

# Barrow Hedgelines Issue 192

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## **STAFF NEWS**

We welcome Miss Ayla Zafer (Y5 teacher), Mr Lawrence Dunant (Y3 teacher), Miss Tina Flayer (Reception teacher) and Mr Martyn Arthur (Reception - Senior Teaching Assistant) to our team.

We also welcome back many of the teachers who were on maternity leave (Mrs Paull will be returning on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October) and we also welcome also Mrs Lauren Thompson to the role of KS2 Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA).

Many of you will have heard that Mr Tom Dunwoody was able to pop in at the last minute on the last day of term. Walnut Class (now Y5 Beech) were able to say hello to him. We are really pleased that he will be volunteering in Year 4 each Thursday.

### **MRS MORRISON (TA) RETIRES**

We said a farewell to Mrs Marie Morrison who retired at the end of last year, after ten years of service at Barrow Hedges (and many more years previously at other schools). Mrs Morrison has worked in a variety of Year Groups in her time at Barrow Hedges, but latterly in Year 6. She will be missed and we wish her well for new adventures ahead.

## MISS LUCAS

All the very best to Miss Lucas who jets off to Australia on the 29<sup>th</sup> for her year's sabbatical. See you in September 2018!

### **MEET THE TEACHERS**

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended these events. If

you were unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation is accessible on our website:

http://www.barrowhedges.com/

under the 'Parents/Parent Information Slides' tab.



### SUMMER WORKS

The summer holidays was a busy time regarding the school premises; the hall floor was replaced, the huts were removed and we have had a new circulation corridor created for EYFS to the main school (so they link internally instead of having to go outside. This has also allowed us to create a Small Groups Room, Mr Lowes' new office space and a Sensory Room (currently just a shell which will be completed as the term progresses).

The removal of the huts over the summer has also given us more playground space. This has allowed us to create zones for the children to play in at lunchtime.



This means we can finally get the playground designers in to start the long overdue process of improving our outdoor areas and using some of the funds raised from PTA events last year and preceding years. Watch this space for news on this!



Internally we have started to make better use of the new spaces (you will appreciate that in a busy, bustling school the priority was to get the Year 6 classrooms up and running and then to gradually see how the spaces were used). Our Library and Studio Hall are fully operational with Wider Opps (Y4 music with Mr Brooker) now taking place in here.



We have created a small Peripatetic room for individual and small group music tuition.

In the Year 5/6 corridors we have the four Building Learning Power Characters on display.



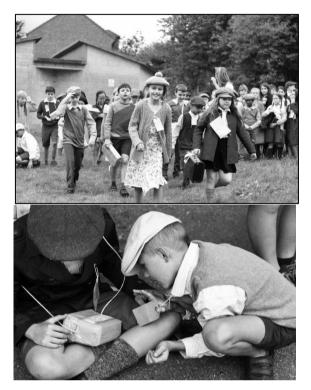
We will be working towards making the Discovery Hub a more inviting space.

### **ENGAGE EVENTS**

The pupils have all started their topic work and taken part in Engage events.

Below is a flavour of these events across the year groups. (Year 6 stunning photography from Mr Pearce – Sycamore Class Teacher) ...

Y6 - 'A Child's War'













Y5 - 'Scream Machine' By Elizabeth Berry & Leo Caustom-Rosom (Beech Class)



As we approached the robust gates, we were full of excitement. An array of colours splashed against our dazzling eyes as we carefully thought about which ride we should go on first. Eventually, we decided that the calm Gruffalo ride was best. After the gentle peaceful trip, everyone in our group agreed we should have some excitement! We impatiently gueued up for the vicious Vampire rollercoaster, not knowing what was in store for us... the day was spent punishing people's ears because we were screaming so loudly until it was time for the workshop. Where we learnt about the engineering and force used to make the scream machines work.

> Y4 - 'I am Warrior' By Jessie Sole & Laavanya Kirushanthan (Maple Class)



Last week it was Year 4's Romans Day! We learnt lots about Roman numerals and came in dressed up as Romans ready to learn about lots of interesting facts and to experience what it would have been like living in Roman Britain.



We learnt about their daily life and we got to play some Roman games. We participated in learning how they fought together and what they wore during battle, we even to go to recreate a fearsome battle against Boudicca and her mighty warriors!



At the end of the day, some of us got to act as if they were gladiators fighting for our entertainment whilst our teachers judged.

Overall Roman Day was a stupendous day to participate, learn and have fun!



Y3 - ''Gods and Mortals' By Miss Cheetham (Year 3 Group Leader)



For Year 3's 'Engage' event, we took part in an Ancient Greek workshop. Everybody dressed up as an Ancient Greek God, Goddess or soldier. We had of fun playing the lots game Petteia which was originally played by Achilles in the great story about the Trojan War and even took part in our own version of Sparta vs Athens mini-Olympics! It was very exciting and was close in score throughout. In the end, Athens won by just a few points. A great day full of Ancient Greek fun!

