



Barrow Hedges

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ELF DAY



You will have read in more detail about this PTA run event in their newsletter; needless to say the day was a great success with the majority of staff and pupils coming in to school dressed as elves for the day.



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

The kitchen staff and Midday Supervisors ensured Christmas Dinner Day ran smoothly. The team managed to feed over 600 pupils and additional adults on Wednesday 13th December.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Nursery Singalong

Caterpillar and Tadpole classes entertained their families by singing some familiar Christmas songs.

This year they performed in the Studio Hall.



The Sleepy Shepherd

Reception classes told the story of a very sleepy shepherd who just couldn't stay awake. The songs were very catchy and the pupils gave a confident performance.



Countdown to Christmas

KS1 told the story of a family as they battled their way through to the big day. The events included: preparing the Christmas dinner, decorations,

shopping, stockings, nativity plays, carol singing and the big day itself!



Carol Concerts held at the Good Shepherd Church



The Good Shepherd hosted our three Carol Concerts where Ash, Oak and Elm (Y3) classes paired up with Year 4, 5 and 6. These were well attended and the singing, readings and instrumentals were all performed with confidence.



In keeping with tradition, Barrow Hedges staff also sang two songs at each of the carol services.



GOVERNORS' VOICE

"As ever, the Christmas productions were of the highest quality this year. Congratulations are due to all the children and their parents/carers for their efforts and particular congratulations and thanks should go to the staff. The teachers showed that they embody the school motto in every respect. They expect the best from the children setting them high aspirations because they believe they can achieve and the children in turn show belief in themselves and as a result deliver excellence. Well done to all."
Mike Smith – Chair of Governors

"I wanted to express how impressed I was by the KS1 Christmas play. The pupils were fantastic and so engaged. It was clear also how enthused the

teachers were. I made some notes as it was going along, which included words such as funny, witty, hilarious, engaging, compelling, impressive and warm. Which, at this time of year are clearly apt!

Please do pass on my best wishes and congratulations to the teaching and support staff". Gavin White – Parent Governor

"Christmas productions are a highlight of the year. Even if my child wasn't in the event I would still enjoy it. David Brooker is an unsung hero of the school and should be cloned". Neil Webster – Co-opted Governor

"I very much enjoyed both the KS1 performance of a Countdown to Christmas and the Nursery Nativity. The KS1 performance was very well organised with each class having their own section of the performance. What stood out the most to me was how happy and confident the children and how much they enjoyed performing. The Nursery Nativity was lovely to watch and the children had learnt so many new songs to familiar tunes. A very big well done to all involved including all the staff and especially the children who make it happen every year". Natalie Edgson - Parent Governor

"I attended a Carol Concert at The Good Shepherd and the Nursery Christmas show. It was clear from the shows, how much enthusiasm the teachers had shown in the preparation of these performances and was lovely to see the confidence with which the pupils performed. I attended as both a Governor and a Parent and would like to thank both the staff and pupils for such lovely productions; a fantastic start to the Christmas

Celebrations". Gilly De Marco – staff Governor

CHOIR PERFORMANCES

The choir performed at both Yule Fest and to the residents of Ashcombe Court, a support centre for adults with challenging and complex needs.

CHARITIES



Staff at Barrow Hedges once again supported the Metropolitan Police in their "Extra Present" appeal; thanks to staff here and at Wallington High School for Girls seventy children will wake up to a present this Christmas.



The staff also wore Christmas jumpers on Jumper Day donating to charity.

STAFF PANTO



Please see the calendar on our website:
<http://www.barrowhedgesprimary.co.uk/calendar/>

Staff entertained the children on the last day of term by treating them to a version of Peter Pan. The audience enjoyed seeing their teachers dressed up and making fools of themselves!

BOOK BANDED READING BOOKS

Please can parents and carers check at home for any reading books that may be lurking in bedrooms, book bags or elsewhere? We seem to be running a bit low currently when parents are helping with Book Changes.



THE GIVING MACHINE

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

DATES UPCOMING:



The Sporting Hedge



FOOTBALL

(Mr Buckingham and Mr Pearce)

On Thursday 7th December a six-a-side squad of boys competed in the National League Trust tournament at Sutton United. The boys played fantastically well in every game. After winning their first two games 2-0 and 1-0 respectively the boys were in the promising position of needing to win one of their last two games to progress to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they came up against two of the strongest teams in the tournament in Cheam Common and Stanley Park and lost both games narrowly 1-0. Despite the disappointment of being so close to progression, the boys can all be very proud of their efforts. Well done!

Thank you to all the parents for their continued support and we look forward to both League and Cup fixtures in the New Year.

Can we also remind you that football kits should be washed and returned to school after each match (B team players). Please can parents have a look at home for the green/black striped kit as two shirts have not been returned.

GIRLS FOOTBALL ***(Miss Duffin)***

The girls' football team had a very successful tournament on the 7th of December 2017! The tournament was a National League Trust tournament, held at Sutton United and the winning team would go on to represent Sutton

into the Surrey round of the tournament.

