



# Barrow Hedgelines

Autumn (1) 2021

## Nursery – Our First Half Term

We have been super busy at our new Nursery and we have settled in beautifully. Our new 'Dragonfly' intake of children that stay all day have settled really well. They enjoy eating their lunch together and cope so well with such a long day. They are good role models for our afternoon children to help them with their learning too!

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!

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## 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 and 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 grow 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 fruits and vegetables. 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 so excited to have a very special visitor! Mrs Duncan brought her baby Delilah, who is 12 months old, into school.



She told us about all the things she can already do and what life is like for Delilah 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 got to bring in our own photos of when we were babies, and thought it was very funny to see how different everyone looked, even our teachers! 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 how often the weather changes where we live!



In English, we have really enjoyed the 'Funnybones' and 'Owl Babies' narrative. We loved acting out the story with our friends and retelling it in our own words. We used our senses to explore the different story settings, and exciting adjectives to make our writing more interesting.

## Year 2 – Street Detectives

What an incredible start to the school year our current Year 2 have made. They have worked relentlessly throughout, and their teachers could not be prouder of the effort they have put in. Our theme this half term has been Street Detectives and, when we haven't been grappling with bridging calculations in maths or using amazing description in our own version of Percy the Park Keeper, we have been getting to know some of the habitats around us both locally and in different parts of the world.



As well as this, we have ventured back in time to the 60's to compare our lives with the lives of children growing up in the 60's. It really has been a whirlwind of a first half term and year 2 have certainly earned their week break!

## Year 3 – Ancient Greek Day

We started our year with a mythical adventure and took on the terrifying Minotaur and his labyrinth in an interactive escape room - thankfully we were able to find our way to freedom unscathed! We then explored the famous story of Theseus and the Minotaur further by reading different versions of the tale. Did you know that the Aegean sea is named after King Aegeus, Theseus' father?! During the day we even created our own mythological creatures based on those that we encountered in other Greek stories that we shared.



Following on from our engage day, 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 activities such as a mini Olympics which saw the mighty



Spartans take on the fearsome Athenians; 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.



We have really enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks and are now excited for our new theme, Forceful Pharaohs!

Written by Ash Class

### Year 4 – Roman Day

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed our learning around the Roman Britain this half term. In History, we have

studied the Roman invasions, Boudicca's revolt, Hadrian's Wall and the influences of the Roman empire on our lives today.



In Geography, we have been recapping continents, oceans and comparing the environmental region of Italy with Britain. In English, we have written our own Roman myth narratives and letters imagining we're a soldier at Hadrian's Wall. The highlight of the half term was undoubtedly Roman day where the children were able to handle some genuine Roman artefacts, play an ancient board game and recreate the Battle of Watling Street. A fantastic first half term of Year 4 and we're looking forward to our States of Matter Science learning next!

### Year 5 – Chessington

To support the learning of our theme 'Scream Machine,' Year 5 had lots of fun visiting Chessington World of Adventures. We soared through the skies and flew over the treetops with our legs dangling beneath us on 'The Vampire' and floated down a lazy river as the world of 'The Gruffalo' magically unfolded in front of our eyes.



Whilst we were waiting to go on the rides, we thought about the forces that make



them move, as this is what we are focussing on in Science this half term, and considered if each ride has a lever, gear or pulley.



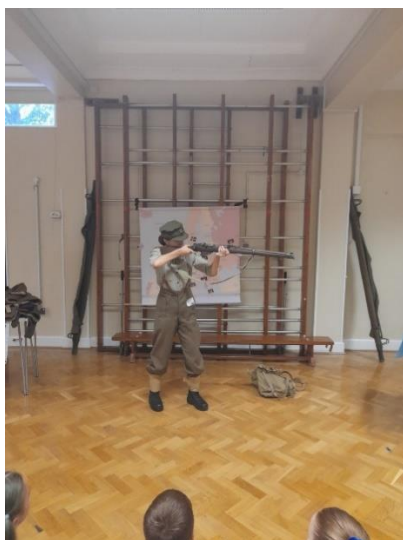
We had the best day, and our trip really helped us in our English lessons the following week, to be able to write a leaflet persuading people to visit Chessington World of Adventures!

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### Year 6 – WW2 Day

This half term, Year 6 took part in a WW2 day where a

visitor came in to teach us about the war and how it affected Great Britain. In the morning, we looked at why WW2 began as well as exploring how Great Britain contributed to the war effort. We explored different uniforms worn by British soldiers, got the chance to 'diffuse bombs' and compete to see who had the steadiest hands and took part in a 'Mega Quiz' about all things WW2.



