

School Priorities

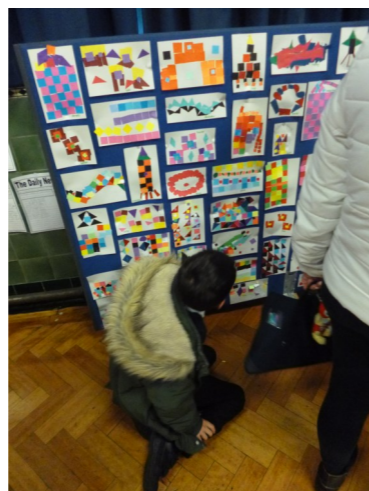
The focus for the school is always ensuring high standards. This year we are focusing on:

1. High quality teaching and Learning
engaging children and making them active parts of the lessons.
1. Online Safety
This involves equipping the children for dealing with technology safety and understanding the dangers that are there.
3. Resilience
This involves learning about how we tackle problems that we may face in life. We want to make our children confident learners who are willing to take on challenges.
4. Recall of key number facts
To develop fluency in mathematics
5. Reading and Phonics
To continue to develop a love of reading in all our children and how to access a wide range of different types of books. To be able to respond to key questions which require the children to look for meaning in the text.

Thank you for all your support of the school.



Dianna Gunn
Headteacher



BARNFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL— GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first Governor and Headteacher newsletter. I am delighted to connect with you this academic year.

The objective of the newsletter is let to know who the governors are and what our role is within the school. It will also enable us to share with you key news from the governing body and Headteacher .

I am continually amazed by the energy and enthusiasm of all the staff and the leadership team. It is also wonderful to see the positive engagement of your children and how proud they are of their school. All of this makes Barnfield an Outstanding school.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and interesting.

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.

Warm regards
Valji Patel
Chair of Governors
Barnfield Primary School

ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

School Governors now play an increasingly significant role in the running of schools. We feel it's a huge privilege to serve the school, and play our part in ensuring the children at Barnfield receive the education they deserve.

We work closely with the head teacher, Mrs Gunn, and focus on three core functions:

- ◆ Setting the school's strategic direction and priorities, and ensure all statutory duties are met.

- ◆ Acting as a 'critical friend,' supporting the head teacher and holding her to account for the school's day-to-day running

- ◆ Overseeing the school's financial performance and ensuring that the budget is well spent.

WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS?

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 Hamidul Haq Hamen	Parent Governor
Miss Nicola Kettle	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.



The Governors make visits to the school and see the school in action so that they can really get to know what Barnfield is like.

Governors get to know the school and understand the systems that are in place to achieve a high quality education.

The Governors ensure that the school is a safe environment for the children to be in.

The Governors of the school are all volunteers and give their time freely to share their expertise and support the school.

Governors attend training to develop their knowledge about key aspects of school leadership.

The whole Governing Body meets 3 times a year (once a term).

Please do look at the website under the Governor section for photos of members of the Governing Body.

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

The school continues to be in a strong position. Our end of Key Stage Data for 2017 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.

Key Stage 2 Data 2017

	BARNFIELD DATA	NATIONAL DATA
Maths (Expected)	95%	75%
Maths (Higher Level)	36%	23%
Writing (Expected)	90%	76%
Writing (Higher Level)	26%	18%
Reading (Expected)	75%	72%
Reading (Higher level)	26%	25%
Spelling and Grammar (Expected)	90%	77%
Spelling and Grammar (Higher Level)	43%	31%

Interesting fact :

Barnfield was named a Mayors Schools for Success (2017) – we were recognised as a school who is exceptional for helping our children to do better.

These results are only part of the picture of the school. So far this year we have had:

- Story Writing Week
- Book Week
- Investigations Week
- Creativity Week
- Music Day
- Jeans for Charity Day
- Non Uniform Day—blue and yellow
- Resilience Week
- Black History Week
- Poetry Week
- Online Safety Day

TRIPS

We have run over 40 trips (since September) ranging from local visits to those in London.

Some examples are :

- ◇ British Museum
- ◇ Natural History Museum
- ◇ Celtic Harmony Camp
- ◇ London Eye
- ◇ Year 4 went on a week long residential to Cardfields in Essex.
- ◇ Year 6 went on a residential to Cuffley