



*Creative Curious Healthy Empathetic Ambitious*  
DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

# BARNFIELD NEWS

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## Leading the way



Today our pupils found out who our school councillors are for this academic year. Pupils who were interested in this role were asked to create a presentation explaining how they demonstrate our school rules and values and why they would be excellent councillors. Their classmates then held a secret vote.

Our prefects organised and led their first whole school assembly, held virtually, to announce the news to everyone. There was lots of excitement in each class as the names were shared. It was also lovely to see lots of encouragement from other children who had put themselves forward but were not elected.

Well done to the following children who have been elected as councillors:

**1H** - Victoria & Josiah

**1L** - Reem & Ariana

**2A** - Sara & Aathith

**2CW** - Sophia & Sophie

**3H** - Leon & Salim

**3J** - Daniel & Reshaana

**4P** - Kevin & Stefan

**4V** - Alexandra & Yusuf Q

**5G** - Aaleyah & Josephine

**5S** - Ruby & Dev

We are looking forward to our first meeting next week and the children receiving their new badges.



## 'Dream. Believe. Achieve'



### **In our school, we want our pupils to 'Dream. Believe. Achieve'**

As a school community, we ultimately want our children to always be the best version of themselves. We recognise that everyone's best is different but each day we want our children to come to school and be inspired, motivated to work hard and therefore make great progress because they value their education. In order to achieve this, we have high expectations of all our children. It is important we promote this message together as school and family.

Ask your child this week how they have been....

1. Creative
2. Curious
3. Healthy
4. Empathetic

## 5. Ambitious



## Online Safety



Dear all,

Earlier this week we held an online workshop for our parents and a separate one for the children. Over the last year we have unfortunately seen a rise in Key Stage 2 in the number of incidents reported to us where children have had access to inappropriate images, language (including swearing and sexualised) and examples of unkind behaviour online. We have also seen a rise in our younger pupils playing aggressive games and copying this behaviour in the playground.

The workshop for parents contained lots of important information about how you can ensure you child is using the internet safely. The world of social media and online gaming changes rapidly so its

very important you know what apps / platforms your children are on and how secure these are. Despite sharing this information with families it was disheartening that only a handful attended.

During the sessions in school with Years 4, 5 and 6, it was very worrying to hear the large number of pupils who are still playing online games / viewing apps which are suitable only for young people aged 13+. This is a safeguarding concern and we will be contacting families individually of children who have shared this information.

Can I strongly encourage all parents to view the online safety workshop which was held in school. It can be accessed between now and Sunday 3rd October using the link below.

The session is one hour long and it contains essential information for keeping your children safe online.

The link is:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3648741849142607628>

Please do view this workshop to help ensure we are all working together and you are able to make informed decisions about what you let your children watch / interact with online.

I appreciate it is difficult when your child's friends are playing games / viewing platforms aimed at an older audience but, like all schools, we are seeing an increase in worrying behaviour from our young people as a direct result.

Please do speak to any member of the senior leadership team if you would like further information or support. Kind regards

Hello Yellow



Sunday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. Next Friday 8th October, our pupils and staff are asked to wear one item of yellow clothing or an accessory to show our support in raising awareness and understanding around mental health. The children will spend some time in class and during assemblies next week exploring the importance of maintaining good mental health and what this actually means. It will also link to our work on the zones of regulation. Please help us by making sure your child wears an item of yellow next Friday with their school uniform.



## Following the Rules - School Uniform



There are still some children who are not wearing the correct uniform. We appreciate there has been some supply issues but we have been informed that these have been resolved.

**Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform including the correct colour. This is not optional.**

Please remember that our school uniform can be purchased online

[School supplier](#)

### **Reception, Years 1 & 2**

Pupils are expected to wear white polo shirt (plain or logo) with **grey** plain trousers or skirt. Children also wear blue sweatshirts with the gold school logo. Children should wear black plain sensible school shoes. In the winter, black tights can be worn. Children may wear sensible black ankle boots in the colder weather.

On warmer days, blue and white checker dress / grey shorts can be worn.

[Reception, Years 1 & 2 Uniform](#)

### **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**

Pupils are expected to wear white school shirt with the school tie and a navy v neck jumper with the gold school logo. Pupils wear grey trousers / skirt on their bottom part.

All children must wear plain black sensible school shoes. Children may wear sensible black ankle boots in the colder weather.

On warmer days, blue and white checker dress / grey shorts can be worn.

Girls are able to wear plain dark hijabs with their winter uniform and a white hijab with the summer uniform.

[Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Uniform](#)

## **ALL CHILDREN**

On PE and Games days, all children are expected to wear their PE uniform for the whole day.

This consists of a white t shirt (plain or with school logo), plain navy shorts and black / white trainers.

On colder days, children are able to wear navy PE sweatshirts with the white school logo and navy jogging bottoms (with or without school logo).

**Please note the sweatshirt for PE/Games is navy with the white school logo. This should only be worn as part of the PE uniform.**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform.