First of all we had the group stages. Our first game was against Hackbridge and we won 2 nil. Next, we played Stanley Park, who we won against 1 nil. After that, we played Cheam Park Farm (who beat us in the final of the Danone Cup a few weeks ago); we drew against them 1-1. Then we played Westbourne who we unfortunately lost against 1 nil: we felt this was unfair as we actually scored right at the end to make it 1-1 but the ref's whistle was broken, and we didn't hear it!!

By the end of the first round we had the exact same goal difference as Cheam Park Farm; we also had the same points. This led to penalties. First, Zoe Roach scored her penalty; it then went to sudden death where Emma Bowry scored and Ella made many fantastic saves which led us to the semi-final. We then played Avenue, who are our rival team!! That also went to penalties. First of all Olivia Benbow scored, then it went to sudden death again. Emilia Addison scored. This meant if Ella Pearce saved the next shot we would be through to the final. Ella luckily saved the last shot which meant we were in the final!!!

In the final we faced Stanley Park, who had won their group. First of all, Emilia Addison scored a goal. Surprisingly, the second goal was the other team's goalies fault because she put the ball down when she was meant to drop kick it. Emilia Addison got a swift shot in, before the goalie realized what she'd done wrong. This gave us the victory of 2 nil!!

WE WON THE WHOLE TOURNAMENT!!!

By Leila R, Emma B and Aimée.



NETBALL (Mrs Trafford)

After a busy term of matches the girls played their final match against Forresters on Wednesday 29th November 2017. It was a very close match and the final score was 3-3.

I look forward to getting stuck in with training and organising fixtures after Christmas. Well done to all the girls that have taken part and for your support this term.



MARTIAL ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the summer term children have had the opportunity to join a Martial Arts club after school. The club has been popular and the children have worked hard towards achieving their belt grading.

Both our A team and B team players have been amazing throughout the autumn term and I am excited to see what we will achieve after Christmas! As a result of winning the National League Cup, Sutton United have invited 11 of our players to a televised match (to be shown on BT Sport) in January, to walk out with the Sutton United team as mascots. The girls chosen to represent Barrow Hedges for this event are Ella Pearce, Aimee Bennett, Emma Bowry, Leila Richards, Emelia Addison, Olivia Benbow, Zoe Roche, Hannah Mill, Elizabeth Berry, Amelie Adams and Georgie Thomas. More information to follow via Parentmail to those girls selected.

YELLOW BELTS – Daniel Eastland, Toyosi Akinmade, Krish Bangaru, Zak Herneman, Eddie Pemberton, Enrico Migliaccio, Ava Barnes,

Please follow @barrowhedgespe for updates on fixtures and results.



ORANGE BELTS - Daniel Page, Leila Richards, Zara Richards, Tojayo Dada, Tilly Davinson, George Downer, William Howe, Brandon Wise, Charley Shepherd and Hongya An



INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION – CARSHALTON BOYS

On Wednesday 29th November children from Y5 and 6 took part in the Indoor Athletics Heat 1 at Carshalton Boys Sports College. The event is very popular and includes teams from over 20 schools across the Borough. Each child took part in two field and two track events (all indoors....thankfully!). Events include chest push, vertical jump, speed bounce, triple jump, relay races and javelin. Well done to all the children who took part and the teams that progressed to the next round.



PURPLE BELTS - Ruth Summers, Joshua Bixby, Finley Woods, Vaughan Ellis, Finley Sullivan, Manna Gauri, Arun Sabaratnam, Raphael Wilson, Nimai Oommen, Aidan Blewer, Joseph Goring, William Howard, Henry De Maria, Zaina Ali, Noah De Villiers, Tania Shah, Devyn Pembroke, Corey Thompson, Leo Watson, Charles Sahebjam, Shane McCarthy, Thomas Carrigan, Leon Josifoski, Ayann Gauri, Henry Gainey, Freddie Gainey, Dominic celis, Sam Loftus, Ben Robinson, Sidney Braidford and Emily Rose Pembroke



ACHIEVEMENTS

If you have any sporting achievements that you would like us to celebrate please forward a picture and a short paragraph explaining the sporting event/achievement to

office@barrowhedges.com

TWITTER and WEBSITE



Remember you can follow all the sporting events and activities on Twitter:

@barrowhedgespe

Match reports and information on sporting competitions is also available to view on the School website through the PE curriculum page.

REMINDERS

Please ensure that children have their correct PE kit in school next term. This should include a pair of tracksuit bottoms.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

4/1 – INSET DAY

19/1 – GIRLS FOOTBALL V ST CECILIAS 3.30 KO

30/1 – CPFC FOUNDATION GIRLS TOURNAMENT

6/2 – CPFC FOUNDATION BOYS TOURNAMENT

21/2 – QUICKSTICKS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

26/3 – SCD SHOWCASE