



Barrow Hedgelines

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STAFF NEWS

We said goodbye to Lauren Beasley, our Key Stage 2 Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) on Tuesday. She has worked here for two years, but prior to that was a parent volunteer. She has been instrumental in developing our approach to the work of our ELSAs in school and will be sorely missed. Lauren has taken the decision to focus on her own family and we wish her well.

Today, we also said farewell to Jennie Blake. Jennie has predominantly worked on a 1:1 basis. She has worked here for over two years and has now decided to take on the challenge of working with teenagers at 'The Limes College'. We wish her every success and know that they will benefit from her experience and ideas.

From the kitchen staff, Trish Bourne who has worked at Barrow Hedges for 19 years leaves today. We wish her well in whatever venture she chooses next and thank her for her service to the school.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

NURSERY SING-A-LONG

*By Sarah Woods
(Nursery Teacher)*

The Nursery children should be so proud of themselves, performing to such a big audience for the Christmas Show(s) – one to Caterpillar families and the other to Tadpole families.

They sang lots of wonderful Christmas songs, remembering the words and the actions and looked lovely in their costumes. They had been very busy

making mince pies for their families to enjoy before the show and hope everyone enjoyed getting into the festive spirit.



They couldn't believe it when Santa turned up at Nursery. He even let us open a few presents for the Nursery before Christmas Day. We were all so excited!



We received a 'Frozen' CD, a marble run and some toys for the Nursery sandpit. Thank you Santa!

WHOOPS-A-DAISY ANGEL

(Reception Classes)

*By Janine Covey
(EYFS Leader)*

Reception children were very excited to perform 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' to their families. Whoops-a-Daisy angel tells the story of an angel who has a very important job to do. She tells everyone about the birth of the baby Jesus so that they visit him in the stable. Baby Jesus has lots of visitors, Wisemen, Shepherds and other angels all come to see the baby.

The children delivered their lines clearly and sang loudly during the songs. They

really enjoyed learning all the songs and learnt so many new words, well done children!

A big thank you to all the mummies and daddies for the beautiful costumes; the children looked fantastic. We hope you all enjoyed the show.

LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION
(Key Stage 1 Classes)
By Marianne Wilson
(Year Group Leader for Year 2)



Our Year 1 and 2 Christmas production of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' was a huge success! Thank you for all your positive comments and feedback, it really does mean a lot and makes all the hard work worthwhile! We would like to thank you so much for all of your help with costumes, learning lines and singing.



I think you will agree that the children were absolutely fantastic and it was clear to see that we have a few stars in our midst! We, like you, are so proud

of the children and are already thinking about how we could possibly top that performance next year! Well done Key Stage One!

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERTS
By Becky Cheetham
(Music Subject leader)

A huge well done and thank you to everybody involved in this year's carol concerts. The children worked incredibly hard to prepare such entertaining evenings and we are all very proud of them. It is through events like this that we get to show just how special our school community is!

We hope you enjoyed the concerts as much as we did. Thank you again for your on-going support and for any donations you made at the church to the Pink Ribbon Foundation.

MR BROOKER'S CHRISTMAS
COMPOSITION – 'CHRISTMAS IS
HERE'

I know many of you enjoyed Mr Brooker's song, so I thought I would provide the words, just so you can see how talented he is!

Verse 1

Christmas is here, I **felt** it draw near,
With **days** get-ting shor-ter and cold.
Deep in my heart, I **know** I'm a part,
Of a **sto-ry** that's often been told.

God sent His son, **For** everyone,
The **mes-sage** is new ev'-ry year.
Feel-ing His love shine **down** from a-
bove,
Shows - He holds me so dear.

Chorus

And it's **Christ-mas** time a-gain,
Christ has **come** for all wo-man and
men.

So with **food** on the ta-ble and gifts on the tree,
I **think** of God's present to me;
Yes He **sent** his son Jesus to me

Verse 2

Ma-ry and Jo-seph **trav-elled** so far,
A **jour-ney** so long and so hard,
No cosy room for them at the inn,
Just a shed in the yard.

No fancy ser-vants wait-ing on them,
No-one to help when he's born.
Yet there was ma-gic fill-ing the air,
On that first Christ-mas morn.

Chorus

And it's **Christ-mas** time a-gain,
Christ has **come** for all wo-man and men.
So with **food** on the ta-ble and gifts on the tree,
I **think** of God's present to me;
Yes He **sent** his son Jesus to me

Verse 3

Up in the sky the **an-gels** a-bove,
Ga-thered and star-ted to sing.
But **why** would they call so hum-ble a child,
"Sa-viour", "ki-ng of kings"?

Wise men came far, they **fol-lowed** a star,
Sho-wing where J-e-sus lay.
Somehow they knew the **angels** sang true:
He'd **come** to save us one day.

