



# Barrow Hedgelines

Summer (1) 2021

## Staffing Update

We say a goodbye to Mrs Panayi, Teaching Assistant, who is leaving us today. We extend our thanks for all her hard work at Barrow Hedges and all our best wishes as she moves on to a new role in secondary education.

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We have enjoyed looking at Traditional stories especially the Gingerbread Man.

## Nursery – Storytelling

Nursery have been learning how to tell stories and to join in with repetitive text. We have loved linking this to our planting of seeds which we did before the Easter holidays. This prompted us to read 'Jaspers Beanstalk', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. It's been so much fun retelling the stories ourselves and being the characters too. We even made our own beanstalk in Nursery and thought of how to get up to the top and who may be there.



We made our own real Gingerbread Men and held them tight when we took our one home in case he ran away.



We are such fantastic storyteller's now.

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## Reception – Can I be an Author?

This term in Reception we have been answering the question 'Can I be an Author?' At the beginning of our theme the children responded with a resounding 'no', they knew that writing was tricky and didn't think they could possibly be real authors! Now the children know that they can do it. Every child has written their own story using their imaginations. What super writers they are! We even had a party today to celebrate

the publishing of their own book that they will bring home to you.



Please do celebrate their writing as your child shares their book with you. We have learnt lots about stories. For example, they have a 'beginning', 'middle' and 'end' and use story language like 'they lived happily ever after'. They know that their ideas need to be in a sequence and that stories have problems that need to be solved to make them exciting. We had lots of fun exploring Hansel and Gretel and Cinderella whilst we

learnt about story structures and sentence starters.

Yes, we can be authors!

## Year 1 – Enchanted Woodland

This half term we have had so much fun with our 'Enchanted Woodland' theme.

We got to look after our very own caterpillars and watch them form their chrysalis. They then started their clever process of transforming into a butterfly!



Eventually, we discovered we had five beautiful butterflies in our butterfly garden, and later went to release them on the field next to lots of nettles and flowers; it was so much fun!



We knew they were 'Painted Ladies' because we had done lots of research on the computers about different types of butterflies - most of us decided our favourite was the 'Blue Morpho', because it's such a bright colour! Did you know it is one of the largest butterflies in the world?



In Science, we have been exploring trees. We know there are different types of trees - some are deciduous, and some are evergreen. We also went on a tree hunt and collected different types of



leaves. We used our magnifying glasses to observe them and identified what trees they had come from. This half term we have also loved growing our very own sunflowers and have learnt about the different parts of a plant and the jobs that they do. We now have them at home and can't wait to see how tall they grow!



In Geography, we have been exploring maps and looking at the different symbols we might find on a map and why they are useful. It was so exciting to create our own fantasy map with a key! In English, we have enjoyed getting very creative and being story tellers. We made

up our very own fantasy stories using our imaginations. We explored mythical characters and magical settings, and maggied ideas that we wanted to use, to make our stories exciting. Our teachers were so impressed and lots of us have said we would love to be authors when we grow up!

Our class reader 'The Enchanted Wood' by Enid Blyton has made us even more excited about reading this half term, and every day we cannot wait to find out about Joe, Beth and Frannie's adventures, and the strange characters they meet!

What a wonderful half term we have had! We have all shown lots of resilience and learnt many new things. 😊

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### **Year 2 – Wriggle and Crawl**

This half term Year 2 have been exploring the theme, 'Wriggle and Crawl'. This theme has a science and geography focus. In Science, we have learned all about the life cycle of humans compared with bees, animals and their habitats as well as ways we can keep our bodies healthy. In Geography, we have explored the tropical climbs around the equator, paying particular attention to

Madagascar and comparing its climate to that of the UK's. As well as this, Year 2 have gotten their zen on by participating in yoga classes every Friday, where we have learned lots of new yoga poses. A particular highlight in English was creating our own unBEElievable information texts. Here, the children blew away their teachers with their incredible knowledge of bees and their roles from research they carried out using a range of sources.

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### **Year 3 – Running Rivers**

This Half term, Year Three have been learning all about plants and rivers in our brand new 'Running Rivers' theme. During our Science lessons, we have learnt all about plants and how to care for them. We even had a go at growing sunflowers - some to more success than others!



During our Geography lessons, we have been learning all about rivers with a particular focus on our local river, the Wandle. Did you know that during the Victorian Times, the Wandle was deemed one of the hardest working rivers in the world!?

Along with our work in class this half term, we have also been very excited to begin our Djembe lessons on a Tuesday.



We've been having lots of fun learning rhythms and all about the history of the drums and where they originated from. We can't wait to continue next half term!

