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# BARNFIELD NEWS

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## Reception Admissions

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Parents and carers of children who are due to start Reception in September 2022 (**born in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 2017, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, July, Aug 2018**) are reminded that school applications are now open. Please check individual school websites for confirmation of their open day. 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

**Applications are due by 15th January.**

## SAFEGUARDING - SQUID GAME



Squid Game is a **MA** rating which means for **Mature Audience**. This programme contains nudity, violence, profanity, reference to drug taking and intense frightening scenes.

This programme is **NOT** appropriate for primary aged pupils to view. Parents and guardians have a responsibility to monitor the viewing habits of children at home. **Please keep your children safe.**

## Covid Communication



Email sent to families on 17th October:

Dear families,

Over the last 24 hours we have been informed of 4 positive cases in Year 1, 3 and 5.

Whilst schools are no longer responsible for track and trace, it is important you are aware of the cases in our community so you can be proactive in looking after your family.

Staff will continue to ensure pupils participate in regular handwashing, classes will remain well ventilated and high touch points are regularly cleaned throughout the day.

We are asking you to continue to work with us by:

- If your child has a new persistent cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell to book a PCR test and inform the school.
- If they generally feel unwell, including headache or tiredness, please use a LFT at home.
- As a family, regular use LFTs at home, even if no one is showing any symptoms.

We are very aware that there is lots of germs flying around. If your child is unwell enough to be at school, we will ask that you do a LFT in the first instance.

If they have one of the three symptoms, they will need to have a PCR or stay at home for 10 days. Results should be sent to [medical@barnfield.barnetmail.net](mailto:medical@barnfield.barnetmail.net)

If someone in your household tests positive, we will ask the children have a PCR to identify if they are a-symptomatic (showing no symptoms)

This is in line with Government guidance and our school risk assessment.

Families can use this link to order LFTs and collect from local chemists / supermarkets.

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits>

Thank you in advance

## Following the Rules - School Uniform



There are still some children who are not wearing the correct uniform.

**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.

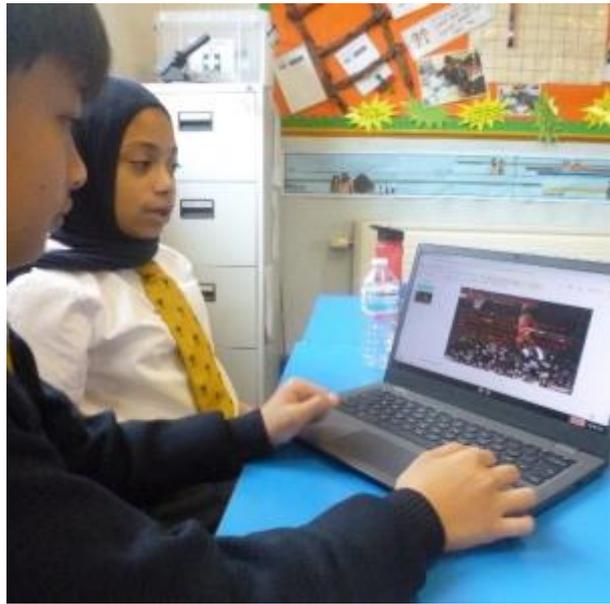




## Black History Month



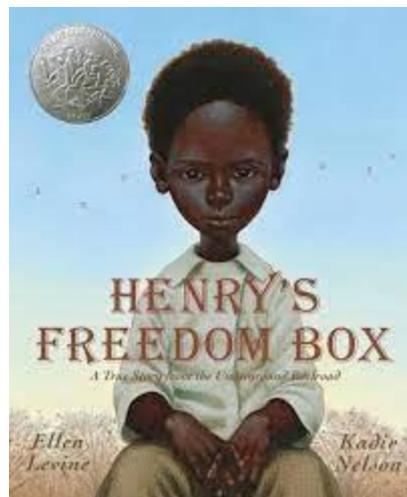
For the month of October, we explored important figures and moments in Black History, both around the world and here in Britain. We took this as a time to also reflect upon the contribution we make to our own communities, along with exploring and celebrating our richly diverse Barnfield family and its heritage, fully embracing this year's theme 'Proud to be ...'. Texts such as *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o, *I am Enough* by activist Grace Byers and *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine, helped the children to learn about important themes. Our year 3 children wrote poetry after looking at Maya Angelou's 'Caged Bird', whilst our Nursery children got cooking with 'What's in the Pan Man?' exploring the flavours of the Caribbean. Our year 5 children created 'Empire Windrush' as their DT Moving Toy, to coincide with learning about the Windrush generation and their immense contribution to Britain. Year 1 finished BHM with some of our parents bringing in food from their culture, whilst sharing stories of their heritage.