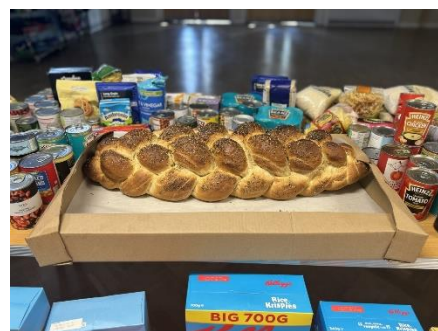
In the afternoon, we got together to learn more about rationing and competed in the stretcher races which was fun! It made me feel excited about our learning to come.

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### Harvest Festival

The children enjoyed their Harvest Assembly and were very impressed to see the

generous spread of donations.



The infant's assembly focused on why we celebrate Harvest Festival and how foods are harvested. We watched a video all about how farmers harvest their crops and what happens to the wildlife on the farm around harvest time. The children really enjoyed applying all their knowledge to a quiz at the end and were experts in which crops were picked by hand and which were harvested by machine.

With the junior children, we explored harvest further and spoke about how important food banks were because our donations were given to Sutton Food Bank. We



listened to some children on Newsround talk about how support from food banks has helped their families. We also spoke about Marcus Rashford and what an important figure he has been in addressing child food poverty. The children were very reflective about how important their donations were and how lucky we are if we are in a position to help others.

### Hello Yellow

On Friday 8th October, we took part in #helloyellow for Young Minds: a charity that supports child and adolescent mental health. At Barrow Hedges, we know how important it is to look after our minds as well as our bodies. So, children and staff alike dressed up in yellow items of clothing and took part in wellbeing activities to raise awareness.



We also raised money for this amazing charity – thank you to everyone who contributed and for all your support in making this possible!

### Year 1 – Mural

We have been fortunate enough to have Sarah from Dancing Décor back to complete another lovely mural for our school. The external walls of our Year 1 Classrooms are now looking so colourful with each Y1 class having their own personalised section.



The children (and parents at pick up time) loved seeing this evolve and we are thrilled with how this has turned out. I'm sure you'll agree that the mural certainly brightens up the playground!

Thank you to the PTA for funding this!

### Lost Property

A plea from the office - the mountain of lost property has grown significantly over the first half of this term. The

picture below shows the amount of unnamed lost property that has been accumulated in the past 2 weeks!



We will always do our very best to reunite items with children, but this is made so difficult if there are no names. Please ensure you name all clothes, shoes, PE kit, bottles, lunch boxes, swimming costumes, towels, bags and anything else your child brings into school.

Any un-named items will either be recycled in the second hand uniform shop or disposed of.

Thank you.

### **Parking**

A polite reminder to parents to park considerably when dropping off and collecting your child from school. We have received numerous complaints about parking from residents as their driveways have been blocked, cars have been fully parked on pathways etc.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### **Recorder Lessons with Allyson Elliman**

Having run after-school recorder clubs at Barrow Hedges, I am now available to give individual recorder lessons to Year 3 to 6 pupils, during Tuesday afternoons. There are currently vacancies for four to six slots, including part of lunch time (for those in Year 6) each for 25 minutes, with a cost of £13 per lesson.

Please contact me on Tel. 07557 958823 or email: [allysonelliman@aol.com](mailto:allysonelliman@aol.com) for further information and to register your interest.

<b>DATES FOR THE DIARY</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	INSET Day
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Children return to school
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Y2 Phonics Meeting (5:30pm-6:30pm)
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Y4 States of Mind Workshop
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Elf Day
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children break up at <b>2pm</b> for Christmas



## Lets talk about life online...

As a parent or carer, the best tool to support your child in leading a happy and safe life online is to have regular and open conversations. The Parents' Guide, created by Childnet International, gives practical advice on how to begin such conversations, how to work together as a family to support your child online, and how to handle difficult discussions or situations. Each section has examples of questions to use to start a discussion around safe and positive internet use, and key messages to share with your child.

[Childnet International: Let's talk about life online](#)



