



Barrow Hedgelines

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STAFF NEWS

On Monday you received a letter from Mrs Wood informing you about my resignation. I feel the time is right for me to move on to pastures new and take a break from the world of education (which has changed so much in my 22 years of employment). Therefore this half term will be my last in this position.

It is difficult to find the words when writing about this. Barrow Hedges Primary is a truly unique school – it maintains a real sense of community despite its larger than average size and I am always struck by how supportive you are as a community especially when major events occur!

I will look back on my time here with fondness and thank each and every one of you for the support and opportunities I have had in this privileged position; your children are amazing and are a real credit to both you and the school.

During my (nearly) six years in the position of Deputy Headteacher I have many experiences which have challenged me and allowed me to grow both professionally and personally.

I know I will miss all the events on the Barrow Hedges calendar and of course the people (both adults and children) who have made this school such a special place to work at.

In other news, Miss Pericleous has recently given birth to a baby girl - Kitty Iris Gwendolyn Musson. Kitty arrived, weighing 8lb 3oz, on Miss Pericleous' own birthday!

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR PLAYSPACE

By Mrs Louise Wood



We are delighted that Kompan have begun work to improve the playspace provided for children. For those of you who have not already seen it, the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is well underway, adjacent to the new build on the Harbury Road side of the school.



It will be great to be able to utilise this part of the grounds. Hopefully you will have all seen the new fence that has been erected running along the playground, from the Radcliffe Gardens Gate up to the end of the playground (at Ingleton Road). We are pleased that this gives our playground a much smarter appearance, but more significantly, ensures that the playground is more secure and safe. We have also been able to create a small 'nature area' as part of this new fencing.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

*By Mrs Jenny Rawlinson
(E-Safety Leader)*

During the week beginning 5th February pupils across the school took part in

activities to highlight 'Safer Internet Day' (officially on 6th February).



Our Digital Leaders helped to plan and deliver Safer Internet assemblies to the rest of the school. They also went to visit each year group to ask about what they had been learning.

Each class carried out different activities raising awareness of how to stay safe online and helping them to understand this responsibility when using the internet.

Activities included listening to stories about making good choices, making Online Safety posters, roleplaying different scenarios, quizzes and learning all about online reputation management. A fantastic day was had by all!

WOW BADGE COMPETITION

By Mrs Cara Hayes
(School Travel Plan Leader)

There were lots of lovely entries for the WOW badge competition. I am in the process of choosing one entry from each season; those four children chosen will be announced in assembly and awarded a prize. These entries will then be sent off to see if any win against the national competitors! If we were to win, we would receive:

- Free WOW resources for the year, up to a value of £500
- WOW badge winner's trophy
- Visit from our mascot 'Strider'
- Bespoke school gate banner

More importantly, the winning design will be transformed into a badge which the children could all be wearing in 2019!



GOVERNORS' DAY

Last week seven members of the Governing Body spent the day in school. The focus was how English is taught across the school and Safeguarding procedures.

The governors met children to talk about their learning and visited classrooms throughout the day.

GOVERNORS' DAY

By Neil Webster
(Co-opted Governor)

A day observing the operation of the school is always a highlight for me as a governor. Sadly I missed the pupil voice session but I got to see several classes in action.

The children didn't seem phased by the presence of a "strange" visitor. In fact one young lad was keen to lead me on a tour of his Reception class. So keen was he that he led me by the hand and wouldn't let go at the end!

I was impressed by the teachers' and teaching assistants' ability to deal with

a range of abilities in the class using a variety of tools and techniques.

I particularly enjoyed the session on mini-beasts as, even at my age, one can still learn a lot.

As one of the governors who has been involved in the new build it is great to see a fully operational school and kids enjoying their new environment.

Whilst one day cannot truly represent the whole year, I can say that I am proud to be associated with Barrow Hedges Primary School.

By Nermine Sayed

(Link Governor for Safeguarding)

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the assembly. I couldn't help but feel roused by the enthusiasm of the children as they sang the BLP song at the top of their voices. The song itself is bursting with positive themes that I am sure will have had the children feeling upbeat and optimistic. Mrs Wood told the story of Ronald the Rhino, which helps bring home the importance of individuality and appreciating what is special about each one of us.

