



Barrow Hedges

Issue 175

March 2016

Editor: Miss Laura Smith

STAFF NEWS

We say goodbye to Mrs Lindsay Mellor today after over ten years of service to Barrow Hedges. Mrs Mellor and her family are moving back to Canada (in a matter of weeks). We wish them well and thank her for all the hard work over the years in the many different guises of Nursery to Year 6 teacher and French teacher extraordinaire!

We also wish Mrs Kate Duncan a lovely maternity leave and will of course let you know when we receive news about the birth of her baby!

We welcome Miss Vanita Sharma to the EYFS team and also Mrs Irena Mincu to teach French to Year 3-6.

BARROW HEDGES IN THE SUTTON GUARDIAN

Primary school uses pedal power to become champs



They're off: The youngsters get going in the race for the Sutton Primary Schools Cycling Championship

BARROW Hedges Primary School's youngsters are celebrating after winning the Sutton Primary Schools Cycling Championships. Held at Sutton Cycling Club, the championships tests both speed and skill. Phoebe Roche and Ella Dabrowski of Barrow Hedges finished first and second in the girls' competition, and

Phoebe Pevton of Cheam Park Farm Junior School was third. The boys' competition was won by Elliot Smith of Stanley Park Junior School,

followed by Rosso Harry (Peters Primary School) and Matthew Rudman (Brookfield Primary School). For more on Sutton CC go to suttoncycling.co.uk.

More to follow in '*Sporting Hedge*'. This will be published on our return to school.

HOOKE COURT RESIDENTIAL

By Frankie-Lee Briggs
(Maple Class)



I loved Hooke Court so much! It was everything I imagined it would be!

We packed a lot in to the three days; the activities included team building aqueducts, Norman writing, Norman cooking (including gutting a fish and preparing all the ingredients), wattle and daubing walls, shelter building, moon buggy racing and finally rocket launching.



The food at Hooke Court meant we were all well-fed and I am sure everyone really enjoyed their meals.

I really enjoyed it all, but my favourite activity was sticking the manure to the stick walls.



Follow up from Residential Staff Team

The Hooke Court staff were very complimentary about the children's manners and engagement with the activities.

The children who didn't attend the residential were kept very busy too:

By Sam Willsher and Freddie Jeeves

We made lots of decorations for a Norman feast and made some gingerbread.

We made a giant dragon, Norman shields, crowns and helmets. We also

got to sample the food we had cooked too during our Norman Feast!



BOCKETTS FARM TRIP
By Michael Lowes
(Inclusion Assistant Head)



On Thursday 10th March 2016 a group, consisting of families and staff, went on a trip to Bocketts Farm. A good day was had by all with animal petting, learning about farmyard animals, pig racing, and lots of play!

A massive thank you to all the staff and families who helped run the trip - The staff at Bocketts Farm were very impressed with the children's behaviour and engagement with the activities!

NURSERY



The Nursery have had a busy term spring term. They celebrated Chinese New Year and also had an incubator where they were able to see chicks hatching from eggs (luckily this happened in both the morning and afternoon sessions!)



UKELELE CLUB PERFORMANCE
By Daya Moumeni & Maxwell Johnson
(Year 5 - Cedar Class)



We recently performed to a room packed full of relatives and staff. Over the Spring Term we have learnt how to play several songs (*'When the Saints Go Marching In!', 'Lava', 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'* and *'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'*) on the ukulele and enjoyed singing the vocals too.

EASTER HAT PARADE

The annual hat parade was held yesterday and was well attended. This year the Key Stage 2 children watched the children just before lunch and the parents came to see this at 2:40pm.

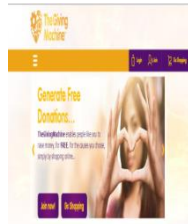
CHARITIES

We have recently supported Sport Relief, Bandanas for Brain Tumours' Day and the PSDS charity. Thank you all for your kind donations and support.



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

TWITTER



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

We trialled a Twitter closed group for the Hooke Court Residential; the feedback has been mostly positive and the parents and siblings have enjoyed "staying in touch" with what their siblings are doing whilst away.

CHILDREN PLAYING OUTSIDE RADCLIFFE GARDEN FLATS

We have recently been informed by parents and residents about some children 'making a nuisance of themselves' after school hours. Whilst this is after school they are wearing our Barrow Hedges' school uniform and therefore are still representatives of our school. Please ensure that your children are suitably supervised whilst playing here and talk to them about appropriate play! Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

DATES UPCOMING:

Monday 11th April – INSET Day (no children in school)

**Monday 18th April - 3:30-4:30
Phonics Workshop for Parents**

**Tuesday 19th April 8.40am -
Phonics Workshop for Parents and
Governors' Day**

**Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st
April - Class Photos**

**Thursday 21st April - Reception
Legoland**

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

Friday 6th May – PTA Quiz Night

**Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th
May - SATs Week**

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

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).