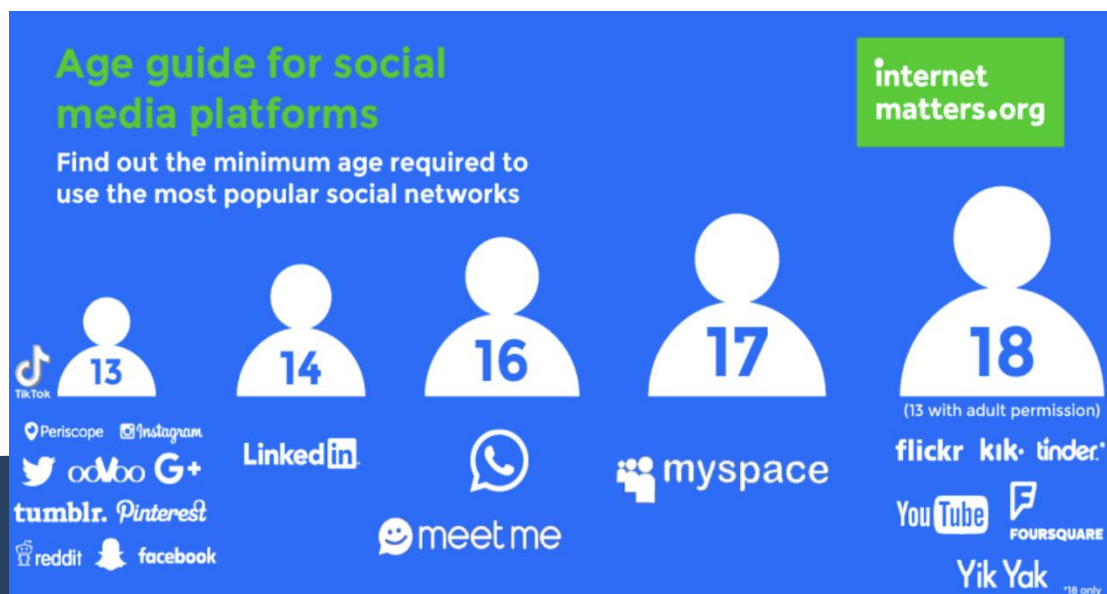
## Social Media and Mental Health

How we experience social media can affect our mood. YoungMinds, together with O2, have gathered tips and advice on how to enjoy a more positive time online.

[Young Minds – Looking after yourself: Social media and mental health](#)

There are tips for talking to your child about their use of social media and the internet including: • Have conversations from a young age • Lead by example • Talk about personal information • Act on warning signs Details can be found at:

[Young Minds – Parents Guide to Support: Social Media and the Internet](#)







**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

**WORLD  
CAR FREE  
DAY**

Thank you to those of you who supported World Car Free day on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Walking, cycling, scooting or even park and striding to school not only benefits the air quality around our school, it improves our physical and mental health too! Those who usually drive to school but chose alternative transport received a pedometer.

Well done everyone!



# Sporting Hedge

## Boys Football

A very well done to all of the boys who successfully trialed to become one of the full-time members of our boys' football teams for this year. We have already set a very high standard!

The defense of our league title from 2019/20 has gotten off to the perfect start by winning our first game 12-0. The boys followed this up by defeating a very strong Manor Park side 2-1 in the first round of the Borough Cup.

Despite the disappointment of losing out on goal difference in a 7-a-side tournament, the team can take real pride from remaining undefeated so far in 2021/2022 and are looking forward to the season ahead.

### Upcoming fixtures

**2nd November** - vs Tweeddale

**16th November** - vs B Hill  
Woodfield

**30th November 2021** - vs All  
Saints

**14th December 2021** - vs  
Highview

We are excited to be back at Carshalton Athletic FC and would like to thank the Chairman and staff for the opportunity to use the fantastic facilities.

For more information about CAFC Soccer schools please go to

<https://www.carshaltonathletic.co.uk/holiday-soccer-schools>

## Girls Football

Following the trials held in September, sixteen girls were chosen to represent Barrow Hedges in the girls' league, cup and tournament fixtures for the 2021-22 season. Every year the standard gets higher and higher, so a huge well done to everyone who trialed and to those who made the final squad.

Our first fixture, against The Avenue in the Borough cup, takes place after half term and preparations are well under way. The girls have been working hard on their passing, throw ins and applying these principles in small-sided matches.

We are looking forward to our fixtures, the majority of which will be played at Carshalton Athletic FC.

### Upcoming fixtures

**2nd November** - Vs The  
Avenue (Borough Cup)

**11th November** - Vs Muschamp

**2nd December** - Vs Tweeddale

**14th December** – Vs Cheam  
Fields (Surrey Cup)

For more information regarding local girls football teams, see Beecholme Belles who are looking for girls to join their U10s this season.

If you are interested or would like any further information, please contact the club directly by following the link.

<https://www.beecholmebellesbainstead.co.uk/>

## Netball

Members of Year 5 and 6 have been working hard in Netball club this half term to



prepare for the upcoming season.

Our more experienced Year 6's, who participated in Netball Club last year, have been sharing their knowledge and helping teach our Year 5's the rules of what is a completely new sport to most of them. We've practised our footwork, passing, shooting skills, and worked collaboratively as a team! We can't wait to show off our skills in matches!

