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Our value of the week - Empathy



As part of our work with Compass for life, this week in assembly we spoke about the value of empathy. We explored the phrase 'walking in someone's shoes' and the difference between showing empathy and sympathy.

Our children have been set the task of showing better empathy in situations at school, thinking more about someone else's perspective and not just their own.

Next week we will explore how they found this challenge and what happened as a result.

It would be helpful if you could ask your child how they demonstrated empathy?

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

Goodbye Jay!



Sadly our fabulous site manager, Jay Drury, will be leaving us at half term. Jay started Barnfield in the Summer of 2020, in the midst of a global pandemic. He has been instrumental in helping prepare the

school for the wider return of children after each lockdown, helping to keep our school clean and safe and being a wonderful, cheerful and friendly face on the gate. We will miss Jay lots. Thank you Jay for all your help and support and we wish you luck in your next adventure.

Road Safety Awareness



We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children who are running across the junction between Silkstream and Barnfield Road. Often children are running out, (with adults) without looking both ways to check for vehicles. We fear an accident may happen.

Please keep children close to you, especially younger ones, as you cross the local roads. All lone walkers should be confident with keeping themselves safe. If we have any concerns we will contact individual families.

Creative Me - 6S



We have been enjoying creativity week in 6S. All our work is based on 'Ship with butterfly sails' by Salvador Dali. We used clay to create the base of the boat and have been designing our own species of butterfly to attach to our ships.



Creative & Curious Me - RR



In Reception we have been exploring the bright colours and shapes that Clarice Cliff used when she decorated her pottery. We were curious to use vegetables to print and create pictures of flowers. The children were amazed to see the flower pattern created by the okra when it was cut in half.







Star of the week



1H

Anusha - For working hard in every lesson and employing her Compass for Life strategies.

1L

Ariana - For always being an honest member of the class.

2A

Zayd - For having such wonderful contributions to our lessons, especially in Literacy!

2CW

Angayatkanni - For always being respectful and extremely hard working!

3H

Leen - For always being a positive person in school and helping others

4P

Kushagra - For being empathic in the playground!

4V

All of 4V - Mr Nixon feedback that this were one of the most respectful and polite classes he has taught.

