



Barrow Hedgelines

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STAFF NEWS

We welcome Miss Nicky Oulton to the team! Miss Oulton will be the Y1 teacher with Squirrel class for the remainder of the year (whilst Miss Pericleous is on maternity leave).

We also have Miss Amy Rumbold who joined the EYFS team at the start of the term, predominantly based in Reception, Badger Class but supporting all Reception children.

Mrs Melanie Morgan and Mrs Laressa Long have joined our Midday Supervisor Team.

MUSIC EXAMS

Well done to pupils who have taken music exams recently. They all passed. Congratulations to: Manna Gauri (Grade 1 violin), Cara Barnard (Grade 1 violin), Evie Balseiro (Grade 1 violin) and Luke Thornton (Grade 3 trombone).

MUSIC AWARD



We are proud to have been awarded the Schools Music Education Plan Silver award for our music provision to our pupils, in conjunction with Sutton Music Service.

CHARITIES

We collected £800 from the various Christmas events prior to the holidays.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

The money will be divided between The Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital, Sutton and Makeni Ecumenical Centre Orphanage, Lusaka, Zambia.

We also raised £270 for the Poppy Appeal, thank you for your contributions.



CHARITY DATE TO NOTE

Please make a note that on the 2nd March 2018 we will be taking part in the '*Big Bandana Bake*' (this is for the Brain Tumour charity); you will have seen Mrs Ackers' letter regarding this.



SAFER INTERNET DAY



This year's Safer Internet Day (SID) celebrations will take place on Tuesday, 6 February 2018. The 2018 theme, "Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you" is a call to action for every stakeholder to play their part in creating a better internet for everyone, in particular the youngest users out there.

With this in mind, I have also attached a letter with a few reminders about keeping your children safe online (sent alongside this edition of Hedgelines).

SPRING ENGAGE EVENTS

Year 1 – Moon Zoom! By Florence Berry & Nimai Oommen (Squirrel Class)

At the start of term we came to school on a Thursday to find a crashed spaceship in the Year 1 outdoor area. We were given masks and gloves to wear to keep safe in case any of the crash scene was contaminated.



We saw some crazy gadgets from the spaceship and we didn't know who the pilot was.



Since then we have written "Wanted Posters" to try to find the aliens. We have also visited other classrooms to ask the older children to help us on our alien hunt. Some of the Y6 children think they have spotted some of them, but we are yet to find them!



Year 2 – Land Ahoy! By Areen Batra and Sam Morrin (Robin Class)



On Pirate Day we learnt about famous pirates from the past. We learnt that some pirates wore eye patches because their eye had been damaged in a fight and some wore them to get their eyes used to the dark.



We came to school on the day dressed as pirates; we performed a battle dance and learnt some sea shanties amongst other things.



Year 3 – Predator!

**By Radha Parmar & Yin Ting Kwok
(Ash Class)**

For our Engage Event we had visitors from Horsham to tell us all about birds of prey. All three Year 3 classes went in to the Studio Hall for the morning.



We learnt about Snowy Owls, Tawny Owls and Barn Owls amongst others; some of the birds flew across the hall.



The handlers had to wear protective gloves so they didn't get hurt because all the birds had extremely long, sharp claws.



Year 4 – Road Trip USA!

**By Jessie Sole & Grace Mackay
(Maple Class)**

Recently, we went around the classroom searching for envelopes with names of different American States and information about them so that we could fill in a "passport". We then had to locate the states on a map of America.

Since then we have been writing postcards home about our "virtual trip" to New York City.

Year 5- Stargazers

By Tom Morrin & Asiya Khan (Y5)

We have been learning about how the planets orbit the sun and the order the planets rotate too.

As part of the Stargazers topic we visited a Space Dome in our school hall. The man running the workshop projected the stars and the constellations on the domed ceiling and told us information about space.

We were also fortunate that Rohan Kott's dad (Cedar class) came in to deliver a presentation about space (because he works in that industry). He showed us pictures of rockets past and present and explained how Black Holes and other things work.

Year 6 – Revolution

**By Martha James & Reece Dye
(Sycamore Class)**

To kick off the term we began our topic where we dressed up as Victorian children and experienced what schooling would have been like if we were growing up during the Victorian Era.

In the Victorian times we think school life was tougher and boring! For example, they had to have a hand inspection to check their fingernails were free from dirt. The motto "Cleanliness is Close to Godliness!" was often stated in Victorian schools.

Additionally, if a pupil made the slightest mistake in their work, they risked getting the cane or they may have been given a dunce hat to wear and stand in the corner of the classroom facing the wall.

By the end of the day we had a really good understanding of how different our school experiences are when compared to the experiences of the Victorian children.

