



Barrow Hedgelines

Autumn (2) 2019

Nursery – Visit from Santa

On Elf Day in Nursery, we suddenly heard the sound of bells on the roof and a "Ho, ho ho!" Santa had come to visit us! The children asked Santa lots of questions about Christmas and he said we have been very good and even brought us some presents early, to share with all of our Nursery friends. The children all got a bell from Santa's sleigh to take home and ring on Christmas Eve.



Caterpillar and Tadpole classes entertained their families by singing some familiar Christmas songs in the Nursery Sing-a-long. The children were so brave, performing in front of a big audience and remembering the words and actions.



Reception – Do Dragons Exist?

We read the story of 'The Paper Bag Princess'. The story is about a princess who has her castle and clothes burnt by a fierce dragon. The children learnt to use a story map to sequence the events in the story and to use words and actions to retell the story.

We asked the question, 'Do Dragons Exist?' Some of the children thought that dragons are real whilst some thought that they were not real and that they only exist in stories. The children found a magical book called 'Dragonology' which looked real because it has emeralds on the front and 'real' scales inside. We used the book to find out more about dragons and to write dragon facts.

Then something very exciting happened. We came to school and found mysterious eggs and a letter from Dorothy Dragon! We looked after the eggs which was very exciting. Whilst we waited for the baby dragons to hatch, we thought of ways we could train our dragons to keep Barrow Hedges safe. We decided that we would teach the dragons to fly, to eat fish, to rescue princesses and to breathe fire at baddies. We thought about our own dragon stories and learnt about story settings as we decided where to have our dragon adventures. Sadly Dorothy Dragon came and collected her eggs before they had time to hatch and took them back to her dragon world. We learnt all about real dragons that exist today called Bearded Dragons and learnt how to look after them.

We really enjoyed learning about dragons and thinking if they do exist. What do you think?

Year 1 – Special Visitors

On Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November, Year 1 had a visit from firefighters who work for the Wallington Fire Brigade. We had a very informative fire safety talk where they explained to the children the importance of having a smoke alarm in the house.



Did you know that the fire brigade will install a fire alarm in your house for free? All you need to do is follow this link (<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety-visits/>). The children then had a fantastic opportunity to explore a fire engine, getting inside to have a closer look at all of the different equipment they use. It was great fun!



On Monday, 25th November, Year 1 had a special visitor come to visit the school.



To celebrate this special day the children got dressed up in their fanciest party clothes and had a royal tea party. The special visitor, Mark Hill, told the children about his job as a chef at the Palace of Westminster and his experience of meeting Prince Charles when he was presented with an MBE for his contribution in the culinary industry. We found out that he cooks for 14,000 people a day!



undertook a multitude of knightly duties. This began with knights training on day 1 and quickly led to the exploration of The Tower of London. In the classroom we have looked at castles in more detail, exploring timelines, castle types and the sort of people who would live in one. English has continued this theme and each class has finished by publishing their very own book of dragons now available to read in each book corner. Whilst in Maths, the children's developing knowledge of addition and subtraction has enabled them to solve the mystery of the missing Crown Jewels from the Tower of London. However, the biggest success has come in the form of the KS1 Christmas production, where the children shone in their Tinsel and Tea-Towels performance. It has certainly been a long and busy half term and the children have earned a well-deserved break!

Year 2 – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

Year 2 have enjoyed an excellent Autumn 2. During our Towers, Tunnels and Turrets topic, the children

Year 3 – Mighty Metals

We started our project with an engage day! The first activity we did was to pick up jelly cubes with chop sticks. We soon found out

we were testing friction. We then covered the jelly in oil to make the task harder; it was actually easier for some people.



Next we went on the playground equipment. We were investigating if they used a pushing or pulling force and how friction and gravity was used. We discovered that the supernova uses a pushing force because it requires a push to turn it. The climbing blocks use a push and pull, you push with your legs but you pull with your arms.



The last activity we did was to create art by throwing paper plates! We put drops

of paint on them and then we threw them like a frisbee. It looked amazing! This activity demonstrated how air resistance acts on flying objects. We had a great day!