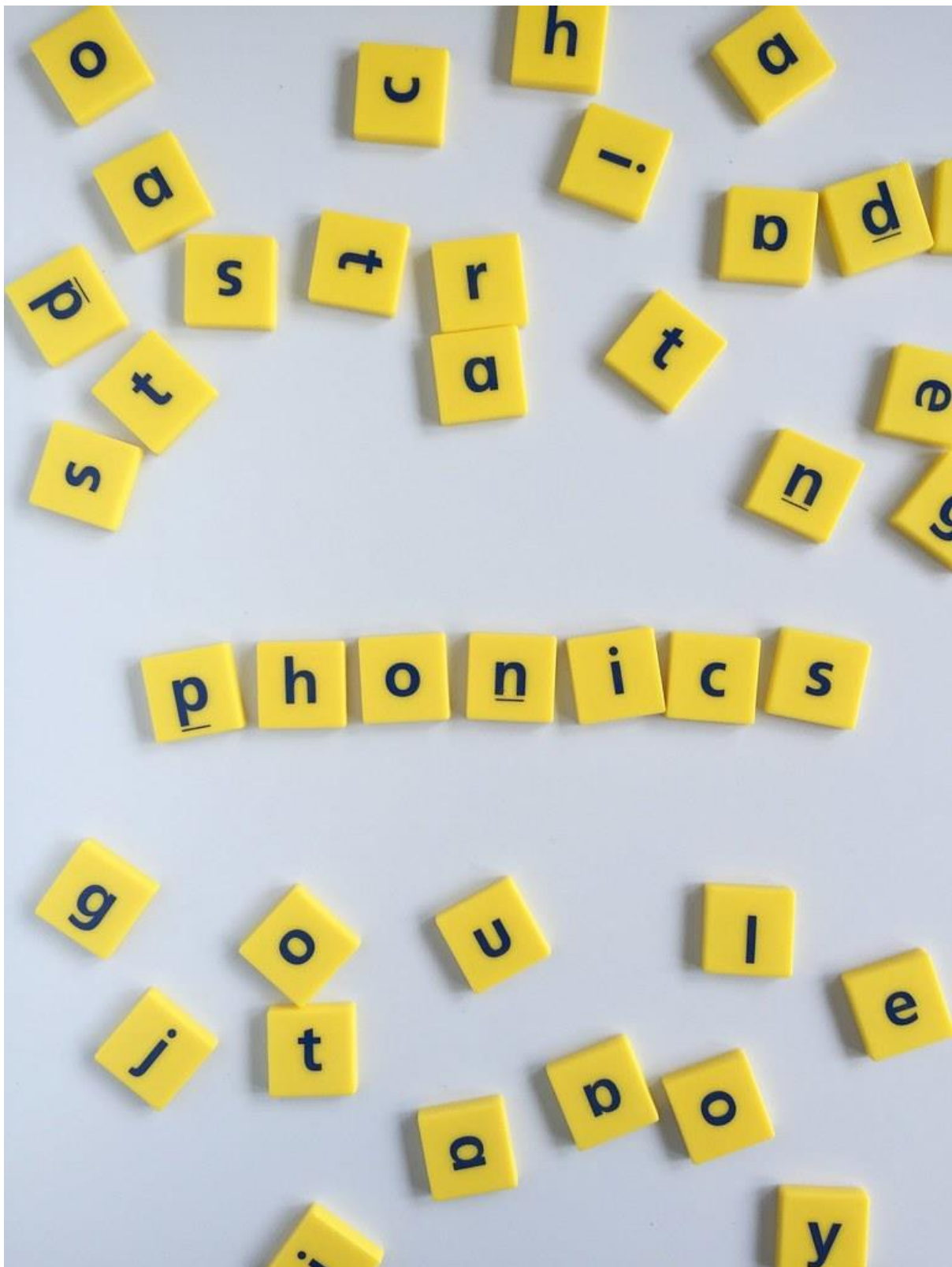
5G

Ishaan - For his abundant love of learning, which brings a warmth to the class and inspires others to be the best they can be.

5S

Maddie - For always showing honesty and integrity in the class and playground.

Phonics Workshop

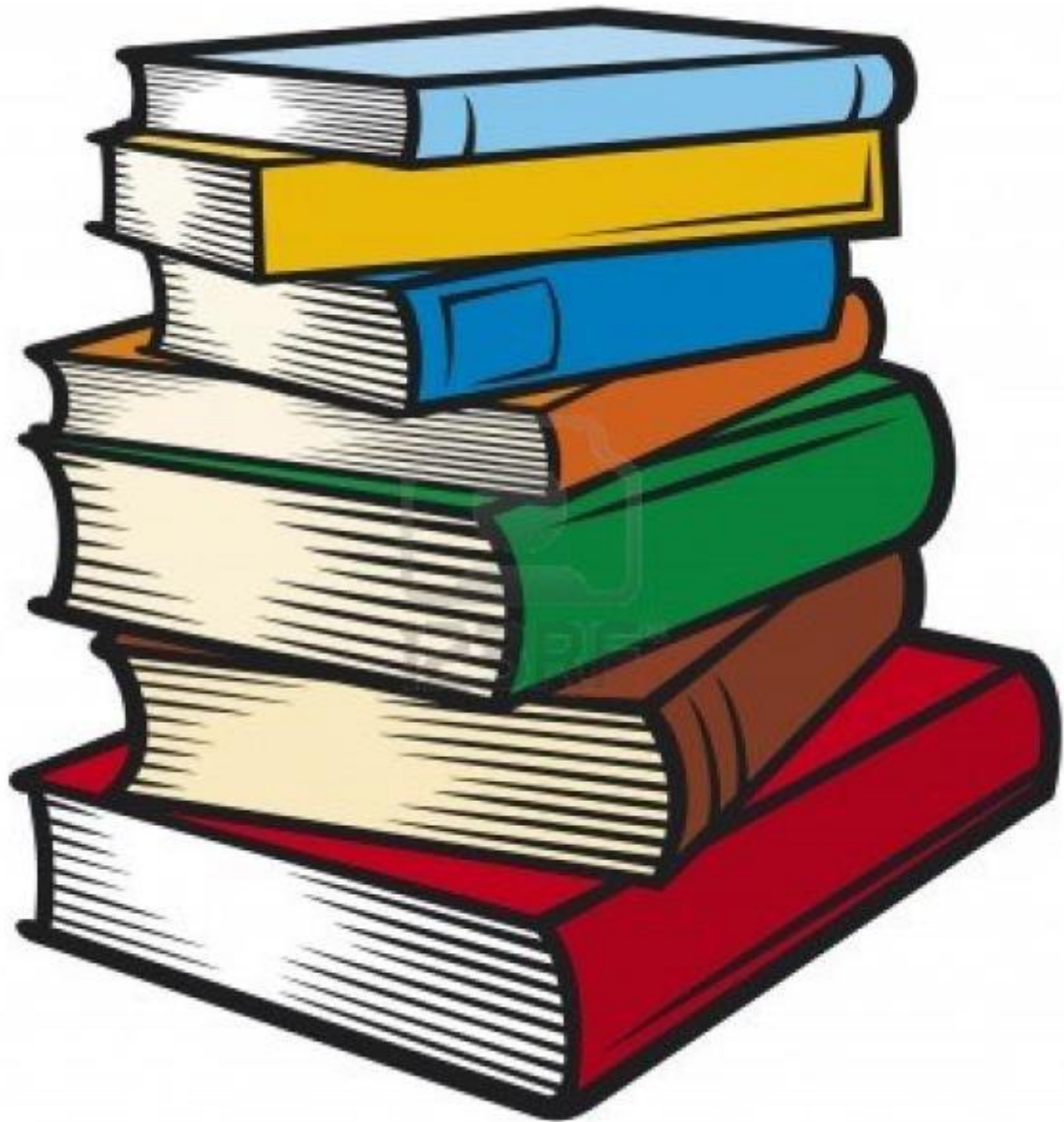


Thank you so much to all the parents/carers who attended our phonics workshop on Monday morning! It was wonderful that you were able to come and learn about how to support your child at home.