## Y2 - 'Street Detectives' By Sam Morrin and Noah DeVilliers (Robin Class)

In Year 2 we recently had a treasure hunt. The morning started with Miss Wilson reading out a letter left in our classroom from 'Rotten Tomato' and 'Scabby Cabbage'. The letter told us that they had stolen all our treats for our afternoon activities (making chocolate rice-crispy cakes.)

The letter gave us the first in a series of direction clues to follow in order to get to solve further puzzles and directions.

We solved 10 puzzles in all. At the end we got directed to a massive '**X**' on a door. We unlocked the door and went in; there was a rotten smell! However we saw what had been stolen sitting in the middle of the room. We had recovered our ingredients – so could make chocolate crispy cakes after all.

#### Y1 - 'Memory Box' By Miss Pericleous (Y1 Year Group Leader)

Year one have had a really exciting couple of weeks! We were very lucky to have two special visitors in to talk about their own experiences. Mrs Drew came to talk to us all about her childhood in Wales and how different it was without current technology and television. She showed us a cardboard strip that she used to use to slide down hills!



We also had a fantastic visit from Mrs Hayes and her daughter Poppy. Mrs Hayes talked all about how Poppy was growing and changing since being born and the things she liked to do currently. We asked lots of questions and talked about what we could remember about being younger.





A reminder please to use '*The Giving Machine'* when you spend online to raise money for Barrow Hedges, at no cost to you. It is a



website with links to all the best-known shopping sites: Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis and hundreds of others including supermarkets such as Tesco and Sainsbury's (and even eBay). Just register at: www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

#### **CROWN AGENTS**



A huge thank you to Crown Agents; due to relocating to Inner London they have donated a huge

amount of office furniture to the school. This has saved us a vast amount of money. Some of you may have seen some of this at pick up on Friday with Mr Holt (our Assistant Site Supervisor) wondering how he would get it all in the school building before closing time!



## Extract from Sutton Music Services September Update:

Huge congratulations Luke Thornton from Barrow Hedges Primary School, who has been awarded a London Music Fund scholarship.

Luke is a member of Sutton Youth Training Band and receives trombone lessons with Roger Willey at Saturday Music School. Luke's initial musical training came through early year's music classes with our hub partners, Primo Music. He will receive his scholarship on Monday 25 September in a special ceremony at London's City Hall.

The London Music Fund (formerly Mayor's Music Fund) is an independent charity with the Mayor of London as Patron. Working closely with London Music Education Hubs, they provide grants of around £300,000 every year to enable thousands of children and young people across every London borough to develop their musical potential, through 4-year Scholarships and with project opportunities to learn from and perform alonaside professionals."

#### More information here:

https://www.londonmusicfund.org/

### **DATES UPCOMING:**

Please see the calendar on our website: <u>http://www.barrowhedges.com/</u>

For new parents to the school, please visit the home page and scroll down to "upcoming events".



For dates in advance continue to "view our full calendar".

On occasions it may be necessary to make changes to dates; should you spot any errors/dates that have changes, please let the office know as soon as possible:

#### office@barrowhedges.com

We know that our parents and carers rely on the accuracy of this information for arranging their family diaries.

A reminder that tickets are still on sale for Happy Circus on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. Gates open at 5pm with the show starting at 6pm.



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#### GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM By Leila Richards & Emma Bowry



On the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, the girls' football team started off their season by playing a friendly against Cheam Common, at Sutton United FC.



We were all very excited for the match, as it was our first one with Miss Duffin as our coach as well as our manager. On Monday, we had our first training session where we concentrated on using the left and right wings when attacking and on staying in our positions. We were all keen to put this into action and arrived at Sutton United absolutely pumped!



There were 15 of us at the match, but it was only 10 aside; this gave Miss Duffin a bit of a headache because she didn't know who to sub! She kept saying how amazed she was with all of our performances and our enthusiasm to remain on the pitch. Nevertheless, we all got to play at least a full 30 minute half.

We won 3-1 thanks to an amazing team effort and an awesome hatrick from Emelia! At the end of the match, we showed good sportsmanship and shook hands with our opponents and celebrated our victory with a team photo! GO BARROW HEDGES GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM!!!

### By Miss Kim Duffin

I am super impressed with the team this year! I have an excellent group of very dedicated and passionate players and would like to say well done to each and every one of them for their efforts yesterday: Emma B, Leila R, Cristina M, Neivie B, Aimee B, Georgie T, Evie B, Emma S, Emily C, Mia W, Amelie A, Emelia A, Elizabeth B, Olivia B and Zoe R.

Our next game is on Tuesday 3rd October (3:30pm kick off against Westbourne Primary) at Sutton United FC. This will be our first league match of the season - please come and show your support!