Evelyn (Elm)

Year 4 – Potions Day

In Year 4 this half term we've enjoyed a Science focus and have been exploring the three states of matter. To launch our topic we had a 'Potions Day' where the children made lava lamps as part of an investigation into liquid density; caused a 'boom in the room' chemical reaction as they learnt about the nature of gas and pressure and created slime by mixing cornflour and washing up liquid. This scientific focus has supported our English learning as we produced non chronological reports about states of matter. We have also enjoyed writing rhyming couplet poems about a witch's potion; a selection of these will be up on display outside Maple Class after the break.

Merry Christmas from all of the Year 4 team!

Year 5 – Hampton Court

This term, Year 5 visited Hampton Court Palace, where we were able to immerse ourselves in the life of Henry VIII, his wives and his children. Particular highlights were admiring Henry's Great Hall, the infamous Haunted gallery and exploring the magnificent world-famous gardens. In the 'Young Henry' workshop, the children developed their drama skills by acting out key events from Henry's early life as a monarch, to discover why the Tudor king changed so dramatically into the "obese tyrant" we recognise today, and the impact this had on the country as a whole.



Year 6 – Joseph and the Technicoloured Dream Coat

After a short drive, we arrived at this amazing

school called Trinity. As a few minutes went by, we entered the school's theatre - it was way bigger than we expected it to be and before you knew it, the incredible show began.



The crowd erupted with excitement; every second of the show made everyone bewildered. Joseph was an outstanding actor and so were all of the other cast members. As the show went on, crazy things had happened and we wish the show had never stopped. Thank you for the amazing show and the water. It inspired me to feel that anything is possible.

Isabella L and George T

Cinderella

Last week, a group of our children were fortunate to attend a panto. Oh yes they did! Forty five pupils headed off to Fairfield Halls by coach to watch Cinderella.



The children (and adults!) joined in with the singing, dancing and shouting - it's behind you! A fabulous, joyful time was had by all.



Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday, 11th December, the children

(and staff) were treated to a lovely Christmas dinner!



We even had a surprise visit from a very mischievous elf!

Thank you to the wonderful kitchen staff for putting on such a glorious feast – it certainly went down a treat!

Staff Panto

Today, the children were treated to the traditional annual Barrow Hedges Staff Christmas Pantomime! Mr Buckingham led the cast of Robin Hood and his Merry Men and the children had great fun booing and

hissing at Miss Swinfield (the Sheriff of Nottingham).



Goodbye Marion

The children held a lovely assembly this week to say goodbye to Marion, our Banstead Road lollipop lady, who is retiring today after 35 years!



Marion was so touched to receive a handmade lollipop covered in all of the children's thumb prints!

Please note that there will be no crossing patrol on Banstead Road for the near future; we will update you as soon as the recruitment process has been completed.

Guitar Performance

The guitarists gave a wonderful performance to the school in assembly – well done to everyone involved!



Charities

Children in Need

Our annual Wear a Onesie for Children in Need raised a fantastic £1,084. Thank you to all children, parents and staff for once again supporting this worthy cause.

Metropolitan Police Christmas Present Collection

Our staff all added an extra Christmas present to their shopping lists this year and we were able to donate over 20 presents to local children, aged 5 months to 16 years, who otherwise may not receive a present this year.





Thank you to Mrs Cloves and Mrs Thompson for organising this and to our wonderful staff for their generosity.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Staff donned their favourite (and very hot!) Christmas jumpers last week in aid of Save the Children.



Christmas Collections

A huge thank you to everyone who came to a Christmas show, concert or singalong this year – our

Chosen charity is Jigsaw4U, a local charity offering counselling and practical support to children - www.jigsaw4u. We were

able to donate £850, thank you so much for digging deep!

Reminders

Dinner Money

Please be reminded that, if your child to receives a school lunch, accounts must be kept in credit. Thank you in advance.

When dropping off and collecting your child(ren), we would be grateful if you could not leave your car engines running as this has been pointed out by a few of our local residents.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

6 th January 2020	INSET Day
7 th January 2020	Children return to School
9 th January 2020	Year 1 Science Museum Trip
<u>Week Commencing</u> 13 th January 2020	Afterschool clubs start
14 th January 2020 – 3:30pm	Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop



Posting photographs of your children

Many parents want to share photographs of their children online with friends and family but it is important to remember that photographs can reveal a lot of information about your child. **Ensure that photographs are taken with the location setting disabled.**

Parents can help children build a positive digital footprint, stressing the importance of only posting photographs and comments that are positive. Many employers and further education leaders do look at candidates' online presence before offering places on a course or a job opportunity.



