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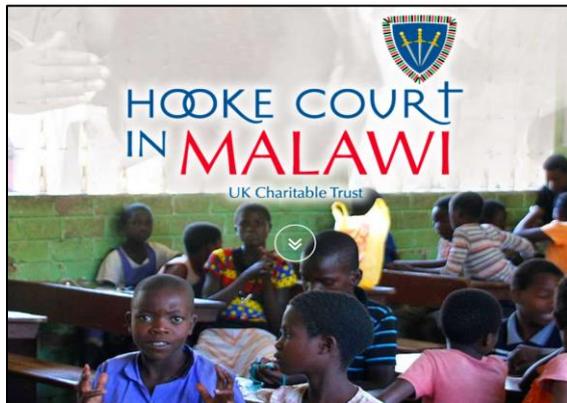
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STAFF NEWS

Thank you for all the kind words and well wishes you have extended to me as my time at Barrow Hedges comes to an end. A number of you have asked me where I am travelling; initially I have booked for an extended stay in Dubai. I intend to read lots, rest and soak up the sunshine as well as contemplate what to do next.



In addition, Mrs Chrys Smith (TA in Year 3) and I have recently volunteered to the Hooke Court Project to Malawi. The project means we will stay alongside the shores of Lake Malawi and teach a class of approximately 60 pupils for ten days concentrating on phonics, reading and maths as well as classroom management. We will be travelling at the end of July and staying for a fortnight.

In other news, on the 28th February a group of parents surprised Miss Hill (Road Safety Warden) during her visit to Nursery. She has been keeping the children of Barrow Hedges safely crossing Staplehurst Road for the past ten years.



She was completely overwhelmed and moved by everyone's generosity (as you can see in the photo above)! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection!



MR DUNWOODY

At the present moment, Mr Dunwoody does not feel ready to return to full time teaching, so he is going to start private tuition from his flat in Wallington. Situated two minutes from Wallington Station, it is perfectly located for parents to drop their children off while they go and enjoy the delights of Wallington high street. As a

qualified teacher with ten years' experience and full DBS clearance he can provide one-to-one tuition for any educational needs in KS2. For further enquiries or to book a session, please email tommie_teaches@outlook.com

WORLD BOOK DAY
By Miss Marianne Wilson
(English Subject Leader)

World Book Day was once again a huge success! The children were so excited to celebrate the day and the school was buzzing with a love of books. The children took part in a variety of fun activities linked to reading planned by their teachers. It was so wonderful to see so many parents coming into school to read aloud stories to groups of children. We even had a few brave volunteers reading to whole classes of dressed up, excitable children - not an easy task I can assure you! Thank you to all who gave up their time to come in, it really makes a difference and your children love seeing you.



As I mentioned earlier, the children had a lot of fun in their classrooms. All year groups enjoyed taking part in games such as the story circle game, the post-it note game with book characters and guess the book. Year 3 wrote some amazing stories for a wordless picture book and Year 4 made some excellent book covers and blurbs. Year 2 had a lot of fun with the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit!'. They were astonished

to come into their classrooms after assembly only to find that all the chairs had disappeared!



We found a letter explaining that they had quit too and that they wouldn't come back until we had succumbed to their demands of being tucked in and treated properly. Luckily, they returned after receiving our apology letters.



In the afternoon, Year 1 and 2 were treated to a story swap in which they were allowed to choose any classroom and teacher they wanted to go and spend story time.



Finally, there were prizes for best dressed in each class. Congratulations to all of our winners! This becomes more difficult for teachers to decide every year as the costumes were truly outstanding.



Thank you so much for all the effort, time and money you put into these! They really were a sight to behold! I hope that this day inspired and ignited your children's love for reading!

BOOK CHARACTER COMPETITION
By Miss Jessica Edwards
(Performing Arts Leader)



This year has seen the introduction of a book character competition in Key Stage 2 in which brave contestants were asked to prepare a monologue or

dialogue to perform to Key Stage 2. They were judged by myself, Mrs Pannell and one of our governors - Isabel New. After much deliberation, we finally decided on the winners:

1st Place – Max and Leo Membrino who wowed the crowd as Harry Potter and Dobby the House Elf.

