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# BARNFIELD NEWS

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Thank You



Thank you for your patience yesterday when we experienced some technical difficulties with Google Meets. We became aware of a problem in the afternoon which meant we had to re-send codes. It was very busy behind the scenes trying to send the correct information out before the end of the day. Thank you for your flexibility. If you did not receive the correct information this may mean that your details are wrong on Arbor. It is very important families check this and update where appropriate.

We anticipate Tuesday's meetings will go ahead with less organisational problems. We are constantly learning new things too and as we share with the children, mistakes are part of this process. Hopefully this wont happen again on Tuesday.

We will email families in 1L and 3H with rescheduled dates and booking information

## Secondary School



Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are reminded that secondary school applications are now open. Please check individual school websites for confirmation of their open day / evening arrangements. We would encourage families to view their school choices.

If you are experiencing any problems creating an account or accessing information, please call the school office and ask to speak to Jackie.

**Applications are due by 31st October – every child must have an application.**

## Half Term



Please remember we finish next Friday for half term at the usual time. We look forward to welcoming our children back on Monday 1st November

## LITERACY NOTICE- Black History Month poetry competition



To celebrate Black History Month and National Poetry Day, we are inviting children in years 3-6 to create their very own poem. Selected poets may have their work displayed and you can also be in with a chance of winning a magnificent prize.

The theme is 'Proud to be ...'.

Children must remember to write their name and class on the back and put it into the blue box in the junior corridor.

All Black History Month poetry entries have to be handed in to school by **Friday 22nd October**.

## Empathetic Me - Harvest



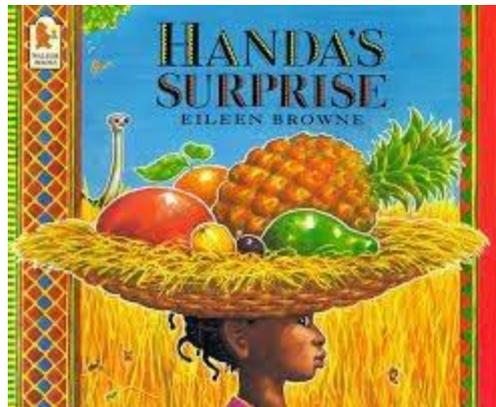
A huge thank you to all our families for your incredible generosity. It was overwhelming to see the donations given to help our local food banks. It is so important our children continue grow appreciating the importance of doing something kind for someone else.







## Creative Me - 'Handa's Surprise'



In the Nursery this week we have looking at the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne, as we explore different cultures as part of our Black History Month. The children have adored this story, exploring it further in their play. We have also been talking about our own life experiences through sensory play, including using different herbs to mix with dough, acting out what we have seen and experienced in our own homes. We will be taking this further, by using spices to create art pieces ... I wonder what memories will spark up.







Curious Me- Shadows



In 6S, we have been investigating the size of shadows. Children were curious to find out whether the size of shadows got bigger or smaller when the light was closer to the object. The experiment was lots of fun and children were able to take their puppet home to explore further.



## Creative Me - Ancient Greek Vases



In 4P, we have been looking at Ancient Greek vases and their significance. The children used their curiosity to find out how the vases would have been made and researched events and scenes from myths, sports, battles and daily life. They then used paint to re-create the different types of clay used and made their own Ancient Greek vases. Everyone challenged themselves and had lots of fun too!



## It's Good to Grow



We are collecting 'Grow Tokens' from Morrisons, in hopes of getting new gardening equipment for our keen Barnfield Gardeners. Each time you spend £10 and receive a token, be sure to bring it into school. Sally in the Nursery is leading the way with this, on a mission to get new tools for all our children with green thumbs.



## Car parking & dropping children to school



Please can we remind families to drive safely when picking / dropping children. Several neighbours have complained that cars are still blocking their driveways and that children are running in between cars, without looking. It has also been reported that a few Barnfield parents have been rude / aggressive when challenged about these issues. Can we respectfully remind everyone that we are all role models to the children around us. We have advised neighbours to call the police in these instances.

