

LIFE AT BARNFIELD

When I walk around the school I never fail to be impressed by the staff and the children. I constantly see children who want to do their best and who are trying so hard. Mr Locksley, Miss Williamson and myself regularly drop into classes to see what the children are doing and what we find are children who are always so keen to share with us what they have been learning and the new skills that they are developing. They are becoming confident learners who will become confident adults

Our website is full of pictures of events that have taken place since the start of this academic year so please do check it out on: www.barnfieldschool.co.uk



SCHOOL VALUES

We are always delighted by the many positive comments that we receive about the behaviour and attitudes of our children. Whether they are on trips, on their weekly swimming lessons (Year 4) or we have visitors into school, the children are constantly complimented about how well they present themselves. We talk a lot to the children about our school values, which they display all the time. These values are demonstrated below:

Believe in yourself

Aim High

Respect Each Other

Never Give Up

Family

Inclusive

Enjoy Learning

Listening

Diverse



We have our 'Good Deed Feed' where we put stars up for every child who is seen to be promoting the values of Barnfield School. Their name is read out in assembly and then they are added to the wall. Our stars are now spreading out everywhere!



Headteacher

Thank you for your continued support

BARNFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL— GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Autumn Term
2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

How fast this Autumn term has flown by! Your children have settled in very well for those joining in Barnfield for the first time and those progressing through to Reception, Infants and Juniors.

In my recent monthly meeting with the Headteacher I took the opportunity to visit the staff during the time they were teaching lessons in their classes. I am always amazed by the continued enthusiasm, energy and passion of the teaching staff and how well and engaged your children are in learning.

The success of our school is built on us all working together, please continue to give your support to our staff and encouragement to your children.

Remember you can contact the governors by email at: governors@barnfield.barnet.net, through the office or simply by having a chat with any of us if you see us in the school.

Wishing you all Seasons Greetings, have a fabulous time with your friends and family. I look forward to seeing you and your children in 2019

Warm regards
Valji Patel
Chair of Governors

NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

- The Curriculum Committee met to look at the data that the school achieved at the end of the last academic year. It was a very striking set of results and shows the hard work that takes place in school on a daily basis. During this meeting the Governors also went into classes to see the school in action.
- The Finance and Premises Committee has also met to examine the budget and to ensure that we are making the appropriate use of our resources.
- Our Special Needs Governor, Nicola Kettle, has been spending time in school with Mr Moore (our SENCo). She has been looking at the systems that we have in place and gaining a greater understanding of this very important aspect of the school.
- Our Parent Governors attended a coffee morning which was run by a group of our parents for Macmillan Cancer. They were very impressed with the running of this event and the amount of money that they raised for charity.
- Our Governors attend regular meetings so that they are aware of what is happening in school and are in a strong position to support the school to keep moving it forward.
- Our parent Governor, Gita Nakrani, also helps us an awful lot by coming on many trips with us, this is greatly appreciated.
- Our Numeracy Governor and Vice Chair of Governors also came for a visit into classes and was very impressed with what he saw.

WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS?

Spotlight on one of our Governors:



Chris Murray—Parent Governor

My name is Chris Murray, I am a Specialist Paramedic in the London Ambulance Service and have worked there for over 28 years. At work I specialise in hazardous area working, security, health and safety, negotiation and planning, amongst other skills. I am a local resident and I am dad to Suzy, who was in Barnfield for 7 years and I have seen her flourish with the teaching and support provided by this school. I decided to become a governor at Barnfield as I would like to continue to support such an amazing school and an incredibly committed staff, I wanted to help ensure the school continued in this way for future generations and to support education for my friends and neighbours in the local area.

My responsibilities include representing parents as a parent governor at periodical meetings, making sure that the voice and concerns of parents are heard by those leading the school. This also means I act as the school's "critical friend" ensuring that the best course of action is taken in the students' best interests, at all times. I use my skills to support the school and I am Chair of the Head teacher's review panel, and sit on the Buildings, Finance and Premises Committee.

The Governors of Barnfield are:

NAME	GOVERNOR
Mr Valji Patel	Chair of Governors Co-opted Governor
Mr Edwin Strauss	Vice Chair of Governors Co-opted Governor
Mrs Dianna Gunn	Headteacher Governor
Mr Darren Locksley	Staff Governor
Mrs Geeta Nakrani	Parent Governor
Mr Hanid Hamem	Parent Governor
Miss Nicola Kettle	Parent Governor
Mr Chris Murray	Parent Governor
Father Hugh Moore	Co-opted Governor
Ms Dionne John-Baptiste	Co-opted Governor
Mr Allan Turner	Co-opted Governor
Mr Ammar Naqvi	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Jane O'Sullivan	Associate Member
Mrs Alison Jacob	Associate Member

A co-opted governor is a person appointed by the governing body and who, in the opinion of the governing body, has the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

Parent Governors are voted by the parents of the school. An election is held when a space becomes available and this is advertised in the newsletter.

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

The school continues to be in a strong position. Our end of Key Stage Data for 2018 showed the amazing attainment that our children make when they leave us to go to Secondary School. This is achieved through the hard work that is put in by the staff, the children and the support that is given to us by the parents. We are so proud of the outcomes of children. The results show how well we compare nationally

Key Stage 2 Data 2018

	BARNFIELD DATA	NATIONAL DATA
Maths (Expected)	91%	76%
Maths (Higher Level)	30%	24%
Writing (Expected)	89%	78%
Writing (Higher Level)	26%	20%
Reading (Expected)	81%	75%
Reading (Higher level)	33%	28%
Spelling and Grammar (Expected)	89%	76%
Spelling and Grammar (Higher Level)	51%	34%

It has been a wonderful term so far and already so much has been achieved. Here is a short snapshot :

- ◆ Year 2 performing at the Infant Music Festival
- ◆ Trip to Celtic Harmony Camp
- ◆ Trips to London
- ◆ Local area walks
- ◆ Creativity Week
- ◆ Gallery Event based on the work carried out in Creativity Week.
- ◆ Poetry Week
- ◆ Resilience afternoon
- ◆ Harvest Assembly
- ◆ Harvest donations
- ◆ Wear Jeans for our charity day
- ◆ Wear yellow for our charity day
- ◆ Poetry Competitions
- ◆ Church visit
- ◆ Nursery home visits
- ◆ Visit to the Islamic Centre
- ◆ Impressionable Minds workshops for Years 5 and 6
- ◆ Parent meetings at the start of the year
- ◆ Parent meetings 1:1 with the teacher to discuss settling and progress of the children.
- ◆ 1 member of staff retired (Mrs Butler)
- ◆ 1 member of staff had a baby (Miss Saberwal had a baby girl).
- ◆ 2 members of staff got married (Miss Jaydevan and Mr Locksley)
- ◆ Visits into the school by Governors to see the school in action.
- ◆ Reception visits for 2018/2019 intake.

A massive thank you to those parents, grandparents who come on trips for us. We would not be able to run them without you and they really do enrich the school experience for our children