Chorus

And it's **Christ-mas** time a-gain,
Christ has **come** for all wo-man and men.
So with **food** on the ta-ble and gifts on the tree,
I **think** of God's present to me;
Yes He **sent** his son Jesus for me

UKELELE PERFORMANCE By Charlie Shaw (Lime Class Teacher)



On Monday 19th December we were treated to a mini-concert by the Ukulele Club.

This consisted mainly of group numbers both festive and well-known but also two solos performed by Oliver Ryan (Y4 Lime Class) and Hongyu An (Y5 Cedar Class) since they had been practising these at home and wanted to share them with the audience.

ELF DAY



Thank you to the newly formed PTA team for arranging the day again this year. I think it is fair to say it was an eye-opener for them!

With this in mind, they will certainly welcome offers from volunteers to help lighten their load and ensuring they have enough volunteers for supervision at events like film night.

MOVING IN TO NEW BUILD

You will know that on Saturday 10th December a team of helpers and I came in to move the Year 6 classrooms up to the new build and set up the staffroom. The team was made up of a

variety of people. Thank you to staff (Mikey Lowes, Pam Bearman, Lynn Johnson, Allyson Critchley and Ser Pun), Governors (Neil Webster, Kum Thiru and new governor, Richard Lacey), Parents (Mr Tewksbury) and finally some of my friends (Ross Tribe, Anthony Palmer and Ron Allison). They all worked really hard and the staff were certainly appreciative to have a staffroom to go to on Monday morning. In addition, I would like to extend my thanks Steve Frieze Removals who collected the stored items from Yellow Storage (where they had been housed since the fire) and coordinated the move from the Block and Sycamore class up to the new classrooms.

The grand unveiling will not be scheduled until all the building works are completed. (The Studio Hall and the rooms at the end of the corridor remain part of a building site; we will of course let you know when this work is completed and then we will have access to the whole playground space and start developing this area too).

CHARITIES



In November we raised £253.54 for the Poppy Appeal.

We also raised over £700 for the Pink Ribbon

Foundation; collections were held at all Christmas productions this year.



Thank you to all the people who have donated presents for the children's appeal. You can see from the photograph that we have collected quite a few!



LOST PROPERTY

A huge thank you to Mrs Lisa Webster who spent a couple of hours sorting through the lost property cupboard and also adding shelves to help contain the huge volume of clothing that seems to accumulate in there!

Please remember to have a look through this. We will place on tables out on the playground at the end of the day (2pm finish).



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



Crystal Palace FC Foundation After School Clubs

The Crystal Palace FC Foundation are delighted to be working in partnership with Barrow Hedges Primary School to deliver an array of After School Clubs for the Spring Term. We will have a team of FA qualified coaches, all possessing safeguarding training and a current DBS check.

The football clubs will consist of a variety of ages specific football skills activities, including passing, dribbling and shooting, as well as mini matches, all taught through fun, engaging games.

The multi sports clubs will provide children with an opportunity to experience a variety of different sports throughout the term, including cricket, tennis, hockey, basketball and dodgeball, taught through age specific activities.

Sessions will run for 10 weeks from w/c 9th January up until and including w/c 20th March 2017 (excluding w/c 13th February for Half Term).

Please book over the phone on 020 8768 6047 or by using credit/debit card on their website:

www.cpfoundation.org

Crystal Palace FC Foundation Parents Club

The Crystal Palace FC Foundation are also offering parents at Barrow Hedges the opportunity to join in some physical activity sessions on a Monday afternoon. Sessions are completely free of charge and will offer a fun way of socialising with other parents whilst getting up and getting active in the New Year.

This club will be completely driven by parents who we will be inviting for a coffee morning in the New Year to discuss all details. For more information please contact Chase Hill @ chasehillcpfcfoundation.org.

NETBALL

By Miss Katie Lucas

In the past few weeks the netball teams have enjoyed playing their last three games of the autumn league. With matches against Hackbridge, Stanley Park and Rushy Meadow, the children have had some excellent opportunities to improve their skills and tactics as well as becoming much better at communicating with the rest of their team during a competitive situation.

During the team's most recent matches against Rushey Meadow, both the A team and B team played some of the best netball they have played all year and many of the adults watching commented on what exciting games they were. We are now looking forward to netball during the spring term and fortunately, after discussing the situation at length, Stanley Park Junior School have kindly allowed us access to their courts. We are all excited at this great opportunity for the team to develop their netball practice further.

REMINDERS

With the colder weather approaching please can you ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school. It is also advised that in general children bring a waterproof jacket and/or fleece to wear for PE lessons.

It is also a good idea for children to bring in a plastic bag for their muddy trainers.

This is also a reminder that earrings are **NOT** permitted to be worn in school.

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.

LOOK OUT FOR LOTS MORE PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CLIPS ON THE NEW SPORTS BOARD BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th January 2017 – Clubs start

12th January 2017 – Y5&6 Indoor athletics

1st February 2017 – 2nd Cross Country League race

1st March – 3rd Cross Country League race