By Isabel New

(Link Governor for English)

One of the many pleasures of being a school governor is attending Governors' Days. The primary purpose of these occasions is to create an opportunity for us to engage with the children, and to assess and evaluate how well the school is delivering its key objectives and "performing".

As parents you have a particular interest in your child(ren) and how their individual needs are met. As governors we have a responsibility towards and an interest in every child in the school. We seek to ensure that every child receives the best education possible, to help them on their journey

towards adulthood and becoming well-rounded citizens.

The school's values and mission statement make clear that inclusion and meeting the wide diversity of children's needs is central to the way the curriculum is taught. During the last year governors on the Curriculum and Standards Committee (of which I am a member), have been paying increasing attention to the way in which children's needs are changing and diversifying, and how the school, under the direction of Mrs Wood and her staff, are responding to these changes.

On Tuesday 20th February 2018 I attended the Spring Term Governors' Day. We were looking with particular interest at how the increasingly broad spectrum of children's learning needs are being addressed in the classroom, and in the culture and ambience of the school as a whole. Diversity of need and inclusive teaching methods provide children with much broader learning outcomes than the simple ability to write letters, read sentences or add up numbers. It teaches them to be tolerant, compassionate and open-minded: important preparation for citizenship in today's increasingly challenging world. The way in which Mrs Wood and her team approach this task is thorough, reassuring and to be commended.

As link Governor for English I am particularly interested in the development of literacy, reading and writing. During the course of the day I observed three English classes at first hand, attended a school assembly and took part in a Pupil Voice session, with a fellow governor.

At every stage I was delighted by the high levels of engagement and enjoyment displayed by the children in their lessons, and their appetite and enthusiasm for learning. There was

clear evidence on the part of the teaching staff, of their knowledge and appreciation of children's different learning needs and how that was taken into consideration when targeting the use of resources. The judicious deployment of teaching assistants, differentiated activities and the use of peer group support to aid learning are just a small selection of the numbers of ways in which Mrs Wood and her staff create the optimum learning environment for all and maximise individual children's opportunities to learn.

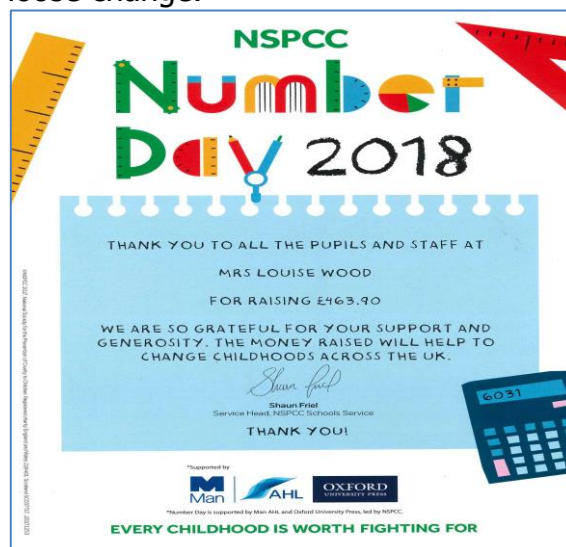
Inclusion and teaching such a wider diversity of needs is an increasing challenge for teachers as the demographics of our society, even at local level, changes. What is encouraging to me, as a governor, is to see that this challenge (amongst so many), is understood by Mrs Wood and her staff at every level of the school, and has been taken up with the same conviction, imagination and resourcefulness, I have come to expect from them, during the last year. Barrow Hedges is a school characterised by a "can-do" attitude. The Headteacher and staff are fully committed to delivering excellence at every level and to every child. This is not an easy task and it's an on-going learning journey for us all. However, our feet are firmly planted on the ladder of success and we are climbing to the top together, joyfully and with a clear intention. The results speak for themselves.

