



Barrow Hedgelines

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MR DUNWOODY - UPDATE

Mr Dunwoody was recently moved to St Helier Hospital and is being well looked after by excellent neuro physios. He has marked improvement on his mobility and is currently awaiting a place at a specialist neuro rehabilitation unit in Roehampton.

He has especially enjoyed hearing his cards read out and receiving the messages and photos from the children. Particular favourites were the advice to 'next time, be more careful' and the updates on Norwich's performance. He also commented what a great bunch of kids they were and that the messages had really cheered him up and made him laugh out loud.

Staff are planning to raise money for his rehabilitation by taking part in an inflatable 5K run in Lingfield – details to follow in the next Hedgelines when a fundraising page has been set up.

NEW STAFF

We welcome Miss Lisa Searle to the Year 2 TA team and 2 new Midday Supervisors, Mrs Emily Shorter and Miss Laura Harvey.

THANKYOU



Since this is the first Hedgelines of 2017 I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to extend our thanks for all the cards, presents and well wishes we received from many of our families at the end of the autumn term. We hope you had an enjoyable time over the holidays (it may seem like a dim and distant memory)!

CHRISTMAS PRESENT DONATIONS

The link below is from Sutton MPS Twitter page; it shows children from BH helping to load up the police van with all the gifts you and staff donated for children less fortunate than our pupils. Thank you all for your generosity.

<https://t.co/sL7Y4ssURU>

PANTOMIME

The pupils were treated to their annual pantomime; this year it was Cinderella. Some of the children were even given walk on parts. They thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the PTA events to make opportunities like this a possibility.

YEAR 1 ENGAGE EVENT



Oh no! There has been a terrifying space crash in the Year One area! Don't worry everyone is fine. We have been investigating what happened and

looking at evidence that was left behind. We created missing posters for the alien that landed as he seems to have disappeared. Make sure you keep a look out! We have also been busy writing our own stories 'We're going on an alien hunt!'.



On Friday we went on an amazing trip to the Science Museum in London. We enjoyed exploring the space exhibit and we were even lucky enough to see Tim Peak's capsule! We travelled to the moon in a mesmerizing 4D adventure, stomping around and bumping over the moon craters in a space buggy!

YEAR 2 ENGAGE EVENT



In Year 2 we had a nautical day where we were allowed to come into school either as a sailor or as a pirate! This was because our topic is Land Ahoy! We had so much fun! We learnt pirate and sailor songs and created a dance as a year group where the pirates took over the sailor's ship and took part in

an epic battle! Even the teachers joined in! We also talked about the history of some famous pirates! Did you know that women were pirates too and that it was very rare for a pirate to be made to walk the plank, they were more likely to throw you overboard or leave you on an island?! We thought about what it would be like to be a sailor and learnt some of the words sailors use whilst on a ship. We learnt the different parts of a ship and some of the different jobs you might have to do if you worked on one.

YEAR 3 ENGAGE EVENT

Year 3 are looking forward to a visit from the Birds of Prey man – report on this to follow in next Hedgelines.

YEAR 4 ENGAGE EVENT

By Maple Class

To kick start our Road Trip USA topic, Year 4 discovered the 50 states of the USA!

We used clues around the classroom to help us find the names of certain states, the state code, what the state is famous for and the Native American tribe who settled there. We had lots of fun discovering facts about the state- some were really interesting!

Did you know, for example - in Montana cows outnumber people three to one?

Y5 SPACE DOME WORKSHOP

*By George Carey & Aimee Bennett
(Cedar Class)*



A couple of weeks ago, we experienced the spectacular Space Dome, which was a day we will never forget. Mr Humes gave a magnificent talk about the wonders of our universe. We learned all about the different constellations that cover our galaxy. and many different facts about our solar system such as: the planets were named after Greek and Roman gods. "It was epic; we would give it a 10/10!"

Y6 VICTORIAN DAY

**By Danny Edis, Erin Barnes & Freya Shury-Smith
(Y6 Sycamore pupils)**

During Victorian day, Year 6 learnt what school was like in the Victorian era: dressing up in old Victorian styled clothes; old games such as ball in cup and metal hula-hoops as well as reciting and repeating Victorian chants and the Lord's Prayer.



In the morning, we came into school and were greeted by a strict version of our teachers. We were told our new Victorian names (such as Gilbert, Florence and Prudence) and were told the rules of a Victorian scholars (an old name of pupils) day. Later on in the day, we had a workshop demonstrating an exact Victorian school day (apart from the harsh punishment such as the cane or the dunce hat – luckily!). We all had a brilliant experience. Thank you very much Miss Lucas, Miss

Whittlesea and Miss Duffin for organising such an outstanding day!

HOLLYWOOD STAR

Our very own Billy Davies (Robin Class) spent a night filming a live film, Lost in London, written by, starring and directed by Oscar nominee Woody Harrelson, also starring Owen Wilson.



