

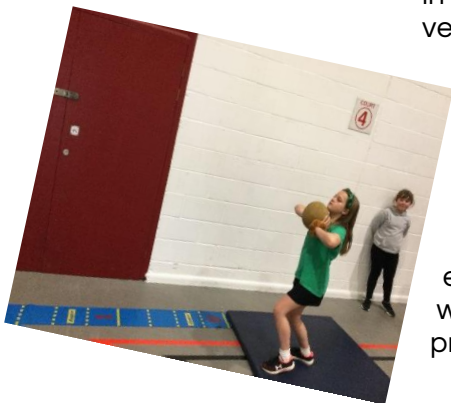
## Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I sit writing to you this morning it is so lovely to see the sun shining and to feel some warmth at last, hopefully this is a positive sign of things to come.

School is incredibly busy right now. Our year 6 children have been working exceptionally hard for a very long time and are finally due to begin their SATs tests next week. I know they are nervous but they also speak with confidence and say that they feel well prepared. I would like to say an enormous thankyou to all the staff who have been involved with this process. We have a year six cohort to feel incredibly proud of. It will be interesting to see what they face next week as these are the first tests since 2019. Regardless, I know we can feel proud of the educational experience that we offer here at Barns Green and I am sure you will join with me in wishing the year six the very best of luck. I know they will try their very best.



In a much more relaxed way our year 2 children will also begin to sit tests next week. The hope is that they will hardly notice that they are doing so. These statutory tests, again the first since 2019, will help form our teacher assessments for children's attainment at the end of Key Stage 1. They are part of the process which will enable you to see how your child is progressing with their education.



Despite all of the hard work in class there is still time to ensure that all of our children receive a broad and balanced education. It is fantastic to see the field in use with some very enthusiastic games of football being played on one section of the field. Clubs have begun this week and the children report that everyone is having fun. Emilia in year 5 told me that she is teaching a dance to a whole group of Reception children and they were doing exactly as she was asking them. Long may that last!!

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of athletics teams taking part in activities at The Weald School. Key Stage 1 took part in a festival last week which provided a great opportunity to learn new skills and engage in new activities. As always our children behaved in an exemplary manner and Ms Friedli said she felt very proud of them. On Wednesday Mr Griffin took a team of year 5 and 6 to The Weald to compete in an indoor athletics tournament. Competition was tough as we competed against two much larger Horsham schools. There were a number of outstanding individual performances from Daniel, Henry and Josh in year 6. Overall we came second, a fantastic effort! Congratulations to everyone involved in these activities.





Finally, I wanted to tell you briefly about some new and exciting upcoming development plans. After much negotiation and future planning we are due to embark on an exciting new project to develop our school grounds in order to promote the use of our environment and outside learning. In September of next year all members of staff will be trained as Forest School providers with the aim of enriching our curriculum further with the principals of resilience, confidence, independence and creativity amongst others. I am so excited about the potential this project holds for our school community and wished to share the good news with you. This is a long term project and I will keep you informed as things begin to take shape. The good news is, there will be opportunities for you to also get involved with the development of the school grounds. Please let us know if you have any particular expertise or contacts that you feel may assist us with this. Whilst we will develop our own approach you may be interested in finding out a little about Forest Schools- the following link is a good place to start.

<https://forestschoollassociation.org/full-principles-and-criteria-for-good-practice/>

Please enjoy the weekend and I hope year six have the opportunity to rest and relax before Monday.

Take good care,

Mrs Tracey Newbold

### **Messy Church**

This has been postponed to the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Art Club**

Payments for this term's art club can now be made on the Gateway.

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### **Diary dates - 2022**

#### **May**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs week

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1+2 Arundel Castle trip

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – PTA coffee afternoon for new Yr R 2022 parents – 2.00pm

Tri Golf (participating children have been informed)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Transition visit to The Weald for Yr 6 children who will be attending

KS1 Assessments begin

Messy Church in community room

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – PGL information meeting for Yr 5+6 parents 3.30pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – PTA meeting

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – School Jubilee Celebrations

Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

## **June**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – PTA balloon race starts (in half-term)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Children back in school

Messy Church in community room

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – History learning days KS2

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – History learning days KS2

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 + 6 PGL residential trip

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 + 6 back from PGL residential trip

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Mufti day – please bring in sweets for Summer Fete

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sports Day time to be confirmed next week

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – Mufti day – please bring in bottles for Summer Fete

## **July**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – INSET day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church in community room

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – EOY reports sent out/children new class transition am session/Parents + Carers informed of September class teachers for their child

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Mini Summer Fete 3.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Children new class transition pm session

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Dress rehearsal for Yr 6 End of Year performance/Evening performance - 6.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Evening performance – Year 6 – 6.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Open afternoon/Meet your child's new teacher 3.30- 6.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9.30am (parents of leavers welcome)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – End of term, break up at 1.30pm

## **September**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> – INSET

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school