NUMBER DAY

***By Amelie Shiels & Rachel Barnard
(Y6 Willow)***

We recently raised money for the NSPCC Number Day (as shown above - £494). On the day people were encouraged to wear an accessory

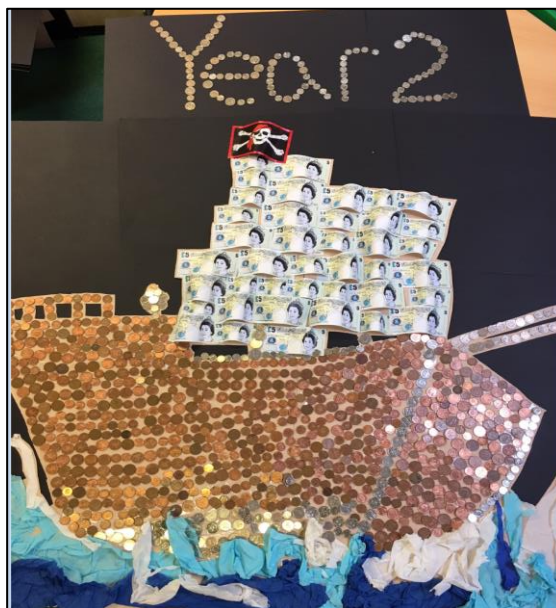
showing a number and to bring in any loose change.

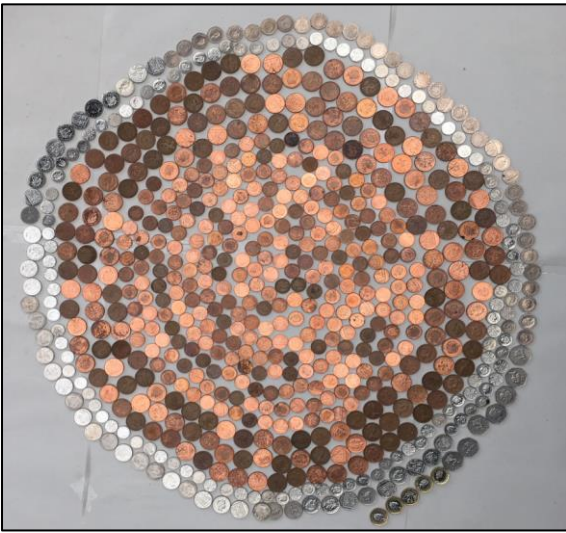


All Year Groups constructed a picture from their coins and then students across the school voted for their favourite. (The full range is shown below).

Afterwards the coins were collected in and the money was donated to the NSPCC to allow more children to connect to Childline.

Number Day was great fun and the money raised has gone to a worthy cause.





Y1- DINOSAUR PLANET
By Jamie Webb & Bea Fottrell
(Rabbit Class)

To start our topic off we completed a carousel of activities across the three classrooms and in the Year 1 Outdoor Area and we also completed some Dinosaur Maths.



We watched some video clips containing dinosaur facts and we are very much looking forward to our Dinosaur Workshop (with a visiting animatronic dinosaur) on the 5th March.



Y2 - MUCK, MESS & MIXTURES
By Raphael Wilson
(Kingfisher Class)



(Raphael won a competition in Kingfisher Class to have his recount published in this month's Hedgelines).



Here it is:

Tuesday 20th February was "Messy Day". On the playground I saw potions and paint; it was very exciting. When we went outside I waited for Tom to touch the loopy



beans and then I squelched it at my friends. Afterwards we made ice-cream and it smelt lovely. Would you have liked to try some? It was a great day. Next time perhaps you could come too.



Y3 – SCRUMDIDLYUMPTIOUS
By Ollie Patel & Maisie Willoughby
(Elm Class)



On Monday 19th February Year 3 held a Bake Off competition. We made fairy cupcakes following a recipe altogether in the hall.



Then in the afternoon we made the icing in our classrooms and decorated the cupcakes. We each took two cakes home (one for us and one to share).



We were able to take our boxed pizzas home and have for our dinner.



On Thursday 22nd February Elm Class were the first of the Year 3 classes to go to Banstead Pizza Express. We each got to make a whole pizza – we kneaded the dough, throwing it in the air and catching it, before stretching it out and adding the cheese and tomato topping. We guessed how many minutes it would need to be left in the oven – no one guessed correctly (it is 7 minutes).