## On time for school



Unfortunately, we are still seeing a number of children arrive late for school. Children should be in their class for 8.55am.

Arriving after this time disrupts your child's day as lessons start promptly after registration. Children arriving late are missing key information being shared during this time. It is also very difficult for the office team as the office is often left unattended in order for late pupils to be walked to class.

Whilst we recognise it can be a challenge getting out on time please make sure you leave early enough to be in school for 8.55am.

From Monday 11th, the gates will be closing at 8.55am. Once the gate has closed, you will be asked to enter the school via the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Star of the week



1H

Hassan - For showing great resilience and not giving up when challenging himself.

1L

Amelia - For showing perseverance with her reading and as a result making improvements.

2A

Zayd - For persevering with work even when he found it challenging.

2CW

Sophia - For being a wonderful role model!

3H

Miranda - For excellent listening and focus during all lessons. Her contributions to class discussion have been fantastic as well.

3J

Wiktoria - For showing a very positive change in her attitude. You are showing so much maturity. We are very proud.

4P

Cristian - For respecting his work and always challenging himself.

4V

Yusuf Q - For always trying to see both sides of a situation and showing everyone respect and tolerance.

5G

Salma - For her huge enthusiasm towards learning and always taking pride in her work.

5S

Delia - For always doing the right thing and being such a kind and caring person in 5S.

6H

Nusayba - For being so strong and resilient.

6S

Amirah - Putting 100% effort in at all times

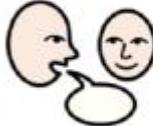
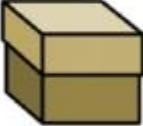
## Safeguarding



**It is the responsibility of everyone to keep our children safe. If you have a concern about a child please ask to speak to one of our Safeguarding Officers – Ms Golding, Jackie or Mr Moore.**

At Barnfield, we want everyone to be safe, healthy and happy.

**If something is wrong and you'd like to talk, we will listen!**

<p>Talk to an adult!</p> 	<p>Use the Worry Box</p> 	<p>Ask to see Ms Golding, Jackle or Mr Moore</p> 
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**Don't keep it a secret if anyone is:**

 <p>saying upsetting things</p>	 <p>not respecting your physical space</p>	 <p>forcing you do something</p>
 <p>hitting you or hurting you</p>	 <p>writing hurtful things</p>	 <p>using the internet to upset you</p>

## Office Notices



### Appointments

Parents should endeavour to make doctor/dentist appointments out of school hours, however, if this is not possible a copy of an appointment card must be shown at the office. We ask that parents do not pick up children from school for an appointment after 2.30pm as this can lead to distractions in their classrooms.

## **Absences**

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9.15am. You must contact the school every day of your child's absence. **School office 0208 952 6026**

From time to time, we know that children can be unwell with vomiting and diarrhoea. Please note that they should not return to school for **48 hours** after their last bout. We appreciate this is inconvenient, and you may not believe that your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we say this in **all** cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.

If your child develops a new persistent cough or high fever or loss of taste or smell then they must have a PCR test or stay at home for 10 days from when they first developed symptoms. If your child is unwell and they need to stay at home, we are asking you to work with us and arrange for a PCR test. This is to ensure we are continuing to work together to keep our community safe.

We will require proof of a negative PCR before your child is able to come back to school.

If you are in doubt, please call the school office for assistance.

Please use the link below to arrange a PCR test if required

PCR test booking

## **Uniforms**

If you have ordered uniform from our uniform stockist, Fosters School Wear and ask for it to be sent to the school, we will pass this on to the classroom teacher to be handed out at the end of the day. You will be notified by them when your purchases have been dispatched. Please note that deliveries can take up to 3 weeks.

If you have any issues with your purchase please contact Fosters by clicking on the **returns form** which is located on their website.

## **School Dinners**

Please make sure that you are up to date with your child's school dinner money payments. School dinners are £2.34 per day or £11.70 for the week. We need **two weeks notice** if you would like your child to change their lunch provision. If you have any issues regarding this please contact the office where Lorna & Siobhan will be happy to help.

## Term dates



Please click on the link below for our term dates

[2021 - 2022](#)