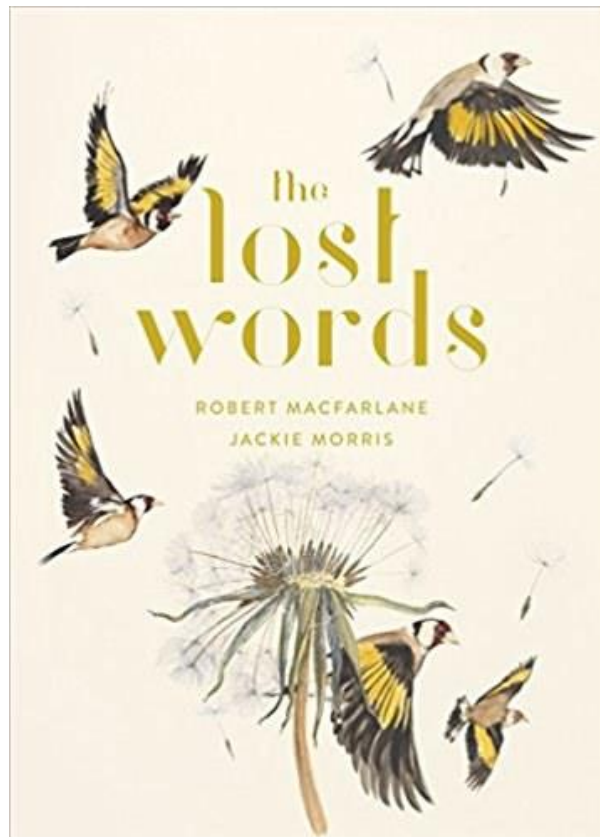
Healthy me...working with Bees Academy & Cannons High School



This year we have partnered up with Cannons High School and Bees Academy (which is part of the HIVE foundation with Barnet Football club) to give our boys in years 5 & 6 the opportunity to develop their fitness and football skills.

Our boys had their first training session this week which they thoroughly enjoyed. It was a great opportunity for the boys to work with a professional coach who was keen to put them through their paces. We hope to compete in a mini league with Woodcroft, Edgware and Broadfields later this term. Look out for further updates.

## Curious me - Lost Words



Year 5 have been immersed in the book *Lost Words*, a truly stunning book which shares with the reader words associated with nature which have become lost during childhood in the 21st century. Motivated to write their own poems based on these words, year 5 took a trip to Silkstream park this week where they listened attentively to the sounds of nature for inspiration. They came up with some great phrases.

Look out for their work next week!

## 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.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Covid update



If your child is unwell enough to be at school, 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.

This week we have had a positive case in year 4.

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.

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](#)

## Arbor



Please can we remind parents to log on to Arbor and check your personal details. If any of your personal information changes, including your mobile number or email address, you are able to change this on Arbor. Please also make sure your child has 2 different emergency contact numbers.

**Parents also need to update the consent forms for local trips and the use of digital images. This is really important.**

If you are experiencing any problems accessing Arbor, please call the school office and Lorna or Siobhan will be happy to help.

## 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.

## Car Parking



Unfortunately, we have received some complaints this week from residents who live on Silkstream and Gaskarth Road about families parking across their drives during morning drop offs and afternoon collections. Please can we respectfully remind our families to show responsibility and not park across drives even if it is for a short time. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

## Star of the week



Well done to our stars of the week, keep up the amazing work and positive attitude to learning

1H Fatima

For being a responsible and respectful member of the class.

1L Alessia

For always contributing in class and sharing her wonderful ideas.

2A Jola

For being a respectful and kind member of the class.

2CW Sophie

For being a super helpful and caring member of the class!

3H Salim

Positive attitude towards learning

3J Mohammed H

For settling into school so well. You are such a happy, lovely boy and a great addition to the class.

4P Levi

For always taking care of his belongings in class and outside.

4V Neda

For producing such creative project work and having such pride in her efforts

5G Whole Class

For fabulous progression in your swimming which was down to your super star behaviour

5S Aisha J

For an improvement in her learning and focus

6H Weston

For showing a positive attitude towards learning.

6S Haseeb

For an amazing attitude towards learning





## 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**

If your child has any of the following symptoms, we will require a PCR test to be carried out: Cough, Fever, loss of smell/taste. If you do not wish to order a PCR test, your child will need to be off school for 10 days isolating. We will not accept Lateral Flow tests that are carried out at home. All results must be sent to the school office. [office@barnfield.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@barnfield.barnetmail.net)

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.

## 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.

## Tree Top Half Term Club



Tree Tops Club, who are the company that provides our families with afterschool club will be hosting a Half Term Club. For more information please go to [www.treetopsclubs.co.uk](http://www.treetopsclubs.co.uk) If you book before 3rd October there is a 10% discount.

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## Term dates



Please click on the link below for our term dates

[2021 - 2022](#)