Thank you to Oaks Park High Y10 students who have been a great addition to our Monday night training sessions.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October members of the netball team had their first taste of competition, taking part in the annual Hi5 netball tournament. The tournament, held at Nonsuch High School for girls, is a different style of netball, with only 5 positions, which are rotated, so everyone has a chance at playing different areas of the court.

The girls were fantastic, showing great collaboration and working hard to make the most of every goal scoring opportunity.

### Results

5-0 win vs Cheam Park Farm  
1-0 loss vs Brookfield  
2-0 win vs The Avenue  
1-0 loss vs Cheam Fields



### Cross Country

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Barrow Hedges field was again transformed into a running track for our annual KS2 Cross country event. The event was again extremely popular and we had a record number of entries from keen runners who were eager get started.

Well done to all the children who took part. Ron Resilience was out in force, as was Connie Collaboration as children cheered words of encouragement for their peers. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and should be extremely proud of their achievement!







### PE Leadership (HIPPOS)

Earlier this term, a group of Year 6 children attended a training course to turn them into HIPPOS!. Actually, they are PE leaders but at Barrow Hedges we like to call them Horis Hippos. This is because they are helpful, organised, responsible, inspiring and safe.

The purpose of the course was to give the children playground ideas, learn new games and develop leadership. The children worked hard and along

with our Midday Supervisors, put their skills to the test on our Year 3 children.

Now that the children have completed their training, they are ready to be HIPPOS; helping on the playground, putting out equipment, organising tournaments and thinking up lots of ways to make lunch time FUN for everyone!

### Y6 Leadership

This term Y6 have been developing their football skills. Part of their learning involves delivering a football drill to younger children.

*In Year 6, we have been teaching the Year 3s football and it tested our leadership skills. We had to make sure that our voices were clear and loud. We also had to make our sessions fun so they didn't get bored easily. We also did our best to make the sessions inclusive to make sure everyone could get involved. It was a really fun experience.*

*From Caitlin (Y6)*

### Inter Competition

#### Year 3 Hockey

Following 6 weeks of hockey lessons, Elm, Oak and Ash took part in a hockey tournament to finish off their P.E. unit - they did

brilliantly! All three classes showed off their skills of dribbling, passing, hitting the ball and tackling, as well as collaborating excellently with their teammates.



#### Year 4 Rugby

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October Year 4 took part in an Inter class rugby festival. The purpose of the festival was to give the children the opportunity to apply the skills learnt in their PE lessons to a competitive match. The focus for Year 4 was to complete a successful pass and to work collaboratively with their teammates. Well done Year 4!

#### Year 5 Rugby

This year the sun was shining on the field for the Year 5 inter class rugby tournament. Teams were encouraged to be competitive and to score tries.



The focus was also to develop tactics, both attacking and defensively. There were lots of shouts of 'Defence line on me!'.



Well done to Cedar class who scored the most tries and were crowned overall winners!

### Year 6 Handball

This half term, Year 6 took part in an inter-class Handball tournament. It was wonderful to see such fantastic sportsmanship and encouragement between all the players. Well done, year 6 and to Willow class who were awarded overall winners!

### Barrow Hedges Awards

Another certificate for the foyer - School Games certificate 2020-21. The certificate is awarded to

schools in recognition of the ongoing commitment to sport and competition.



### Daily Mile

This half term, we have been super active and many classes have been out doing the Daily Mile. Some classes have completed a marathon....WOW! Well done to everyone who has taken part.

This half term our top classes are:

1<sup>st</sup> – Oak

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lime

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ash

### Achievements

Well done to Alara (Willow) who competed with another gymnast from her club as a pair, participating in Beam and Floor routines. Her partner completed the vault and the bars; their

combined scores won them third place and a medal! A fantastic achievement against other gymnastic clubs from South London.



On Sunday 10th October Raphael and Tom (Chestnut class) represented Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club, Under 11's, at the Chobham Rugby Festival.

Raphael and Tom's team won all of their matches against some very stiff opposition in Chobham, Teddington and Dorking. They both displayed some fantastic skills on the day and exemplified the core rugby values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. Well done, boys!





Well done to Aidan (Rowan) who was awarded Parent's Player of the Season at Beddington Cricket Club. Aidan was received the award in September, following his first full season playing competitive cricket, playing up a year for the U10 team. The U10 team grew in confidence with each game and Aidan took crucial wickets, including a hat-trick (two of which were caught and bowled!) against Epsom's 2nd team.



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)

## Twitter and Website



Remember you can follow all the sporting events and activities on

Twitter: **barrowhedgespe**



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Y3/4 Rugby festival (John Fisher)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y5/6 Rugby festival (John Fisher)