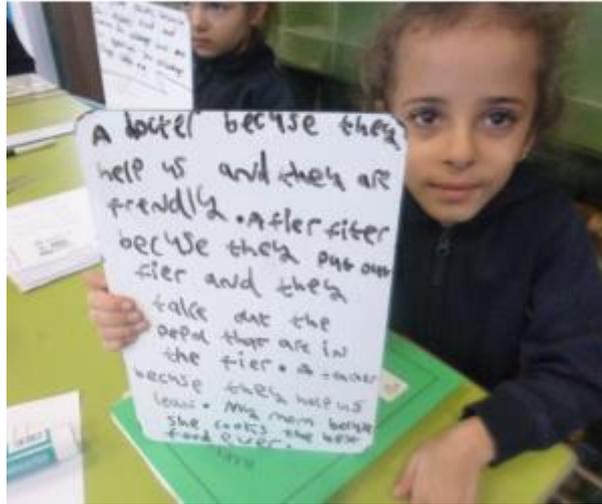




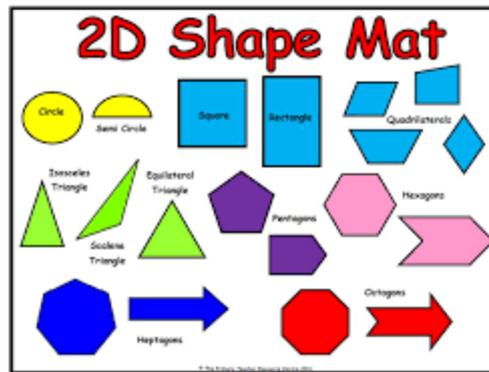
## Empathetic Me - Henry's Freedom Box



Before half term, 3J have been reading the Book 'Henry's Freedom box' by Ellen Levine to celebrate Black History Month. We looked at different people who have been inspirational and we discussed who inspires us. We did some role play activities linked to the book, where we hot seated Henry and asked him about how he was feeling about being a slave and not having any freedom. We then discussed what freedom is and how it looks for us now. We have also written poems about Henry's feelings about wanting to be free. The children have worked so hard and have shown so much empathy with the characters in the story which has been so lovely.



## Curious Me - 2D Shapes

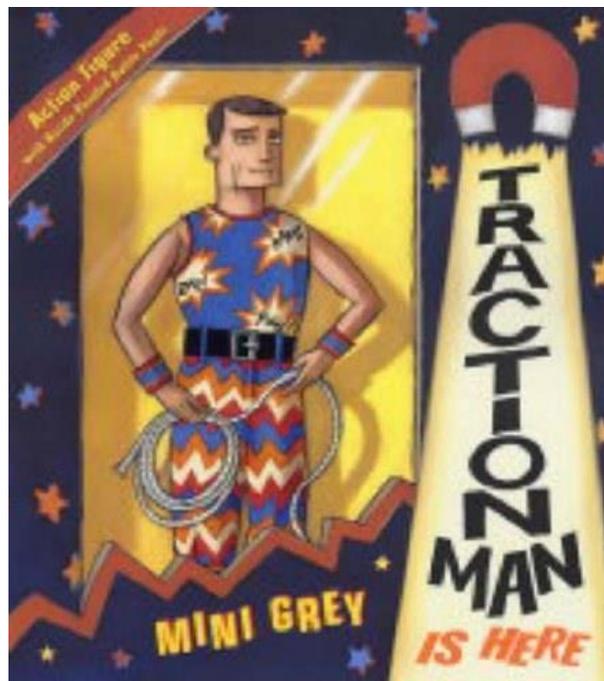


In Maths we have been learning all about 2D shapes. We have had lots of fun using our imagination with the magnetic shapes to create our pictures. When we made our pictures using the tap tap we named the shapes and talked about how many sides and corners the shapes have. Great work RR !