Setting parental controls

Along with the many positive things which young people may see or experience online, they may also encounter things which may worry or upset them. This could be anything from a scary picture or hateful comment to something which is intended for an adult audience or potentially even illegal content. Setting parental controls can help create a safer online experience for younger children. Internet Matters has created step by step guides to help parents set up the right controls and privacy settings on networks, gadgets, apps, and sites popular with children. Visit the Internet Matters website for guidance on setting parental controls: [bit.ly/InternetMattersParentalControls](https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/)



Conversation starters for parents and carers

How does the internet make you feel? Do different apps/games make you feel differently?

How might you know if you are using the internet /technology too much?

Parental controls and privacy settings can be very effective tools to help minimise the risks your children may face, but they are not 100% effective. It's really important to teach your child skills such as critical thinking and resilience, so they can be aware of online risk and know what to do and where to go for help when needed. Always encourage them to talk to you if anything happens online that worries them or doesn't feel right. **Don't miss opportunities to have a conversation with children about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively.** Have a look at the conversation starters on the Safer Internet website for ideas: [bit.ly/SaferInternetConversation](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents-carers/conversation-starters)



Sporting Hedge

Boys Football

What a busy term it's been for the various boys' football teams! There have been so many fixtures it's been difficult to keep track of them all. It has, however, been one of our most successful starts to a season in many years.

As things stand, our A team are sitting top of the league - having gained the maximum 21 points from 7 games.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
BARROW HEDGES	7	7	0	0	21
BH WOODFIELD	6	5	0	1	15
HARRIS	5	3	0	2	9
ST MARYS	4	2	0	2	6
ALL SAINTS	5	2	0	3	6
TWEEDALE	5	2	0	3	6
HACKBRIDGE	5	1	0	4	3
HOLY TRINITY	7	1	0	6	3
STANLEY PARK	4	1	0	3	3
HIGHVIEW	4	1	0	3	3
ST ELPHEGES	1	1	0	0	3
BH M/FIELD	1	1	0	0	3
BEDDINGTON PARK	0	0	0	0	0
MUSCHAMP	0	0	0	0	0

Having been top for the majority of the season, the B team has slipped to 2nd place, with Green Wrythe just edging the top spot.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
GREEN WRYTHE	6	6	0	0	18
BARROW HEDGES	7	5	1	1	16
HOLY TRINITY	8	2	1	5	7
BH WOODFIELD	3	2	1	0	7
FORRESTERS	4	2	0	2	6
ALL SAINTS	4	1	1	2	4
HACKBRIDGE	3	1	0	2	3
ST MARYS	3	1	0	2	3
ST ELPHEGES	2	1	0	1	3
WALLINGTON	3	0	0	3	0

We have also progressed passed the first round in all Y5 cup competitions with our only defeat coming in the Y6 U11 Surrey Cup at Harrodian School.

So far this year, over 40 boys have had the opportunity to represent the school at football and all have done so with pride and determination. We're confident that with continued hard work after Christmas that we can have a very successful end to the season.

Lastly, we'd like to extend a massive thank you to all the parents who have come to support the boys and assisted in transporting them to and from games.

Girls Football

So far this term, the girls' football team has been very successful as we have won all of our Sutton League fixtures. This puts us top of the League going into the Christmas break.

For more information about CAFC Soccer schools please go to - <https://www.soccerschools.club/news>

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Barrow Hedges	3	3	0	0	9
Manor Park	2	1	0	1	3
Dorchester	2	1	0	1	3
Robin Hood	3	1	0	2	3
Cheam Common	1	1	0	0	3
Stanley Park	0	0	0	0	0
St. Dunstan's	1	0	0	1	0
A.S. Benilton	2	0	0	2	0

We have enjoyed all of our matches and we have all worked well together as a team throughout our season. We have been through so much as a team and pushed through the bad times and made good ones – we are so proud of ourselves and each other.

One of our best matches was against Robin Hood and Ava was one of our best team players in that match as she scored from the halfway line helping us to win an astonishing 9-0! – Sienna and Ava B

The girls have worked hard and have continued to compete against some tough opposition, narrowly missing out in Borough

tournaments to Cheam Park Farm.

For further information, fixtures and up to date League tables for the boys and girls visit

<http://www.suttonschoolsfa.co.uk/>

Netball

The Autumn term marks the start of the netball season and the Autumn League, which includes schools from across the Borough. Our Autumn fixtures included Stanley Park, Wallington Primary, Green Wrythe and Hackbridge.

Many of the girls were new to netball and with the help of Mrs. Reynolds and students from Oaks Park High, we started passing and defending the post. Quickly, the girls progressed onto match play and looked forward to matches in training.

A team results – Wallington 4 – BH 2, Stanley Park 12 – BH 0, Green Wrythe 6 – BH 0; B team results – Wallington 1 – BH 1, Stanley Park 2 – BH 0, Green Wrythe 0 – BH 1.



We have lots to work on but the girls are enthusiastic and committed to improving their match play. We look forward to the start of the Spring League in January

Rugby Megafest

On Wednesday 30th October children from rugby club took part in their first Rugby tournament. The competition involved schools from across the Borough and was designed to promote competitive rugby as well as give those new to the game an opportunity to practise their skills.

The A team did fantastically well with wins against Muschamp A and B, Nonsuch Primary. Tries scored by Naia, Finley and Campbell.

In the MEGAFEST competition, for those new to the game, our Y5's dominated play and worked together to improve their defensive line. Marcus (Cedar) class was awarded player of the tournament.

We were back at John Fisher a week later to take part in the Y3 and Y4 MEGAFEST. For many this was their first experience of rugby and were excited to get stuck in. Both teams played exceptionally well and finished the day undefeated.



Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday 27th November children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Borough Indoor athletics at Wallington High School for Girls.

The event gives children an opportunity to compete in a range of indoor activities, including chest push, javelin, vertical jump, speed bounce, standing long jump

and triple jump. Track events include relays, obstacle and the under/over.

The children brilliantly and encouraged each other from the sidelines. Well done all! Barrow Hedges narrowly missed out on a Finals place, finishing 4th behind Cheam Park Farm, Westbourne and Bandon Hill Woodfield.



Martial Arts

After a busy Autumn term well done to the following children for achieving their gradings at Progressive Martial Arts.



Achievements

Maggie (Sycamore), Tom (Walnut) and Lana (Otter) who are all members of the Sutton Cycling club.

As a way to introduce complete riding to the children, members ride against each other in an internal League.

Well done to Maggie – finishing 2nd again in her most recent race; Tom won his race, for the second time this season and Lana who remains unbeaten.

What a fantastic family achievement!



On Sunday 24th November Ethan (Chestnut) competed in his first competitive boxing match. It was a packed venue and Ethan fought 3 x 1 minute rounds against a boy from Sunbury Boxing Club. Ethan was too powerful and was asked to power down.

Well done Ethan!



In gymnastics, Olivia and Maxie (Woodpecker) were proud to show their Future Gymnastic medals to the class.



In football news, Teddy (Ash) was approached by Crystal Palace FC and has been asked to join their U9 squad next season. Teddy currently plays for Sutton Utd and recently travelled to Manchester City to play in a football festival. We wish you luck for the forthcoming season!



Barrow Hedges also featured in the local Guardian, celebrating the

success of ex-pupil D'shon Bernard who made his Manchester United debut earlier this month.

Di'Shon, who joined Barrow Hedges in Y6, played in the school team and went on to represent the Borough and Surrey. He played for Chelsea FC as a school boy before moving to Manchester United, fulfilling his dream to become a professional footballer.



To read the full article see - <https://www.yourlocalguardian.co.uk/news/18070251.di-shon-bernard-debuts-manchester-united-former-teachers-praise-performance/>

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16/1 - Strictly starts in Y6

6/2 - Y5/6 Badminton competition 4.00-5.30 (by invitation only)

10/2- Y2/Y4 RE dance workshop

11/2- Y6 cycling workshop 1.00-3.00

13/2- Y6 handball 1.30-4.30 Carshalton Boys (by invitation only)

31st March - SCD Showcase 2020 1.30-3.15