



In Art, we created montages to show movement. We had to create interesting poses, then use a photo of these as a stencil to repeat the movement shape on coloured card. We then explored how to position these to create the illusion of movement.





Friday 20th October
2023



KS2 Hall



7:30pm Doors
open/8pm Start



£5 on the door
includes 1 book of game cards
10 games



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BARNSBURY PTA

FIREWORK DISPLAY

SATURDAY 11TH NOV 2023
4:30 TO 6:30PM

BARNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALMOND AVENUE, GU22 0BB

GAMES ~ HOT CHOCOLATE 

 **SMORES ~ TOMBOLAS**

 **FOOD**  **DRINKS** 

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TICKETS £6.00

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FIREWORK DISPLAY

SATURDAY 11TH NOV 2023 4:30 TO 6:30PM



BBQ FOOD TO PRE-ORDER



Burger	£3.50
Cheese Burger	£4.00
Hot Dog	£3.00
Veggie Hot Dog	£3.00
Gluten Free Hot Dog	£3.00



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PTA



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Free support group for parents and carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

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- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
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- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
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