2nd Place – Amey Bhatia who entertained the audience as Bilbo Baggins from The Hobbit.

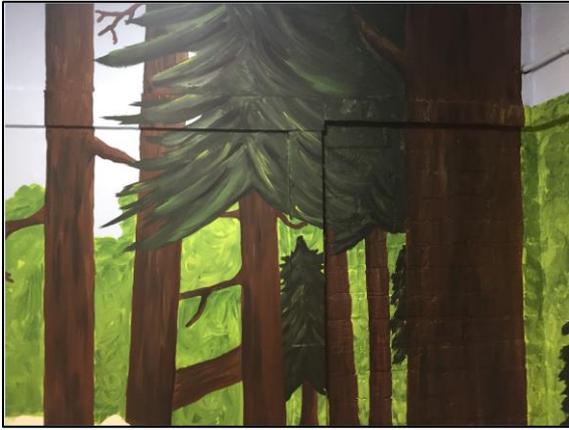
3rd Place – Jaimee Shipp who performed a fantastically funny monologue as Danni from My Family and Other Freaks.

The competition was a huge success and all the performers worked incredibly hard to put together their performances. As a result, we are now making it an annual event on World Book Day. Well done all!

GRUFFALO READING NOOK



As I am sure some of you are aware, the doorway at the end of the KS1 (Year 1 & 2) corridor has been bricked up where once you could walk through to the Nursery. Mrs Cutts-Munro, our specialist art teacher, is in the process of painting this area to look like a forest, so watch out for this wonderful transformation in to a lovely, little space we are calling our "Gruffalo Reading Nook". In the meantime, the photos give a sneaky peak at her work in progress!



SCIENCE WEEK
By Mr Luke Buckingham
(Science Subject Leader)



Monday 12th March kicked off our celebration of British Science Week. We began with an incredibly exciting assembly from a real life scientist visiting our school. The children were shown and took part in a number of engaging and thought provoking experiments including making elephant's toothpaste!



Each Year Group then planned and carried out their own scientific experiment, the findings of which were presented to the rest of the school in our Friday sharing assembly. Some of the interesting topics covered included: how sound waves travel; how

gas behaves and expands and the Darwinian Theory of Evolution. There are clearly many budding young scientists at Barrow Hedges!

BOCKETT'S FARM TRIP
By Adam & Finlay (Fox Class)

Recently Reception classes went to Bockett's farm on a school trip. We saw them milking a goat and learnt how they make goats cheese from goats milk. We also saw a cow, sheep, horses and lots of other animals.

We went on a slide in the soft play (where we put our legs in a sack) – it was really fast!

We also went on toy tractors and children's motorbikes. We went round and round in circles and were in charge of the pedals so we could go fast or slow.



DINOSAUR WORKSHOP
By Tom & Mollie (Otter Class)



The Dinosaur workshop was run by two visitors. They brought along some animatronic dinosaurs and lots of fossils.



The day started with each class being paleontologists (in the hall). We had to carefully use tools to wipe away sand from the fossils and tried to identify what each one was from books. We found an anemite and eggs amongst other things.

The adults running the workshop told us all about dinosaurs and got us researching in books to find out more information!



Then in the afternoon the whole school joined us in a Dinosaur Assembly. Some children were able to go to the front and touch 'Chompy the dinosaur' and Millie, her sister. We had great fun!

Y5 BUG MAN

By Tilly & Suni (Rowan Class)

Monday 26th March saw the Bug Man visit Year 5. It was so much fun!

He brought lots of different "beasts" as our topic is "*Beast Creator*".

We found out that only some scorpions can kill humans and when they are in the shade they are black but when they

are in the sunlight they are a red velvet colour.

He also brought a snake who he named Jeff – it was really big and long! The other beasts were tarantulas, crickets, woodlouse and millipedes. The millipede has 250 legs and looks like it is doing a Mexican wave when it moves.

