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Reflections on our half term



This has been a very busy and productive half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our recent creativity week and it has been inspiring listening and seeing their interpretations around the theme of 'journey'. We have also been impressed with how our children have started to think about their own aspirations linked to our Compass for Life project. We will be sharing more of this with you after half term.

We would also like to thank our families for your continued support over this half term by making sure we abide by our risk assessment. It has been a very challenging half term with increased staff absence and self-isolation periods. Your support, understanding and flexibility is truly appreciated.

We hope after half term we can start to do more activities and workshops where we welcome our families back into our school community.

Have a restful and wonderful half term holiday, we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 21st February.

Local Heroes Celebrated



You may have seen this week that some amazing posters have been displayed outside Burnt Oak library celebrating our local heroes. This was an initiative created by Barnet Council to share the pride and gratitude we have towards our local residents who go above and beyond.

<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/burntoak-town-centre-heroes>

We are so proud that one of our parents, Inass Ibrahim has been chosen as one of the local heroes. Many families will know that Inass works tirelessly within the community, providing many forms of support that is greatly appreciated.

We asked Inass's three daughters to share with us what they think about their Mum's incredible achievements:

Our mum was chosen as a community hero. She helps and supports families that live in Burnt Oak. Our mum gives up her time to organise fairs and trips for families. She also gives up her Thursdays to run the food bank that helps lots of family. I am very proud of my mum. By Amaya Miah 5G

I feel very happy when I see my mum's pictures. I feel proud that mummy always tries her best. By Sara Miah 2A

When I see my mum's photo at the library. I point and always say "look it's mummy's picture!" I smile and feel very happy. Sophia Miah 2CW



Barnfield School Community



Dear Barnfield Community,

We need your help! We are looking to renovate the old caretakers house to create a nurturing space to host future learning experiences for our children.

The house has great potential, but needs much love including a deep clean, painting, some physical maintenance such as sanding and woodwork.

In order to make this a safe, working space for the children, we need volunteers to help us achieve this. If you have skills in construction, are handy with a paintbrush or are a master with a sponge, we'd appreciate your time and support.

Please let the school know by emailing office@barnfield.barnetmail.net if you could support us with this endeavour. We aim to start this project after half term.

Sharyn Biggs

Talent Show



In aid of Comic Relief, the Y6 prefects and school Councillors are organising 'Barnfield Has Talent'.

Children are encouraged to audition in their classes after half term. Acts can be individual or group performances. The cost to audition is 50p. The top two acts from each class will go through to the grand final.

We cant wait to see the many talents we know pupils at Barnfield have

Get practising over half term

Y6 Prefects

Healthy Me - 5S



In PE this week Year 5 continued to develop their Tag Rugby skills in outdoor PE. Year 5 done a brilliant job having playing in teams against each other and following all the rules of rugby.

Creativity Week



In week 5, Barnfield held its annual Creativity Week, with this year's theme being 'Journeys', inspired by our new programme 'Compass for Life'. Each year group had a focus art piece that explored the term 'journeys', creating opportunities for the children to talk about their own journeys in life, their hopes and dreams, as well the magical element of journeys. Artists explored included work by Yinka Shonibare, David Hockney, author/illustrator Aaron Becker, Aboriginal artist Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri, Vincent van Gogh, Salvador Dali and Russian artist Victor Bregeda. The children explored their focus piece, pulling it apart across the curriculum. Yet again, our Barnfield artists inspired us with their creative thinking. We will be holding a gallery event in the new term to showcase the creations made by the children, so keep watch for dates.

A big thank you to families who donated to class funds, your contribution helped the week to be a success.











Sound Communities



The Nursery are participating in a Barnet Music Project called Sound Communities. Each week we are visited by our tutor Ellie, who supports both the children and the teaching staff with their skills in music. This project has inspired our creativity in the Nursery, along with developed the children's listening skills. We have discovered through this learning process, that our Nursery children have such a spark for expressing themselves musically, our tutor each week is amazed with the new discoveries the children are making.





Creative Me - Reception



This week Reception have continued to enjoy the Chinese New Year celebrations, there were many conversations about The Great Race and how the twelve animals were chosen. The children have been making amazing art pieces like lanterns using a variety of collage materials and paint to create tiger prints because this year is known as the Tiger Year. The children have really enjoyed themselves and it has been a great opportunity to celebrate the diversity in our classes.







National Inventors' Day Competition!



Friday 11th February marked National Inventors' Day in the UK. Barnfield has had an inventor competition to celebrate the important work inventors have done for the world and the contributions were AMAZING! Every entry could have won the competition, but Miss Parr finally managed to choose a winner for each year group:

Reception- Dea

Year 1- Lake

Year 2- Jola

Year 3- Leen

Year 4- Faz

Year 5-Aisha

Year 6- Elham

Thank you to everyone who participated, you are all true inventors!







Star of the week



1L

Simon - For showing empathy towards others and looking out for his peers.

2A

Aryan - For being such a wonderful role model in 2A!

2CW

Tuleen - For being calm, resilient, responsible and hardworking.

3H

Munibah - For always being a positive person and showing so much more confidence.

3J

Maya - For working really hard in Numeracy. You are showing so much resilience. Well done.