If you were unable to attend, please read the information on our Powerpoint saved at <https://barnfieldschool.co.uk/key-information/phonics/>

There is also a recording of last year's workshop on this page!

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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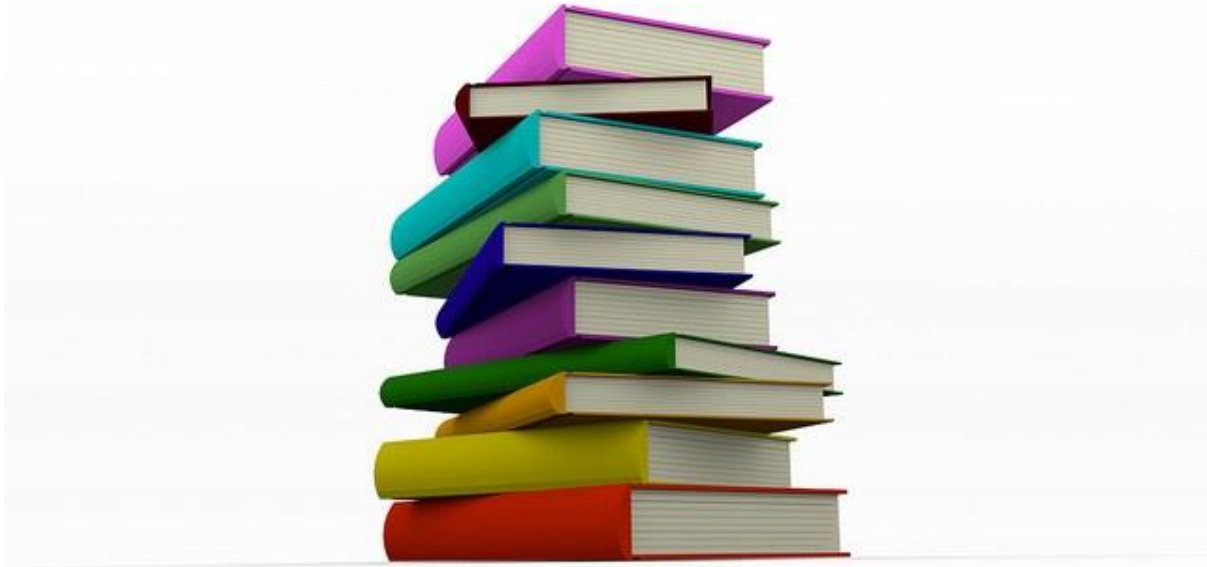
Inventors Day



We are celebrating National Inventors Day on **Friday 11th February**. Please find attached our poster inviting our children to take part in the **INVENTOR CHALLENGE**.

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Staff Book Recommendations



A book recommendation from Miss Biggs- 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox

A graphic featuring a central photograph of a woman (Miss Biggs) holding a copy of the book 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox. The book cover shows a possum and a magpie. Surrounding the photo are several text boxes with questions and answers.

What is your favourite book?
Who is your favourite author?
Who is your favourite character?
What do you like about reading?

When I was in primary school I loved listening to my year 4 teacher read stories to us at the end of the day. I loved where my imagination would take me, listening to words being read with such emotion.

The author Mem Fox is a national treasure in my hometown Australia. I grew up listening her stories that were often magical, featuring Australian animals, beautiful illustrations and well as rhyming. When I was in primary school, I was lucky enough to read 'Possum Magic' at a presentation she was giving. It was able to tell her how much joy I got from making her books and how her stories helped to whittle my imagination away.

Term Dates for September 2022



Please find attached the term dates for 2022-2023. You can also find this on our website.

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School Uniform



There are still a high number of children that arrive to school wearing incorrect uniform. Please find below the correct uniform that your child should be wearing. From January 2022, any child that is wearing incorrect uniform, will be sent to the Phase Leader and will be given borrowed uniform for example tie, jumper, plimsols. A message will also be sent home notifying you that your child has come in with incorrect uniform. If you have any issues with your child's school uniform please contact the office and they will be happy to help.

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.





On time for School



We continue to see a high volume of children arriving late to school still. From January 2022, the following will be happening:

- **Both gates will be closing at 8.55am sharp.**
- **Any children arriving late will need to be brought into the office by their parent/guardian and signed in. Please do NOT leave any children at the gate by themselves.**
- **Time of arrival will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer who will arrange meetings to discuss the punctuality of children who are regularly late to school.**

Arriving after this 8.55am, 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 know how busy the beginning of the day is for families, it is important our pupils are in school on time.

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



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.

[2021 - 2022](#)