Billy and Nathan's mum reports:-

The filming took place in the early hours of Friday morning and Billy had the excitement of being on Waterloo Bridge in a police car at 3.30am! It was a bit of a commitment because the rehearsals were often filmed in the middle of the night or early hours of the morning but we had such fun and it is a great way to show that having Down's syndrome has not stopped Billy from being part of this amazing project. He even had his own trailer!

More information can be found at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/films/2017/01/20/lost-london-woody-harrelson-breaks-boundaries-supercharged-allen/>

TOP OF THE FORM COMPETITION

By Luke Edwards & Harvey Walker

Top of the form is a brilliant experience, run by the Rotary Club! They give you plenty of time to practice which means you have a great chance of winning. The quiz was held at Kingswood Primary School and the competition was run by the Carshalton

rotary club. The pupils who took part in the competition for Barrow Hedges Primary School were Harvey Walker, Luke Edwards , Thomas James and Maxwell Johnson. Unfortunately we lost by an excruciating two points. Despite losing we think it is a great experience and we recommend it to anyone who can get in.

HEADLICE AT SCHOOL

We have been told that there are several instances of headlice in the school; please can all families commit to regularly checking their child(ren)'s hair and if there are lice please treat them.

READING BOOKS (LIME BAND)

Despite having purchased new Lime books at the start of the academic year we seem to be struggling with our level of stock. Please ensure you look through book corners at home and check there are no school books lurking! If there are, can you please return to school as soon as possible?

CLASSROOM STATIONERY

Please could you and the children remember to replenish their pencil cases, we are finding they are especially without glue sticks!

POKEMON AND FOOTBALL CARDS

Despite the children regularly being reminded that they are not to trade these cards whilst at school, we are having problems over these cards. In several Year Groups the Year Group Leader has already banned them. We were trying to allow the Year Groups who were sensibly playing with them but we are getting close to a blanket ban. Please remind your child(ren) that under no circumstances should they be TRADING cards (or swapping other possessions for that matter).

SUTTON BOROUGH

The Local Authority has asked us to pass this information about a questionnaire on to parents:

Dear Parent,

The London Borough of Sutton is researching the availability of childcare for families and would value your views to ensure that all parents have choice and flexibility in balancing family and work life. Childcare is defined as supervised care by an adult other than the parent or carer; for school-age children it relates to out of school hours care that is regular and reliable.

If you have a child or children aged birth to 14 years (or up to the age of 18 years if your child has a disability) then please complete the questionnaire at: <https://sutton.citizenspace.com/childcare/>.

Please note the questionnaire is anonymous and is being administered by the London Borough of Sutton's Family Information Service. Results will be presented to the London Borough of Sutton but no-one will be able to identify you from your responses to these questions.

Kind Regards,

Kelly Beeney (Information & Administration Manager, Integrated Children's Centre Services)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the 180 pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for autumn term. This equates to roughly 25% of the school population. As a school we have an attendance figure of 96% which we have managed to maintain this academic year despite a sickness bug and chesty cough preventing some of our pupils being able to attend.

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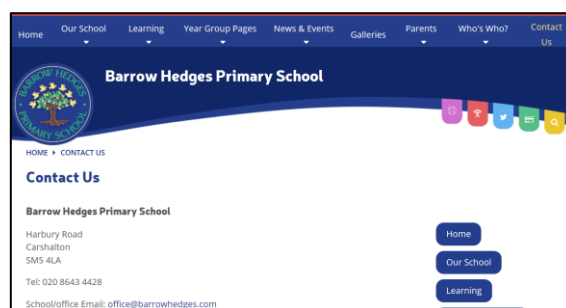
Part-time and full-time roles available near Sutton train station. Must enjoy phone work; introducing our company's services to other businesses. Would ideally suit someone with previous customer service or account management experience. For more information please call 020 8642 0054 and ask for Sam or email Jobs@gccfm.com.

HARBURY AND RADCLIFFE GATES

The SLT members and Admin. Team are currently having to remind Year 1 upwards parents and carers to say goodbye to their children at the gate. Please refrain from sneaking past the team members who are perhaps not as familiar with which Year Group your child belongs to.

In addition, we are finding an increasing number of parents wanting to engage in discussions. If you need to let the Class Teacher know something please use the Home School Liaison Books and if there is another query get in touch with the office. Please be considerate regarding the time it will take to get a response. Class Teachers are first and foremost teaching throughout the day from 8:40am-3:10pm and are sometimes unlikely to see emails during the school day. We would expect a reasonable length of time for a non-urgent matter to take between 3-5 working days and would suggest the Home School Diaries are a much more effective means of communication in this instance.

Please find contact details on the school website:



On another note, I had a long conversation (witnessed by many parents) the other day at home time with one of the residents in Radcliffe Gardens. I was disappointed to learn that one of our parents had not only blocked in a disabled resident in the 'Resident Only' parking bays but had then seen fit to hurl abuse at the neighbour who had pointed this out. I did explain that virtually every month I appeal to the community of parents and carers to be considerate and appeal to you as adults to uphold our Core Values of 'Care, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility'. It saddens me to think that our pupils witnessed such behaviour at the end of the school day.