We will be using ideas from the workshop to invent our own superbug creation as the finale to our topic.

Y4 HOOKE COURT RESIDENTIAL

By Millie & Daniel (Lime Class)



We had a delayed start (due to the snow which had settled in Dorset making the roads close to Hooke Court hard to drive down) but managed to leave late in the morning still.

Once at Hooke Court we were able to set up our dorms and have a quick fire drill prior to our first dinner.

After dinner we learnt to complete some illuminated writing.



The following day we took part in some Norman cooking and jewellery making and went on the low ropes and orienteering. In the evening we had a campfire and sang some songs.

On the final day we made some rockets and set them off; one almost hit the cow minding its own business in the next field.

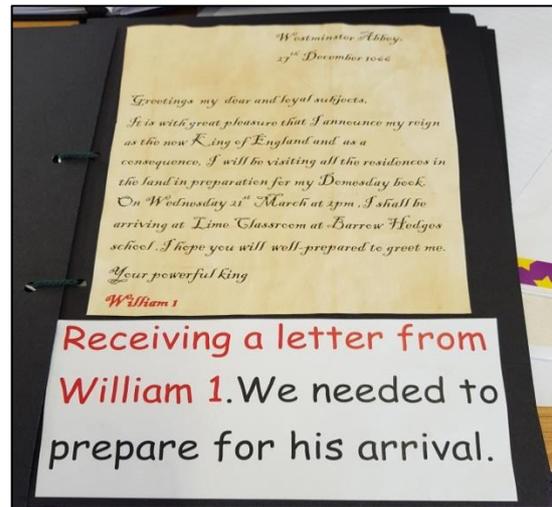
We had a lovely few days in Hooke Court.



Y4 "TRADERS & RAIDERS"

By Owen (Maple) & Atti (Walnut)

Whilst 78 of the Year 4 pupils were in Hooke Court the remaining pupils completed topic work with Mrs Gibbett and Mrs Purewal.



Receiving a letter from William 1. We needed to prepare for his arrival.

It started with us receiving a letter saying that King William was coming to visit us on the Wednesday.

On the Monday and Tuesday we made shields, helmets and swords and decorated them and created small wall hangings, drew some sunset Norman castle silhouettes, made some pottage, gingerbread and oatcakes ready for our banquet on the Wednesday.

We laid out a Banquet Table and greeted the king in our tunics and had a thoroughly good time entertaining "the king" (aka Mrs Wheel – TA for Year 2) and enjoying our feast.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Gibbett, Mrs Purewal and Mrs Wheel for putting on such exciting activities for us whilst the majority of the pupils were at Hooke Court.

NARNIA EXPERIENCE AT STANLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL (by Freddie Dillon Jeeves & Paige Phillips Year 6)

On the 27th March, a group of children from years two to six went to Stanley Park High School to visit the magical world of Narnia! When we arrived, we were met by four friendly students dressed up as characters: Aslan the lion; the white witch and Lucy.

Before we 'entered' Narnia Lucy read a chapter from 'The Chronicles of Narnia'

to introduce the theme. We also made tags with our name and favourite book to take with us to Narnia. When it was our group's turn we set off along a corridor where we found a wardrobe! The White Witch gave us a key to unlock the door.



As we pushed our way through the clothes we were stunned to see a mystical scene in front of us. There was whit, glistening snow everywhere... even snowballs! To add to the fun we were able to have a snowball fight.

Finlay from Kingfisher class said: " My favourite part was throwing the fluffy snowballs because they were so soft"

The tags we made were stuck alongside 500 more from all the students in the school. We made snow angels. Some of us pretended to be dwarves. It was fantastic.

Alesha from Ash class commented:"I loved going through the wardrobe. It was amazing! Narnia was beautiful and white as snow"

Amelia from Beech class exclaimed" It felt like I was there. I loved entering the wardrobe. The noises were so realistic"

Thank you to Stanley Park High for inviting us to join in this event.