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#### **Year 4 – Burps, Bottoms and Bile**

Year 4 have enjoyed studying our Burps, Bottoms and Bile theme this half term. In Science, we've been learning about the human digestive system and how to maintain good dental hygiene. In English, we've written some superb sci-fi narratives about a scientist

who shrinks himself down and explores the digestive system. And in DT, the children designed, branded and baked their very own fruit-based flapjacks.



The results were so incredible that some have asked for the recipe to take home!

#### **Year 5 – World War 1**

Year 5 have been learning about World War 1! Here is what some of them had to say about it!

Have you ever been in an "escape room"? Ever experienced exploring expensive relics of wonderful war antiques? Well, I have been in one. We had an awesome time! We started with a search for spy. The major was caught after a brain-whirring set of clue-cracking brain teasers. Me and my team of detectives finally cracked the case. This was when we searched everywhere with a map and

found cut up pieces of a letter. I found out that numbers were underlined and then we realised that it must be the code for the fake book that was near. What I mean by fake book, is that the dictionary didn't have real pages! It had a safe inside of it!!!

(By Aalim - Cedar)

That wasn't the only engage activity Year 5 have enjoyed this half term. Our second day was equally enjoyable. Here is what Raphael (in Beech) had to say

First, we went to the studio hall to get an introduction by the man called Mike, who knows nearly everything about the war, and he started explaining what happened during the war and he took amounts of people to represent countries and what they did.

Then he showed us many artifacts including helmets, a rifle, bullets and much more which really helped everyone's understanding of the WW1. After, Mike gave us some things to touch and feel and we even got to hold and shoot a rifle and a big bullet containing thousands of tiny bullets than was 30kg!

Then we did drills that a soldier would do such as marching and exercises. Near to the end of the day we climbed under barbed

wire with tin cans like a soldier would in the war. We also got to carry a medical bed and did a race in teams for speed and wobbliness. As you can see, it has been an action packed time full of fun and fascinating new things to learn.



## Year 6 – Aladdin

This half term, in Year 6, we have started the rehearsals of our production: Aladdin. We have been working on our acting skills: projecting our voice, using expression and singing. In addition, we have assembled a talented team of students to help our

production flourish including, lighting, sound, musicians, costumes and props. In the coming weeks, an email will be sent out asking for things to borrow in our production. As well as our exciting production, we have been working with a world class dance professional, who has starred as Miss Honey in Matilda and Glenda in Wicked, on Strictly- an annual project that all Year 6 students get to participate in.

By Charlotte, Elise & Sid

Sycamore Class

## E-Scooters

We have been asked by the local authority to share the attached document regarding E-Scooters with parents.

*Have a lovely half term break.*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	Children return to School
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>	Clubs finish ( <i>unless advised otherwise</i> )
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021</b>	Children break up at 2pm for Summer





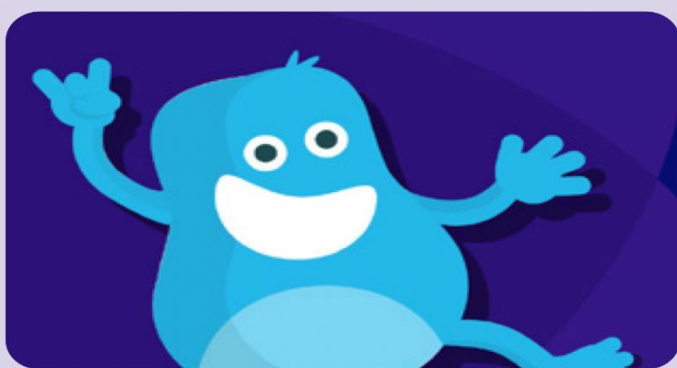
## Digital 5 a day – Digital safety wellbeing kit

Digital technology plays a huge role in helping children learn, play and stay connected with friends and family. The digital 5 a day framework from the Children's Commissioner is useful to help children get the most from their time online and balance digital wellbeing with overall wellbeing. It is a tool that parents and carers can use to guide, support and maintain conversation about time spent online.

The 5 elements of a good digital diet are:

- Connect
- Be active
- Get creative
- Give to others
- Be mindful

Find out more: [Children's Commissioner – 5 a day](#)



## **Ollee – ‘Your helpful digital friend’**

Ollee is a new app developed by Parent Zone and Children in Need and it allows children think about their feelings, get advice, and most importantly, start talking to a trusted adult. It is designed to stop small worries growing and getting out of hand.

Children can choose a subject they want to talk about, this might be; school, friends, family, their body, the world and internet. They choose an emotion that matches how they feel and this leads to a page of helpful advice.