DATES UPCOMING:

Please see the calendar on our website:
<http://www.barrowhedgesprimary.co.uk/calendar/>



The Sporting Hedge



Sports Editor: Ms Kelly Wallis

GIRLS FOOTBALL **By Miss Kim Duffin**

Our girl's football team will return to action on Friday 20th January with a league game away to St Dunstan's. Our remaining league fixtures will be scheduled once the girls have had a chance to settle in with their new coach following our switch to Crystal Palace FC from Fulham FC. If any more girls from Year 4, 5 or 6 are interested in joining our girl's football, please see Miss Duffin.

BOYS FOOTBALL

By Mr. Luke Buckingham and Mr. Joe Pearce

BH V Abbey Primary–Borough Cup

The boys progressed through the first round of the borough cup with a hard-fought 4-2 win at Abbey Primary. After taking the lead from a corner in the first half, the boys were pegged back by a thunderous strike from the opposition leaving the game poised 1-1 at half time. The boys came out fired up for the second half, took control of the match with some fast counter attacking play to lead 4-1. Although they pulled a goal back, some great goalkeeping and defending allowed us to see the game out and progress safely into the next round. We look forward to the next round.

EFL Kids Cup – Fulham FC Qualifier

Before the Christmas break Barrow Hedges entered two teams to compete in the EFL Kids Cup Borough tournament at Fulham FC training ground at Motspur Park. The children

competed very well and were incredibly unlucky to be beaten on penalties in the quarter final after conceding a last second equaliser in normal time. Despite feeling disappointed not to progress further, the boys had a fantastic time and particularly enjoyed taking part in the crossbar challenge!

STRICTLY COME DANCING **RETURNS TO BARROW HEDGES**

The beginning of the spring term saw the return of Strictly Come Dancing to Year 6. Linking with their Victorian topic the children began a 10 week block of traditional dancing.

This week the children have been learning the waltz and getting to grips with the 'box steps'. We look forward to moving on to the American Smooth in a couple of weeks. With Nina's help the children will learn and recreate dance steps, adding rhythm, flair and polish their performances ready for their Showcase on Tuesday 28th March 2017.

It is very early stages yet, but the children have already made a huge amount of progress. For updates and sneak video previews see our Twitter page @barrowhedgespe

INDOOR ATHLETICS

On Thursday 12th January 2017 children from Y5 & Y6 represented Barrow Hedges at the Indoor Athletics competition (Heat 3) at Wallington High School for Girls. Barrow Hedges entered two teams, who would compete against children from Nonsuch, Cheam Common, Cheam Fields and All Saints Carshalton. Every child took part in two track and two field events, which included relay, obstacle, standing long jump, javelin and speed bounce.



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All the heats were keenly contested and pupils gave their all with every performance, as well as cheering their team mates on with great enthusiasm. Barrow Hedges did extremely well and were unfortunate to miss out on a qualifying place for the final. Well done to all the children that took part.

Sainsbury's Active Kids is back and we are collecting! Vouchers are available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering online from Wednesday 25th January. We would be grateful for any vouchers you collect to be donated by posting them in the box marked Sainsbury's Active Kids, in the School Office.



ACHIEVEMENTS

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 marked **SPORTING HEDGE**

NETBALL

By Miss Katie Lucas

We are excited to start our new term off at a new venue for our netball club. The team are looking forward to getting a chance to further their learning and improve their skills on the netball courts at Stanley Park Junior School. Once again, we have entered the spring league and the children are getting ready for our matches. Our first game, against Hackbridge finished A game – 3-1 to Hackbridge and B game – 4-0 to Hackbridge.

TWITTER and WEBSITE

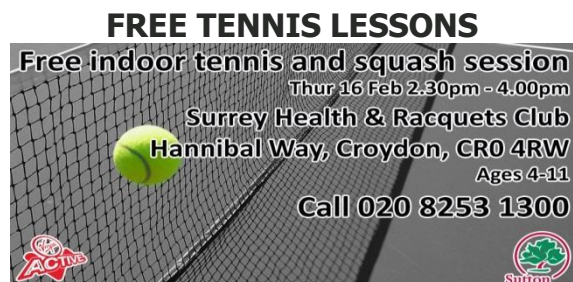


Remember you can follow all the sporting events and activities on Twitter:
@barrowhedgespe

Match reports and information on sporting competitions is also available

to view on the School website through the PE curriculum page.

FREE TENNIS LESSONS
Free indoor tennis and squash session
Thur 16 Feb 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Surrey Health & Racquets Club
Hannibal Way, Croydon, CR0 4RW
Ages 4-11
Call 020 8253 1300



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PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CLIPS ON
THE NEW SPORTS BOARD BY THE
SCHOOL OFFICE.*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

**1st February 2017 – 2nd Cross
Country League race**

**1st March – 3rd Cross Country
League race**

**28th March – Strictly Come
Dancing Y6 Showcase**