## Curious Me - Traction Man



In Literacy this week we have started a new book 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. The children had lots of fun being creative using props to act out scenes of the book and make up their own narrative. They have shown curiosity by predicting what the book would be about by looking at the pictures and asking lots of questions about events and illustrations in the book. Well done 1L!



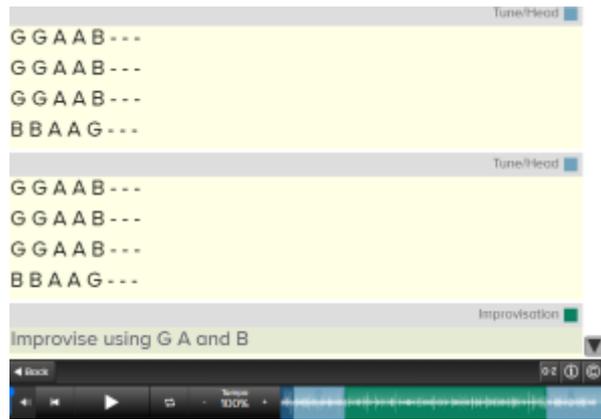
## Creative Me - Music



5G were really creative in music this week, using their body parts as percussion. Each group had lots of fun improvising making the

notes G – A - B and playing as a group. Their timing was brilliant!





## ONLINE SAFETY



### Online Safety

Parents/carers, please have a look at the "Undressed" resources at <https://undressed.lgfl.net/>

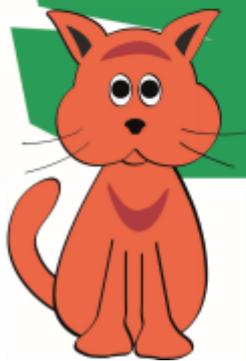
We want parents to spread the message of *Undressed* to the very youngest primary pupils because law enforcement agencies such as NCA CEOP have repeatedly warned about sexual predators tricking young children into getting changed or undressed on camera by playing a 'game'

or issuing a 'challenge' to see how fast they can get changed into different clothes or into a swimming costume. This might happen over video chat or livestreaming app; children often don't even know this has happened; videos are often taken and then circulated.

The Internet Watch Foundation has identified an increase in this trend during 2020 ([IWF annual report](#)) - and it's important to recognise that this happens in regular, safe families, while parents are in the house...sometimes the analysts notice the recording ending when a child is called for dinner! So this is something that affects all families.

Please discuss the song and Powerpoint with your children at home.

I never get undressed  
or change my clothes  
when I'm on camera



LGfL

DigiSafe

## On time for school



**We have noticed that a lot of children are arriving at the school gate very early. Please make sure children do not arrive before 8.45am as the gate is used by car/vans and delivery lorry's in the morning. We can not be held responsible for any child that arrives before school starts and children should be supervised until the gate opens**

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. Please bring your children to the school office so that they can be marked in, otherwise you may be contacted. **If your child is late to school, we are now required by Barnet Council to make a note of the reason for lateness and may result in a fine.**

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Star of the week



1H

Yusuf - For always being respectful, responsible and ready to learn.

1L

Elianna - for showing a great attitude towards learning and trying her best

2A

Dhilan - for being such a great role model in the class

2CW

Bilal - for a wonderful start to the half term. He is setting a fantastic example to the other children by being ready to learn, respectful and responsible.

3H

Arnav - For showing a great work ethic and always being the best, he can be. Well done Arnav!

3J

Ayla - Amazing Topic Work

4P

Leah - For having such a positive attitude in school!

4V

Yusuf A - Great effort in Numeracy this week.

5G

Kerdie - Wonderful sharing of ideas in class discussions

5S

Mia - For putting so much effort into keeping our book corner so tidy. Well done Mia!

6H

Jayden - for being so polite and having a positive attitude.

6S

David - Making a big improvement in effort this week

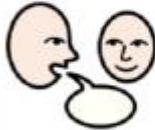
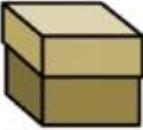
## Safeguarding



**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!**

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

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

## 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.



## Office Notices

# Office

### 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.

**If your child is absent for any reason, please make sure you inform the school office not just the teacher/pastoral care as sometimes the messages do not get passed on and it may result in you being contacted.**

### 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.

### School Dinners

Please find attached the new school dinner menu from our caterers ISS. This will run until Easter Holidays. 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.

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### Term dates



Please click on the link below for our term dates

[2021 - 2022](#)