PTA QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 23rd February 2018

By Mrs Louise Wood

I would like to extend my thanks to the PTA, and in particular, to Ollie Welch, our Quizmaster, for a wonderful evening on Friday. We have received very positive feedback about the quiz – a great time was had by all... and importantly, we continue to raise lots of money which goes back in to the school, for extra resources and activities that all the children benefit from. Thank you to all those of you who entered a team – do tell your friends about the quiz so hopefully next year this can be just as successful!

UNIFORM & EARRINGS

Please be reminded that earrings are not part of our uniform guidelines and therefore should not be worn to school.

In addition please ensure pupils are wearing school shoes as a number of children appear to be arriving to school wearing trainers.



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)

A team of seven Year 5 and 6 boys footballers competed at a 6-a-side tournament hosted by Crystal Palace FC Foundation at Carshalton Boys Sports College.

They were drawn into a very difficult group but competed extremely well in every game and only narrowly missed out on reaching the semi-finals.

This has served as some vital preparation as fixtures will be coming thick and fast in the next few weeks kicking off with an A and B team back-to-back fixture against All Saints on Tuesday 6th March and the same against Stanley Park on Wednesday 7th.

All support is welcome!

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

Our girls' football squad returned from the half term break ready for a busy week of matches, tournaments and trials!

Friday (23rd) was a particular success due to a couple of reasons. Firstly, during lunch time, girls from KS2 were invited to attend football trials for the next academic year. Over 30 girls turned up for this and I was extremely impressed with not only the level of interest, but also the standard of football being played. I would like to give a special mention to Isis Roekaerts

(Y4) and Isla Addison (Y3) as the two stand-out players from the trial; they have both secured their places in the team for next year alongside our current Year 5 players: Emelia Addison, Olivia Benbow, Zoe Roche, Hannah Mill and Elizabeth Berry. All other girls who attended (and indeed any girls who missed the first trial) will be invited back to a second trial, so that I can decide on who will fill the remaining 9 squad places. Further details of a second trial to be announced by the end of the week.

After school on Friday, our current 1st team travelled to Sutton United for their semi-final Borough Cup fixture Vs Cheam Common. Although in the league we beat Cheam Common 9-0, we knew not to be too complacent as anything is possible when there's a cup final place up for grabs! Nonetheless, we ended the game on a 4-1 win, with goals coming from Emelia, Zoe and Olivia (2). We are to face Cheam Park Farm in the final at Sutton United on Thursday 22nd March. Kick off is at 3:30pm – please come and show your support!

Two days prior to our semi-final success, seven of our 1st team players were at Kent County Cricket Club for the second round of the U11 Primary Stars tournament. This event was the second stage on from the borough round, which we won overall back in January. At the tournament, there were schools representing each of the Greater London Boroughs, looking for that place in the National Finals to be played at Leicester City's stadium. We had 6 matches to play and after the first three matches, we were the only borough to have won a game as all other matches had resulted in ties. The tournament table was extremely tight and in our penultimate match, we knew

we had to win to still be in with a chance to win overall. With 2 minutes left on the clock, the score was 0-0. A last minute substitution and formation change to go from 2 in defence to just 1, in order to overload on our attack, certainly paid off as Emelia found us the back of the net! This meant that it all came down to our final game Vs The Minster Junior School (the Croydon Borough representatives). Although our girls were absolutely outstanding in this match and passed the ball around beautifully, we just could not find a break in their solid defensive line. Unfortunately, they did manage to find the net right near the end of the match with their only shot of the game, seeing them through to the next stage of the tournament. The Crystal Palace coaches (who were refereeing the games) and parents and teachers from other schools were commenting on how skillful our team is and a number of spectators approached me to say that we did not deserve to lose that game as they thought we were "the strongest side in the tournament." A huge well done to Ella Pearce, Aimee Bennett, Emma Bowry, Leila Richards, Emelia Addison, Olivia Benbow and Zoe Roche for their determination, resilience and overall unconditional support for each other.