Nursery + Reception Parents

Do visit the Nursery and Reception Year Group pages on our website to find out about your child's learning.

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENTS



As you know we have now selected Kompan to complete the works to improve our playground; the plans are shown above.

These works will commence in February half term. In the meantime Mrs Duncan and Mrs Wood recently shared the plans with the children in an assembly and they responded with great enthusiasm – especially the mention that monkey bars were to be a feature in the new equipment!

ROAD SAFETY

By Mrs Cara Hayes (School Travel Plan Leader)

You would have seen that we launched our WOW badge competition to encourage children to walk at least once a week. As a school we want to encourage more children to walk to school. If you are finding this difficult

due to time pressures then a good way would be to park somewhere close to the school and walk the rest of the way. For example, parking at Oaks Park and walking from there. This will then reduce the amount of cars parked along Radcliffe Gardens and Harbury Road. I know that this can busy at times and the more children walking would lessen this. Can we also remind parents who are driving to make sure that engines are turned off while waiting to pick children up. This will then be better for the environment.

The children are having a Road Safety assembly which will give them more ideas about this topic.

I look forward to seeing all of your lovely competition entries and do welcome ways in which we can reduce the amount of children coming to school by car.



RECORDER LESSONS

By Alyson Elliman

Would your child like individual or very small group recorder lessons?

From after half term I hope to be offering recorder lessons during school time, on Tuesday afternoons on a private basis. I hope hearing the children from my after-school club at a recent assembly showed what a lovely sound they can make, and that playing on the range of recorders provides an exciting opportunity for making concert music.

If your child is interested to start lessons (cost to be determined by whether the lesson is individual or shared) please email me for further details. I am a qualified Suzuki recorder teacher. I have enhanced DBS clearance and public liability insurance, and am annually updated in safeguarding children's procedures.

In the first instance this is to gauge the demand, so I cannot promise just now whether it will go ahead. I do also offer private lessons off site.

Please contact me via:

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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:

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



The Sporting Hedge



FOOTBALL **(Mr Buckingham and Mr Pearce)**

Despite the boys A team football fixture being rained off, the B team were able to represent the school in their fixture Forrester's Primary. The children battled incredibly well throughout and created at least 4 very good chances to score. Unfortunately, some clinical finishing from the opposition and tiring legs in the second half left the boys disappointed by an undeserved score line. It was clear throughout though that our team, predominately Year 5 pupils, learnt a lot from the experience and showed fantastic collaboration and resilience.

We have lots of fixtures coming up so please keep an eye on your PMX and the school calendar.

GIRLS FOOTBALL **(Miss Duffin)**

On Saturday 20th January, 11 of our girls were invited to be mascots for the Sutton United V Dagenham & Redbridge televised BT Sport fixture. This opportunity was offered as a result of our girls winning the Borough stage of the U11 National League Trust tournament before Christmas. Furthermore, 7 of our girls will be selected to represent both Barrow Hedges and Sutton United (wearing full Sutton United kit) for the upcoming county stage of the tournament. Details to follow.

Upon arrival at the ground, our representing mascots were invited to warm up on the pitch alongside the players. Shortly after, they completed a lap of honour with their tournament trophy, before getting ready to lead the players out from the tunnel for kick off. Those of you who watched the game may have seen our girls steal a bit of Dean Saunderson's limelight during his BT Sport interview, by posing in the background for photos with Jenny the Giraffe!

Sutton United's Tony Henderson-Smith came to visit our school on Friday to present us with a signed, framed photo of the girls on their mascot day. We would like to again thank Sutton United for the opportunities they have provided our girls with this season and look ahead to more exciting things to come.

STRICTLY COME DANCING 2018 HAS STARTED!

Strictly Come Dancing is back for its 4th year with the children beginning a 10 week block of ballroom and Latin dancing.

So far the children have been learning the waltz and mastering the 'box step' (the hardest bit being not treading on your partner's toes!) We look forward to moving on to the Samba next week. With Nina's expertise and guidance the children will learn four dances; adding rhythm, flair, lifts and kicks ready for their SCD 2018 Showcase on Monday 26th March 2018.

For updates and sneak video previews see our Twitter page: @barrowhedgespe



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



6/2 – CPFC FOUNDATION BOYS TOURNAMENT

7/2- NETBALL VS HIGHVIEW (AWAY)

20/2-BOYS A FOOTBALL VS HIGHVIEW (AWAY)

21/2 – QUICKSTICKS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

23/2- BOYS A AND B FOOTBALL VS ALL SAINTS

26/2- Y2 AND 4 HOLI DANCE FESTIVAL

26/2-Y6 CYCLING WORKSHOP

26/3 – SCD SHOWCASE

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