



Barrow Hedgelines

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STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Kate Duncan gave birth to baby Freddie (Frederick Mark) Duncan on the 4/4/16 (a great day for a Maths Subject Leader). He was born at 5:15pm weighing 7lb 11oz.

In addition, Mikey Lowes's wife gave birth to Joshua Lowes. He weighed 8lbs and 8oz and shares his birthday with the Queen.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Katie Locke (PPA cover teacher for Y1-6) on Wednesday 11th May; she is returning to Canada (and has already arranged to meet Mrs Mellor for coffee as they are close by!) We are pleased that Miss Virginie Fillion-Fecteau is taking on the PPA role until the end of the Summer term and will also be teaching the French to all the year 3 to 6 classes.

We also welcome five new members of staff to our Teaching Assistant Team: Miss Rebecca Page, Mr Ben Searle, Miss Vanita Sharma, Miss Lauren Thompson and Miss Jodie Wells.

RECEPTION LEGOLAND TRIP

By Janine Covey (EYFS Leader)



On Thursday 21st April something really exciting happened in Reception. We went on a school trip to

LEGOLAND! We had an amazing time! We were very well behaved and listened carefully to instructions. The teachers were very proud of us!

We saw all the famous buildings we had been learning about made out of Lego. We loved Buckingham Palace and Big Ben the best. We really loved watching the clockwork soldiers on parade and seeing the boats on the water. We loved the Fairy Tale boat ride too.



We spotted all the characters we have been learning about including the Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks. Poor Baby Bear was crying because

Goldilocks had broken his chair. We saw Sammy the Shark from a submarine. He swam right past us! We even saw mermaids made out of Lego! We had such a busy day, there was so much to do. We even ate lunch in a restaurant! We can't wait to go on our next school trip!



**Tharsiga Aruleesan & Max Shaw
(Badger Class)**

We visited Legoland on the Queen's birthday (she was also in Windsor on that day!)

We went on four rides. One was a submarine, another was a boat and there two others.



We visited "Miniland" and looked at all the buildings (as that is our topic) "My favourite was the trains!" said Max. "My favourite was the London Eye" said Tharsiga.

We all had a lovely day and some children even had a snooze on the coach ride on the way back to school.

YEAR 1 GROOMBRIDGE TRIP
By Isla Chandler and Oscar McCann (Rabbit Class)

On Friday we went to Groombridge Place. It was a beautiful place with lots of bluebells and daisies.

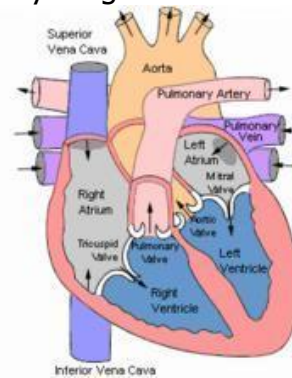


"My favourite bit was the tents – I liked seeing the writing in there" said Oscar. We saw lots of evidence of pixies and fairies including their numbered houses on the side of the bank. "We went on a boat – it was exciting!" said Isla.

Y6 HEART DISSECTION
By Kristian Wong (Chestnut Class)

On the 14th of April, Mr Abbas (a graduate from both Kingston and Thames Valley Universities) came to Year 6 to lead a heart dissection with Miss Duffin. We could either choose to

take part in the dissection itself, or to just simply observe. Of course, health and safety precautions were taken and every child that partook in this experiment was made to wear gloves and art shirts to prevent against any spread of disease. Furthermore, we were not allowed to leave the dissection tables unless told to do so and had to walk with our hands up in the air to make sure we did not touch anything.



Before the dissection, Mr Abbas explained to us about the heart and the different chambers and vessels. This helped us to understand the overall function of the heart. Mr Abbas then gave a brief explanation about how and where to cut the heart. While the rest of the class were getting used to the 'feel' of the hearts, small groups of six children went up to Mr Abbas's table to ask any questions and find out more details about the workings of a heart. To conclude the session, Mr Abbas demonstrated some interesting experiments!

We would all kindly like to thank Mr Abbas for such an amazing day!

Y3 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
By Daniel Eastland and Cara Barnard (Oak Class)



Recently we visited the Natural History Museum as part of our "Tremors" Topic. We learnt that earthquakes don't always carry on shaking but instead go

from side, stop and then back to the other side. We visited a simulator of the Kobe Earthquake (which happened in Japan in 1995).

We also learnt that volcanoes can look very different and can cause huge amounts of damage.



CODE CLUB

***By Ms Cat Davies
(Y5 Year Group Leader &
Computing Subject Leader)***

This half term has seen the start of a new club at Barrow Hedges – 'Code Club'. The children involved in the club have already begun using coding software to create their own interactive rock band! We are all looking forward to creating new projects over the next few weeks.



DEBATING CLUB

***By Miss Georgia Whittlesea
(Y4 Lime Class Teacher & G&T
Leader)***

This half term, a number of children have been selected to join 'Debating Club' - they were very excited and keen to start sharing their ideas. We have started to learn some of the rules and important terms in debating, as well as playing some fun games!

Our first inter-school debating competition is set to take place in June - watch this space! I am looking forward to hopefully opening up this club to all of Key Stage 2 in the Autumn term!

DOGS – POLITE REQUEST

Please ensure that if you bring your dog(s) to the school gates at pick up or drop off that they are on the lead. You will be aware that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

We do have a number of children who have reported being afraid of a dog "off the lead"; they are very hesitant to pass by this dog (when entering via Radcliffe Gardens Gate).

Whilst many children enjoy petting all the dogs at drop off there are a handful of children who are wary (and are not reassured when told the dogs are well behaved and wouldn't hurt them).

ABSENCES & APPOINTMENTS

Please ensure that you inform the Admin Team about absences and medical appointments. You should do so by coming to the office or leaving a message on the school answerphone.

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

Yesterday we took "official handover" of the hall. The children have been using the hall for lunch whilst Lakehouse (the company completing all the works) was completing the circulation corridors and storage cupboards in the mornings and after lunch.



The Year 5 parents were the first to see the hall (since they dropped Year 5 pupils to the hall ready to embark on their Year 5 Residential to France.

We hope you agree (when you get to see it) that it looks amazing and will be a fantastic space for the upcoming PTA Quiz night!



SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder that should you wish to order school lunches for your child(ren) we need to have written notification (email or slip from the office) before the Half Term holidays. Once you have chosen either school lunches or packed lunches your child(ren) must remain on these for the rest of the Half term.



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. Just register at: www.thegivingmachine.co.uk



TWITTER

Remember you can follow us on Twitter: **@BHPrimary** & **@barrowhedgespe**



In addition, Year 5 have set up a Twitter account (for parents of Year 5 only) to follow their children whilst on the residential trip to France.

DATES UPCOMING:

Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th April
Year 5 Residential to France

Friday 6th May – Year 4 Trip to
Science Museum & PTA Quiz Night

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May
Y6 SATs Week
(No Peripatetic lessons Monday-Thursday)

Monday 16th – Friday 20th May
Year 6 Residential to Isle of Wight

Friday 20th May – Year 5 Trip
Whitgift School's Exhibition
("Remembering 1916 – Life on the Western Front")

Please note that some dates are published in The Year 1-6 Home School Liaison Books. All have also been posted on the school website (Events Diary for the academic year).