4P

Aylin - For being an amazing friend to everyone around her!

5G

Nicolas - For being honest and taking responsibility for his learning.

5S

Leila - Always having a positive attitude towards and showing good empathy to others.

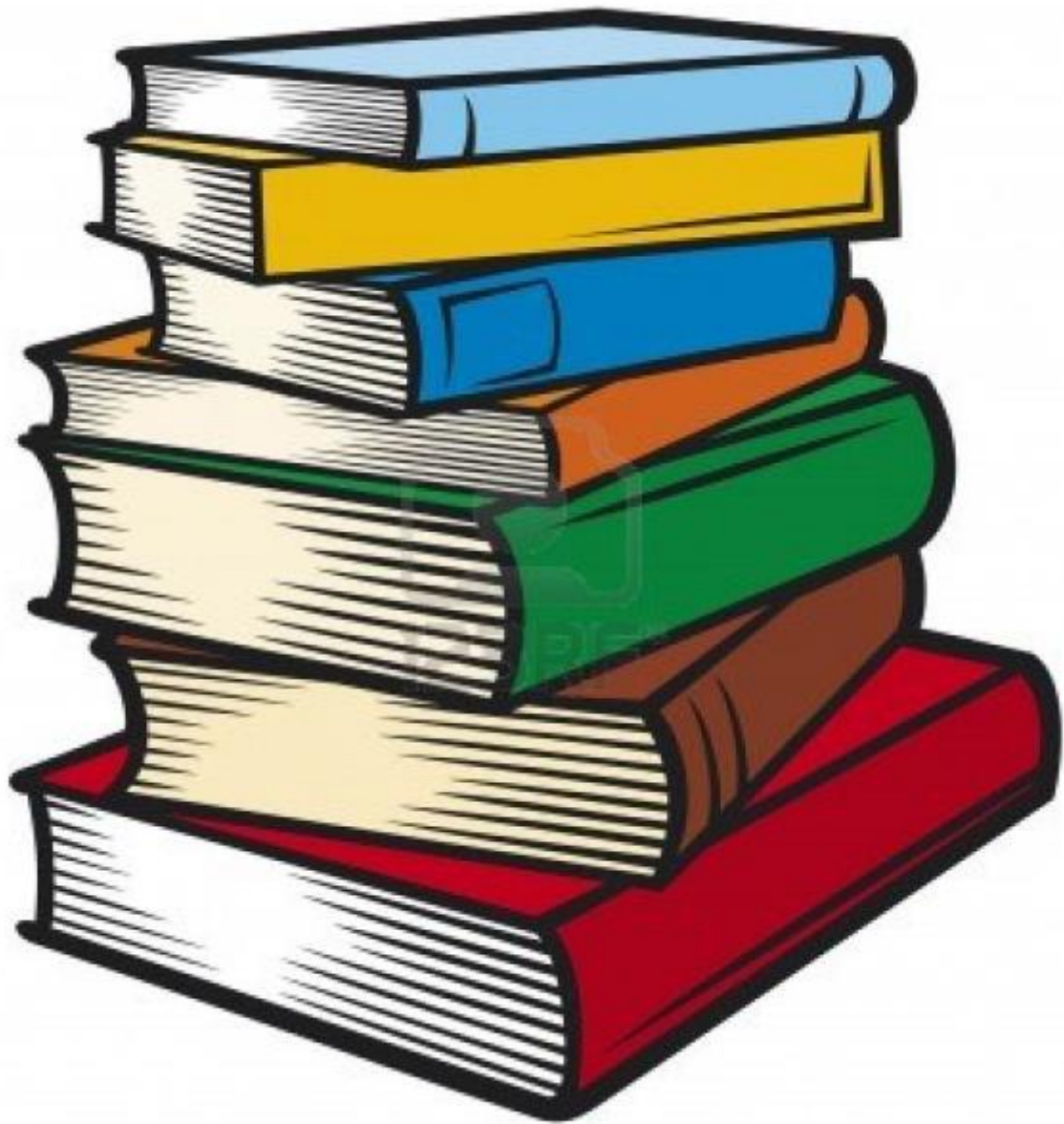
6H

Amira - Setting good examples

6S

Nati - Showing responsibility for own learning and being a great role model.

School Library



Our School Library Needs You!

Do you have any unwanted, good quality children's books at home?

Our school library would love to have them.

Please bring them to the school office between Monday 21st – Friday 25th February.

Thank You

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School Uniform



Fosters Schoolwear, our uniform stockist, has announced that they are running a promotional **10% stock clearance discount** until the end of February.

Unfortunately this offer is **NOT** available online, however, this offer is available in their Bishops Stortford shop, (hours are Monday – Friday 9am-5pm) and for those parents who are unable to visit our shop we will be taking telephone orders on 01279 653865.

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday 8th February, it was Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was "All Fun and Games".

We had assemblies in school focussing on having fun online, how we should behave online and how to stay safe on our devices.

Please use these resources with your family at home to support discussions about how we can develop supportive relationships and respectful communicates online.

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Online Safety



Please find attached this weeks online safety guide for this week.

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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, Jackie 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



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.

Term dates



Please click on the link below for our term dates.

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