CONCERT WITH SUTTON MUSIC SERVICE

*By Miss Becky Cheetham
(Music Subject Leader)*

On Tuesday 20th March, some children were lucky enough to attend a concert performed by the Grenadier Guards, organised by the Sutton Music Service. The children in Band were quite stunned by how beautiful the instruments that they are learning to play can sound.



It was a fantastic, inspiring opportunity to hear more about the work of one of the world's most renowned military bands and experience some live music. This was certainly an event to remember!

PTA Guess the Eggs



Congratulations to Rupert in Hedgehog and Suni in Rowan Class who correctly guessed the number of eggs in the PTA competition (KS1 – 153, KS2 – 149).

KS1 EASTER HAT PARADE

Reception, Y1 and Y2 proudly showed off their Easter hats in our annual Hat Parade today. Well done to everyone (and parents!) for an amazing array of designs.



CHARITIES

The whole of March is Brain Tumour Awareness month and we were able to hold the (postponed) cake sale on 15th March. Many children and staff also wore a bandana for the day. In total we raised £1000 for the charity.



The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation have informed us that to date we have raised £1,248 for their charity. This includes £200 this year.



To mark World Down Syndrome Day this year the children all wore odd socks, thus representing the beauty of difference and the additional

chromosome belonging to people with Down Syndrome. Nathan and Billy Davies's Mum, Lucienne, presented to our three Year 6 classes, our whole Year 3 cohort and a group of parents who came along to our Coffee Afternoon; Ruby Gregory's Mum, Laura, also attended the coffee afternoon and it was great fun! Thank you to all of you for your donations, we raised £364 for PSDS. Finally, a special thank you to Lucienne for her time and devotion to raising awareness of Down Syndrome throughout the school community and beyond!

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES '18

We thought you would be keen to know where our Year 6 children are transferring to.

Below is a table to show the information as we have been provided (some slight alterations may occur during the appeal process):

Harris Academy Sutton	26
Stanley Park High	18
Sutton Grammar School For Boys	7
Wilson's School	2
Overton Grange	9
Carshalton High School For Girls	3
Carshalton Boys Sports College	3
St Philomena's Catholic High School For Girls	2
Glenthorne High School	3
Woodcote High School	3
Wallington High School For Girls	2
Wallington County Grammar	2
Nonsuch High School For Girls	2
Greenshaw High School	2
Glyn School	1
The John Fisher School	2
Out of borough/other	2



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)

Now that the weather is beginning to improve the boy's football matches are rapidly taking place.

We have had a busy schedule in the last couple of weeks with two A team fixtures, three B team fixtures and more to come after Easter. The boys have battled extremely well in all of their recent games - the A team showing particular resilience in their match with Stanley Park but the highlight was a dominant 2-0 victory for the B team over the same opposition.

Although there may be a couple more games after Easter, the football season is winding down so we'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to the boys for all of their hard work this year and to the parents for all of their support and taxi servicing!

SUTTON BOROUGH SWIMMING GALA

On Friday 16th March 2017 children from Y4-6 had the opportunity to represent Barrow Hedges at the annual Sutton Borough Swimming Gala. The swimming Gala was held at Westcroft Leisure Centre and involved swimmers from schools and clubs from across the Borough.

Well done to Jacob Richards, Amey Bhatia, Dylan Bythell (who took part in

their first swimming gala), Emma Wang and Simon Fraser. Simon had a particularly successful evening with medals in Y6 boys freestyle and breast stroke.



SUTTON BOROUGH CYCLING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 14th March children from Y6 took part in the Sutton Borough cycling competition at Northey Avenue. The competition has been running since 2005 and Barrow Hedges have won it a record three times.

Following the Y6 cycling workshop we chose 12 children to represent the school in three teams, each having to

compete in a Cross Country, Agility & Road Safety Quiz. It is always a tough competition, but this year Barrow Hedges stormed through the Cross Country and had 6 riders in the Final!

After all the races and scores from the three events had been totalled up Barrow Hedges finished **RUNNERS UP**, missing out by a very small margin to Harris Academy who went home with the cup.