Children under 13 will need parent or carer approval if they wish to make an account to enable them to save advice. They may wish to use the app without an account.

Find out more or download the app: [Ollee](#)

# Eco News

## Family Fun at the London Transport Museum and Acton Depot



The Museum is open to the public again. Explore the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden and at the Acton Depot this half term.  
<https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on>



With the weather beginning to warm up, why not consider walking, scooting or riding a bike to and from school? It's a great way to achieve your 60 minutes of activity each day as well as promoting wellbeing.

## Can you help?

We are really excited to be sharing our new project with you. Over the next few weeks at Barrow Hedges we as a PTA will be working with school and the local community to create a sensory and eco garden to enhance the learning experience for all the children. This area will be created where the swimming pool once was, which is an amazingly large space so would provide a fantastic area for the children to learn and explore.

As we are sadly unable to hold our summer fete again this year, we would be looking for as many donations as possible to reduce our expenditure and get this project started ASAP!

With this in mind, we are currently looking for the following items:

**Bricks, bamboo, pebbles, logs, sink (for a mini pond), solar powered fountain, pallets, fencing, gravel, soil/compost, paving stones, bird boxes, wind chimes, bird feeders, sleepers, materials for sensory path (bark, artificial grass, etc)**

If you are able to contribute any of the above items, please do get in touch. We have an area you would be able to drive to, to drop off materials, alternatively we would be happy to collect from you. If there is anything else you think might be beneficial to our project please do get in touch.

We thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,

Barrow Hedges PTA

# Be inspiring. Be you.

Like many other charitable organisations Girlguiding has been hit hard by Covid. Locally we had to close one of our Guide units and are facing the very real prospect of having to merge our Brownie and Rainbow units in the coming year, due to lack of volunteers. This will mean that fewer local girls will get to experience the freedom, fun and friendship that being a Rainbow, Brownie and Guide can bring.



## It's totally flexible

We know you're busy. But any help you can give will make a big difference. There's no commitment too small. You can volunteer with your daughter, in a different group, or use your skills behind the scenes.



## It's quick and easy

It only takes a few minutes to register your interest. Then we'll be in touch to find a role that's right for you.

## It's fun and rewarding

Laugh, learn, play. Take a break from your regular routine and help inspire the women of tomorrow, just by being you.



We are asking for your help. If you, or someone you know, have altered your work pattern and have time you think you can commit please contact us.

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# Sporting Hedge

## Football

Over 60 children took part in our first round of trials for the boys' school football teams. We were blown away by the standard of play, sportsmanship and resilience shown by all of the pupils who took part - they should all be very proud of themselves! Information will follow in due course with regards to what happens next.

However, an extra special congratulation must go to our successful Year 6 trialists who represented the school against Muschamp in a competitive yet good-natured and entertaining match. The boys played some excellent football and ran out deserved 7-4 winners. A particular well done to Freddie who was the Barrow Hedges man of the match!

Trials for the girl's team will take place next term and there will be more information about this in September. Following the promotion of Sutton United to the Football League there is some uncertainty over where the girl's league will

play, as previously SUFC had hosted the competition.



Sutton secured the title after a 3-0 home win against Hartlepool which led to the promotion for the first time in 123 years. Following their triumph, the team will now have to replace their artificial pitch with a grass version to satisfy league rules.

## Return of Netball

With restrictions beginning to ease and after school clubs restarting, the children were thrilled with the return of netball club.

'We have enjoyed learning a new sport and have had great fun with our current friends, whilst also building new friendships with children from other classes. We have been learning skills, including passing, footwork, defending and shooting, as

well as working hard to understand the rules and positions of netball. Most of us are new to netball and have been eagerly awaiting the beginning of netball club for a while... We cannot wait to continue our netball journey next half term!' – Rowan class members.

Although there are no fixtures scheduled for this term, the players are keen to practise ready for their first match in September.

## Year 5 Surrey Cricket Workshops

As part of the Surrey Cricket Club 'Chance to shine' program, children in Year 5 have taken part in a series of cricket workshops. The sessions are designed to develop children understanding of the sport, provide opportunities to improve their skills and ignite a passion for cricket.

Cedar class children have particularly enjoyed their Wednesday afternoon sessions - In Year 5 we have

We would like to thank Ryan and Surrey Cricket for the opportunity and we look forward to welcoming them back after half term to work with Year 6.

Well done Tom!

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](mailto:office@barrowhedges.com)

Well done to Tom (Beech class) who has continued to work hard and improve his cycling. Tom is a member of Sutton Cycling Club.



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