Our only league fixture last week was on Monday, where we returned to Sutton United for our penultimate game of the season. Our opponents were a very strong Stanley Park team and we knew that despite our running success, the 3 points on offer for a win were certainly not a guarantee. The two sides were extremely well matched and the game ended 0-0. Currently, we are third in the league - sitting 5 points behind Cheam Park Farm in the top spot. Our final league game is against Cheam Park Farm! Although we now

know that the league title is out of reach this year, we could still finish in second position. This fixture is to be played at Sutton United on March 8th; again, kick off will be at 3:30pm and any support is welcome ☺

This week we were scheduled to be entering an A and a B team into the Sutton Schools Sports Partnership (SSSP) 6 aside tournament. This tournament was to determine which school would go on to represent Sutton in the **London Youth Games** on Tuesday 20th March. Unfortunately, it was cancelled due to the cold and unpredictable weather. However, we have been informed that SSSP have chosen Barrow Hedges to represent Sutton, rather than reschedule the tournament:

"After consultation with other members of Sutton Schools FA, Barrow Hedges have been selected to represent Sutton at the LYG this year. As winners of two tournaments and runners up in a third, they are the most successful girls team this year." (Tracy Milbourn, SSSP)

NETBALL **(Mrs. Trafford)**

This term, we have continued with matches in the Sutton Netball league. The Year 5 girls have made up the majority of the team, with only two Year 6 girls available for each match. This meant some tough matches for Barrow Hedges, which the Netball girls faced with enthusiasm.

On 1st February, we played Foresters. We finished the match with a 0-4 score line for the A team, and 0-0 for the B team. Great sportsmanship was shown by both teams, and Barrow Hedges had many attempts shooting at

goal, but unfortunately we could not convert.

On 7 February, we played against a very tall High View Netball team. It was another tough game, with some excellent Netball displayed at times. The final score was 0-6 for the A team and 0-0 for the B team.

Well done to everybody involved in Netball this term and thank you again to all the parental help, travelling to and from matches.

As we enter the summer term, I would like to extend the invitation to Year 4 girls to play Netball. More information on Netball club for Year 4's will follow shortly.

QUICKSTICKS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday February children from Y6 took part in the Borough Quick sticks hockey tournament at Nonsuch High School for Girls. The tournament is designed to get more children interested in playing hockey.

We entered a team of 8 children, with a range of hockey experience. We worked hard as a team, in tough games against Bandon Hill, Avenue, Foresters, Stanley Park, Westbourne and Cheam Common.

VS CHEAM COMMON (1-2 – Nikita)
VS WESTBOURNE (1-1 – Samuel)
VS BANDON HILL (4-1 – Teju)
VS AVENUE (1-0 – Teju)
VS STANLEY PARK (0-1)
VS FORESTERS (2-0 – Katrina/Samuel)

Well done to all the children that took part and to Cheam Common who go on to represent Sutton at the London Youth Games. For more information on local hockey clubs visit -

www.epsomhc.co.uk

www.cheamhockeyclub.co.uk

or



DIVALI DANCE WORKSHOPS

On Monday 26th February 2018 children in Y2 and 4 took part in a Diwali RE dance workshop. The children (and teachers!) had a fantastic time learning a range of dance moves as well as finding out more about Diwali celebrations.





ACHIEVEMENTS

A huge well done to Sam W (Chestnut), who joined a mixed pan ability Football team in September 2017 with Croygas Pirates.

The team is amazing, made up of children of all ages and who have additional needs. Sam trains most Saturdays and takes part in one tournament a month at Walton on Thames Elmbridge Excel Leisure Centre against other mixed pan ability teams.

Sam's mum says, 'There is always such a wonderful atmosphere and all the children feel accepted. They all get the chance to play a sport they really enjoy. Since joining this team Sam's confidence and football skills have really improved and he has Croygas pirates to look forward to each week. He has just been awarded Player of the Month. The award is for the player who listens to coach's instructions, develops new skills and laughing, smiling and having fun, all aspects of improvements, sharing experiences and friendships, working as a team.'



WELL DONE SAM!

For more information please contact either Ms. Wallis or Mrs. Willsher via the School Office.

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

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

5/3 – Y6 CYCLING WORKSHOP

**14/3 – BOROUGH CYCLING
COMPETITION**

16/3 – ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA

**22/3 – BH vs CHEAM PARK FARM
BOROUGH CUP FINAL**

26/3 – SCD SHOWCASE