Not only was this a fantastic team effort but there were individual medals from Archie (**BRONZE**), Joe (**SILVER**) and Ella (**GOLD**) for their outstanding performance in the cross country.

Well done to all the cyclists!



PRIMARY GYM AND DANCE FESTIVAL

Following the success of last year's festival Sutton High welcomed back children from across the borough to take part in the second Gym and Dance display. Children from Barrow Hedges, Devonshire, Westbourne, Cheam Park Farm, Sutton High and Muschamp put on a fantastic display of dance and gymnastic.

Well done to the Future Gymnastic group, Miss Edwards dance club and the SCD club for their brilliant performances.



STRICTLY COME DANCING 2018 SHOWCASE

On Monday 26th March 2018 we opened the doors to parents, staff and governors to enjoy the 4th SCD Showcase. In January the children began a 10 week block of dancing sessions, learning the waltz, quick step, samba and Paso Doble. The children worked in couples to master the steps and create a finishing piece fit for the Showcase.



The Strictly Come Dancing Showcase was, once again, a fabulous occasion full of glitter, flare, shimmies and even a lift or two! Glitter, sparkle, high heels and our very own glitter ball transformed the hall into a ballroom worthy of our Strictly Come Dancing Final. A HUGE, AMAZING, FABULOUS well done to all the Year 6 children.

Steve Harvey (Premier sport Area Manager) and Miss Potter (Teaching Assistant) said that the standard this year was the highest it has ever been and that their jobs as judges is becoming more and more difficult. Our best in category awards went to:

Waltz – Oliver and Harriet
Quick step – Max and Rachel
Samba – Frankie and Emma S
Paso Doble – Kai and Amelie S

Also congratulations to our overall winners, Oliver and Harriet, who were crowned winners of the Barrow Hedges Strictly Come Dancing 2018 Show case. More pictures are available to view on the School website.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Daniel (Cedar) for taking part in his first Judo competition. He took part in the BJA Southern Arena event and won a SILVER medal with an amazing ippon.



More success in Y5 with Zoe (Rowan) who collected a 2nd place prize in the U10 London and South East cyclo-cross League. Well done Zoe!





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

MOTOCROSS SUCCESS (Archie Edwards)

Archie has been training over the winter to get him ready for the 2018 motocross season. This year he will be competing in various national championships across the country with the support of his sponsors.

In between these races he will also be travelling to France, Belgium and Spain for practice days.

He is looking forward to racing amongst some of the best riders in the UK and hopes to keep his Auto Championship title that he gained from 2017.

<https://youtu.be/VGxmOo7EjmA>

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

**17/4 – BH GIRLS VS CHEAM PARK FARM (BOROUGH CUP FINAL)
SUTTON UNITED – KO 3.30**

19/4 – BH GIRLS VS PYRFORD (COUNTY CUP)

19/4 – BH BOYS VS HOLY TRINITY (AWAY)

20/4 – Y3 SWIMMING LESSONS START

23/4 – Y4 TENNIS LESSONS START

GIRLS FOOTBALL INVITE

We are writing to invite you to the Sutton Schools FA U11 Girls Borough Cup Final, to be played between us (Barrow Hedges) and Charm Park Farm on the 17th April 2018. You are a very much valued part of our school community and we would love to have your support for our big game!

The extremely exciting event is to be played at Sutton United Football Club, Goswelder Green Lane, Sutton, SM1 2EY, and will kick off at 3:30pm.

This year, we have had our most successful season ever: we were finalists in the Davone Cup; we were the Borough Champions of the U11 National League Trust (NLT) tournament; we then went on to be finalists representing Sutton United FC in the regional round of the NLT tournament; we were the Borough Champions of the U11 Primary Stars tournament; we then went on to be finalists representing Sutton in that same tournament; we were chosen to be mascots for the BT Sport televised game between Sutton United and Dagenham & Redbridge; we finished our season in second position, having lost just two league fixtures in total; and we were nominated to represent Sutton Borough at the London Youth Games and came 13th out of 33 boroughs overall!!!

We look forward to seeing you - thank you for your continued support.

BARROW HEDGES GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM