



Barrow Hedgelines

Autumn (1) 2020

Nursery – Our First Half Term

We have been super busy at our new Nursery and we have settled in beautifully. We have learnt about the Nursery rules and how to make new friends through the story 'Little Tiger Goes to School'. We read the story together and met all the characters. We even helped them to learn the rules!



We met Tarzan the tortoise. He helped us to remember to walk in Nursery. Not like Little leopard who ran and bumped into his friends!

Little Elephant helped us to remember to use our listening ears to listen to our teachers and to our friends when we are playing together.

We showed Little Monkey how to tidy up the toys so

our Nursery is a nice place for us to play with our friends.

We taught Little Parrot how to share the toys and use nice words at Nursery, like, "Please can I play with you?" and "Can I have a turn please?"

We also read 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' Did you know the Tiger came to Nursery one day and we had a cup of tea with him?



We learnt to try new things with our friends at Nursery. We tried different types of tea, using a real teapot.



What fun we have had settling into our new Nursery! Great job everyone - we are really proud of you!

Reception – Where Does Food Come From?

This term in Reception, our themed learning was 'Where does our food come from?' We went on an Autumn walk to find lots of clues and the children noticed the changes in the season. For example, the leaves changed colour and they were falling from the trees.



We learnt that lots of fruits and vegetables are ready to pick or harvest in the Autumn time. We read the story of Clifford the Big Red Dog's First Autumn. Clifford has lots of fun at the park chasing leaves and spotting the changes at the grocery shop. Clifford, the Big Red Dog left us a special package from the greengrocer's shop.



Inside, there were lots of Autumn fruit and vegetables with a special letter. Where did they come from? We learnt that fruits and vegetables come from seeds and learnt that seeds need soil, sunshine and water to grow. Some vegetables grow in the ground like carrots and potatoes. Some fruit grows on trees like apples. Some fruits and vegetables grow on plants above the ground like blackberries, peas and courgettes. We read the story of Oliver's Vegetables and lots of other stories about growing crops. We listened carefully to the story of The Little Red Hen who made bread from flour. We know that flour comes from wheat. We enjoyed

joining in with the voices of the animals and the repetitive phrases in the book. Then we read Oliver's Milkshake and learnt that milk comes from a cow. Now we know all about where our food comes from!



Year 1 – Memory Box

This half term, Year One have enjoyed being historians, learning about ourselves and our own memories, in our first topic 'Memory Box'. We were very excited to have a very special visitor! Miss Wilson brought her baby Olive, who is 11 months old, into school.



She told us about all the things she can already do and what life is like for Olive as a baby. We got to ask lots of questions about what it is like to be a baby and reflected on how we have changed since we were born. We have also been exploring toys from the past and thought of interesting questions to help us find out more about what they were used for and when. We then compared these toys with our own that we play with today. What toys did your parents and grandparents used to play with when they were younger? Are they similar or different to the toys you play with now?



We have also been learning about the weather in Geography and observing how it changes through the different seasons. Our Autumn walk was lots of fun, and we discussed how the different types of weather can affect us. We made special weather diaries and couldn't believe we got to write about Storm Alex on one of the days!



activities such as a mini Olympics which saw the mighty Spartans take on the fearsome Athenians.



Year 2 – Street Detectives

Year 2's return to school has been incredible and they have left their new teachers amazed at their levels of resilience. Together we have enjoyed our first topic, 'Street Detectives', where we have learned all about the local area that we live in. Here we have looked at our role within the local community and this has led to some awesome creations in Art, where each class has recreated the shops on Banstead road. Given the school's closure, we wasted no time in revisiting the Science units that some of us had missed in Year 1 and we have absolutely loved looking at life cycles and microhabitats. This was particularly the case when we uncovered the creepy crawlies hiding under the planks of wood in the school playground!

We hope Year 2 will bring the same levels of enthusiasm when we start our new topic, 'Towers Tunnels and Turrets'.

Year 3 – Ancient Greek Day

At the start of the term we were fortunate enough to take part in an Ancient Greek Day in which we dressed up and took part in an exciting and highly entertaining workshop.



During the day, we took part in many different

We all played a traditional tactical game called Petteia, a game very similar to modern day checkers; and we even learnt some military formations and chants which could be heard throughout the school - Sorry Mrs Wood and the office team! It truly was an informative and enjoyable day.

Written by Ash Class

Year 4 – Roman Day

Year 4 have kicked off the new academic year in style by studying the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. The highlight was

undoubtedly Roman Day on Friday, 25th September where we dressed up as Romans. We took part in a quiz about the Romans, learnt to play a board game called Delta and were even able to handle some real Roman artefacts. In the afternoon our workshop leader, Titus, taught us some Roman military formations and helped us recreate Boudicca's revolt.



In DT, we created our own Roman shields out of cardboard. The children have transitioned brilliantly back into school life following school closure and we look forward to our next topic - 'Potions' - which will take on more of a scientific focus looking primarily at states of matter.

Year 5 – Scream Machine

In Year 5, for our theme 'Scream Machine', we have had lots of fun designing and building our very own theme park rides using K'Nex. First, in groups, we planned and sketched a ride that met the design requirements of using gears and a having rotary motion. We then built our rotating theme park rides, some of us making carousels and others Ferris wheels. Finally, we attached a motor to our rides to power the rotary motion before evaluating them against our success criteria.



We really enjoyed experimenting with, improving, and watching our rides move!

Year 6

Evacuee Day

On Monday 14th September, we were evacuated. We dressed up in our very best outfits which made us feel very smart.



In groups of 15, we gathered to go to the train station to meet our trains – the trains that would be taking us far away from our families. When we arrived at Carshalton Beeches Station, we prepared to board the train imagining what our lives would be like as evacuees. We were given a destination which was then written on our identity tags and we clutched our few precious belongings tightly.

Thankfully, our trains never came, and we were able to return to school where we listened to a story about the experiences of a little girl

who was evacuated during WW2. It was fascinating to learn how different children's lives became when they were sent away. Who could imagine never having seen a cow before? At the end of the day, we reflected on this memorable experience and felt grateful that we could return to our families.

By Freddie and Leo

World War 2 Day

On World War 2 day, Gail came in and taught us lots about our country during the war. We had an exciting morning, which was full of fun and fascinating facts whilst having a heated competition to see who was the best bomb diffuser - it got very competitive! Furthermore, in the afternoon, the whole of Year 6 gathered with Gail to explore the topics of evacuation and rationing. We learnt lots of new, interesting facts and got involved with Gail's amazing activities. Although our day was filled with much fun and amusement, our favourite part by far was the exciting race in the hall. We were split into two teams to see which would be the most successful medics on the

battlefield. We had a phenomenal day, thanks to Gail and took in lots of new information about Britain in the war.

By Alice & Isla M



Lost Property

A huge effort was made last term by the office team to keep lost property to an absolute minimum. There is now a box in the school office for any un-named items. All named items are taken immediately back to their rightful owner. However, we are still receiving a large number of un-named items which we are not able to return. We have also noticed that items bought in the second hand shop are not re-named, therefore an item with the previous owner's name will not be returned to you.

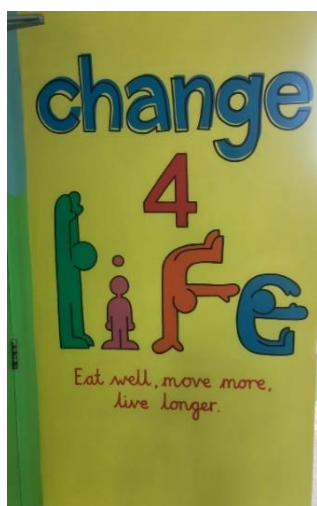
Any lost property that is not reclaimed within two weeks will be upcycled to the second hand shed.

PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

Mural

We are delighted to have welcomed Sarah from Dancing Décor back during lockdown to complete another lovely mural for our school. The corridor at the end of KS2 (near to the netball court) is now looking so colourful and the amazing pictures remind children about healthy minds and healthy bodies.





This was able to be funded thanks to the contributions made by parents to the PTA – thank you!

Harvest Festival

We were delighted to be able to collect our Harvest Festival donations this year, albeit in a socially distanced way! Thank you to everyone who brought in food and toiletry items, as ever we were amazed by the generosity of our families. Thanks also go to Lisa Webster who collected the goods to be distributed to local charities by members of the Good Shepherd Church.



Light Up Your Street

You may have seen that the Christmas lights have gone up in shopping parades in preparation for Christmas celebrations.

Let's build on this and make Carshalton Beeches during the Winter months lighter and brighter for all.

As Beeches Yulefest, carol singing and many other celebrations are not taking place this year, I have been in discussion with Carshalton Beeches Residents Association and the Beeches Wellbeing Community Group and we have come up with a plan to link everyone together by putting up lights in our front gardens, hedges, trees etc. These can just be a simple string of lights, battery or solar are preferable, or I am sure some of the more creative can go further, to show we are all looking forward to seeing the light at the end of this tunnel.

To Name a few Celebrations coming up soon:

- **1st November** - All Saints Day and All Souls Day
- **5th November** – Guy Fawkes Day
- **8th November** – Remembrance Sunday
- **14th November** – Diwali (Festivals of Lights)

Then of course the big lead up to Christmas and New Year.

Let's show our support for each other.

Thank you

Cllr Moira Butt

Parking Around School

We have received numerous complaints from parents and residents about the lack of consideration when parking in the roads around school. Whilst we appreciate that the new staggered start times may be challenging for some of you, this cannot be used as an excuse for the kind of parking that has been witnessed over the past few weeks. If anything, the staggered start should help but this will only be the case if parents aren't arriving too early or too late. Parking on pavements and across drives with no thought to our children, fellow parents and residents simply cannot be tolerated. Thank you for your cooperation.



New Premises Assistant



Mr David Moore joined the premises team this month, he is a welcome addition to the team and assistant to Dave Blackman, our Premises Supervisor. Thanks to both for their hard work.

Mrs Duncan Baby News

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Delilah Duncan on 4th September, a healthy 8lbs 8oz girl.

Dates for the Diary	
2 nd November 2020	INSET Day
9 th December 2020	Flu Immunisation (Reception to Year 6)
16 th December 2020	Christmas Dinner
18 th December 2020	Last Day of Term

Eco news

This month we have been trying to walk to school each day. This not only helps to reduce the number of cars on the local roads but improves the air quality around our school. Thank you for your continued support in trying to make our community a better place to live.

Did you know?

Recycling paper uses 70% less energy and saves 55% of water usage compared to non-paper.

At school we are pleased to say that we are now recycling more paper than ever with the introduction of paper recycling bins throughout the school. In addition, the cartons of milk that the children receive are now made from recycled card and have information about how to use it as a seed pot to plant a tree.

Monthly Magpies – Black History Month



This month at Barrow Hedges, we have set aside some time to learn about significant individuals from Black History. We have continued that theme into our monthly magpies.

Historic Hero:

In 1955, Rosa Parks made history when she refused to give up her seat on a bus. Rosa lived in America. She had been working hard all day when she got the bus home. The bus was very full, and she was told she would have to give up her seat for a white man. For this, she was arrested and many people knew that this was simply not fair. People went on strike and refused to use the busses until the government agreed that the rules on the bus were not acceptable. Rosa's bravery has made her a hero to many people.

You can watch a song about her here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-song-rosa-parks-sat-on-a-bus>

What things do you think are important? We can stand up for what we believe is important too. You could make a poster, write a letter to your MP or write a persuasive speech to explain why you think it is important.



Composer Central:

Bob Marley wrote a famous song telling people not to worry. Have a listen here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LanCLS_hIo4

As you listen, think about the message of the song. It can be very hard not to feel worry about all the things you hear on the news at the moment. Why not make a list of all the things that you have in your life that help you to feel calm and positive? You could draw them or write them down. Next time you feel worried, try to remember the things on your list and do one of the those things.



Love our Libraries:

This month we are championing the books of Malorie Blackman. We have championed her books before, but we think it is worth another mention. Help Beans and her friends solve the mystery of her Dad's disappearance in Operation Gadgetman or, for younger children, see if Fangs and Nathan can show his family that spiders aren't hairy and scary - they can be special and brave. Or, if you fancy something a bit different, check out Ellie, and the Cat.

'Ellie is the rudest, most spoilt child her grandma has ever met. So Grandma, who is a little bit magic, decides to teach her a lesson and switches Ellie's body with Jolly the cat's. As Ellie starts to make friends with the other animals in the house, the mice and the spiders, she learns how to be a good friend.'



Powerful Poetry:

This month, why not have a read at some of the fantastically powerful and moving poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. The British writer is known for his poetry as well as novels, plays, and other works. His poetry is called "dub poetry," which means that it is performed—the words are recited over the beat of reggae music. Originally writing poems for adults, Benjamin soon focused on writing for children.

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Benjamin-Zephaniah/476345>

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poet/benjamin-zephaniah/>

If you're feeling inspired, why not write your own poem about any subject that you feel passionate about.



Superb sportsperson:

Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill DBE (born 28 January 1986) is a retired British track and field athlete from England, specialising in multi-eventing disciplines and 100 metres hurdles. As a competitor in heptathlon, she is the 2012 Olympic champion, a three-time world champion (2009, 2011, 2015), and the 2010 European champion. She is also the 2010 world indoor pentathlon champion. Dame Ennis-Hill is such a British hero that she was chosen as one of our House names here at Barrow Hedges.

https://facts.kiddle.co/Jessica_Ennis-Hill

You can watch and enjoy arguable her greatest success, sealing Gold in the Heptathlon at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-rEnjNWnMg>



Where we live:

Honeywood Museum:

What: A monster hunt

When: Saturday 24th October, Friday 30th October and Saturday 31st October

Booking is essential and can be done using Eventbrite.

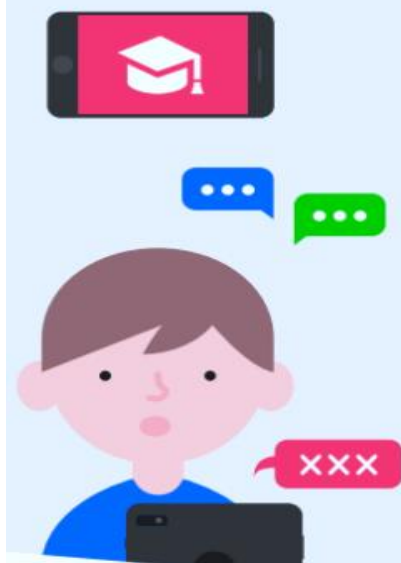
Online Safety News



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Schools, pupils and families have needed to embrace remote learning and increased internet usage over the last few months. For many this has enabled them to continue with some aspects of learning and engage with their peers and friends, but as always, the internet has its safety issues for both pupils and adults and it can be challenging to manage screen time.

What are the benefits and challenges of screen use?



Screen time benefits

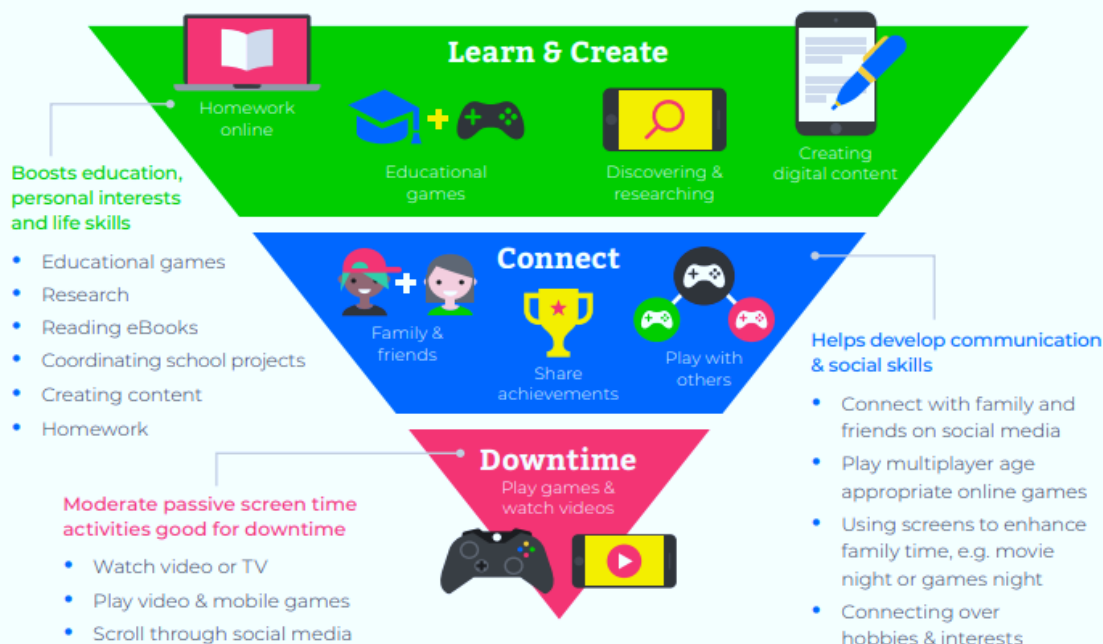
- Screen use provides a range of opportunities for creativity and learning – **70% of parents strongly agree that using devices is essential** for their child's development
Source: [Internet Matters Look both ways report](#)
- Screens can be a great tool to allow children to **maintain relationships** with family and friends.
- **Screens can help ease the financial burden** when looking to entertain children.

Screen time challenges

- Young children might stumble **across inappropriate content** that may have a negative impact on their digital wellbeing.
- Passive screen time **could have a physical effect on their development** (i.e. eyes, brain), sleep cycle and behaviour.
- Younger children **may not understand the concept of what the internet is** and how it works so could find it hard to differentiate between what is real and what is fake.

Creating a balanced digital diet

Like a healthy meal, a healthy digital diet can help children **to develop good online habits**. Use our **digital diet tips** to help children prioritise screen time activities in a balanced way.



Visit internetmatters.org/screentime for more advice



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Sporting Hedge

Football

The start of the Autumn term normally brings with it a flurry of training schedules and fixtures for our football teams. Unfortunately, current restrictions mean that we are unable to play matches against other schools.

However, there is some football being played in the Borough and congratulations to Freddie (Willow) and Joe G (Chestnut) who have been selected for the 20-21 Sutton Schools Football team. This is a fantastic achievement, playing alongside boys chosen from all over the Borough for League, Cup and tournaments against teams across the South East.



The team played their first fixture on Saturday against a strong Wokingham side. The final score was 4-3 and a great team performance for the new side. We wish them luck in their upcoming matches.

For more information and updates follow Twitter @suttonschoolsfa

Ron Resilience was out in force! The children thoroughly enjoyed it and there were plenty of smiles on some very proud faces!

Year 6 Winners:



Virtual Cross Country

On Monday 19th October Barrow Hedges hosted its first Virtual Cross-Country event. The event was open to Y3-6 and had an overwhelming number of entries.

Well done to everyone who took part, in what was, for many, their first experience of cross country running.



Year 5 winners:





Year 4 winners:



Year 3 winners:



Also, well done to Year 2 who took the opportunity to practice their running skills and made use of the

course by completing 2 laps.

A special thank you to Mrs. Lacey and Miss Price for helping!

Barrow Hedges Awards

Well done to us for achieving 3 separate awards for our commitment to sport, both in school and through home-learning.



Achievements

Well done to Kaida (Oak), who has continued to work hard and develop her gymnastics. Kaida has been part of Tolworth Gymnastics Squad since she was 5 years old and has been selected to take part in extra training sessions. This is a fantastic achievement; testament to Kaida's determination and commitment.

Congratulations to ex-pupil Di'Shon Bernard who begins the next chapter of his football career at Salford FC. Di'Shon, who joined Barrow Hedges in Y6, played in the school team and went on to represent the Borough and Surrey. He then played for Chelsea FC Academy, before moving to Manchester United.

The League Two side, owned by David Beckham, Gary and Phil Neville, have offered Di'Shon a loan contract and he is excited to get the opportunity to play 1st team football. We wish you well!



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**

Dates for the Diary	
W/C 3rd November	Y6 Bikeability
W/C 9th November	Y6 Bikeability
23rd November 2020	Y5 Tudor Dance Workshop