



Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday was one of those days that reminded me how much I love my job and what a privilege it is to lead this school. The children looked incredible in their World Book Day costumes, there was so much creativity on display! Each child was able to tell us exactly who they were and what book they belonged to. There was a real range of characters and it was fantastic that so many of the older children had brought along their books to inspire each other. We often talk about branching out beyond the usual Diary of a Wimpy Kid and David Walliams so I was delighted by the range of books seen. There are a wealth of amazing books out there and it is through experimenting with these that children have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, ideas and imaginations.

Reading lies at the heart of all we do here at school and the joy of learning to read and the doors that this opens in life are fundamental. This is summed up beautifully by this World Book Day quote.

today a
READER
tomorrow a
LEADER



Thank you for supporting your children with this!

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Tracey Newbold

Spelling Bee

Yesterday was the final of the Barns Green Spelling Bee. This is something that has captured the interest of many children and it was wonderful that so many involved themselves in earlier rounds. The Spelling Bee served to highlight the importance of spelling and provided an excellent opportunity for practise. It was open to everyone from year 2 upwards and a whole range of abilities took part and experienced success.

The final was in two parts; with an upper and lower school final. Here children took part in the competition in front of their friends and nerves of steel were required as children competed with some tricky and at times unfamiliar words.

A massive congratulations to the following children:

Sofia C (Year 3) – Lower school Spelling Champion

Rufus M (Year 4) – Runner up Lower school

Matilda P (Year 6) – Whole school Champion

Isobel W – (Year 6) – Whole school runner up

It was noticeable how the children supported each other in these finals and were genuinely pleased with each other's success. Once again another example of school values in action!

Virtual Reality!



The future arrived at school this week with an amazing experience for children in key stage 2.

Their learning about Frozen Kingdoms (year 6) and Mighty Mountains (Years 3,4,5) was brought to life with the aid of virtual reality on Wednesday. This experience gave them the opportunity to experience far flung places and their inhabitants in a way most had not experienced before. It proved an excellent way for them to share and enrich the knowledge and learning they have gained over the term.

We work hard to ensure that the children experience a whole range of enrichment opportunities here at school. We are proud of our curriculum offer and are looking forward to the forthcoming school trips. Fingers crossed for good weather!!

Informing you of your child's progress

Today children will be coming home with their interim school reports. Considerable time and effort has gone into writing these and I hope you find them informative. These are timetabled alongside parent consultation evenings which will give you the opportunity to discuss the report in greater depth. We send out these comprehensive reports mid-way through the year to ensure that you feel fully informed and there are opportunities to work on next steps and any issues.

There will be an opportunity to view your child's work and learning during the parents' evenings.

Reminder – nut allergies

We are a nut free school. Please make sure children don't have any nut products in their lunch, including peanut butter or chocolate nut spreads.

Red Nose Day

Because of the class photos next Friday we will no longer be holding a cake sale. Please hold off with all baking until another occasion! Please make sure all children are in their school uniform and not their PE kits and have their purple sweatshirts and cardigans with them.

Mrs Newbold



PTA Update

Easter egg hunt – Friday 22 March

We are thrilled to announce the eagerly awaited Easter Egg Hunt, taking place at Barns Green Primary School on Friday 22 March.

Get ready to spring into Spring with a fun experience for all the children, creating an opportunity for camaraderie amongst the students. A cherished annual event at Barns Green Primary School.

During the school day, children will have the opportunity to explore the school grounds in search of hidden (non-edible) eggs.

At the end of the day, each child will receive a small pack of sweets as a reminder of the enjoyment shared with their friends and classmates.

In addition, all children are invited to participate in an Easter-themed mufti day.

Don't miss out on this egg-cellent event!

Suggested donation of £1 per child.

Swimarathon

Stella, Fin, Ollie, Layla, Lukas and Noah are "Team BG", six young swimmers from Barns Green Primary School who will be taking part in a sponsored swimarathon on Sunday 24 March. They will be raising much needed funds for Barns Green Primary School PTA and Horsham Lions Club.

If you would like to sponsor our fabulous swimmers and help them reach their fundraising target you can do so via:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/swimarathon?utm_term=Ga4kPDXva

Thank you to all those who have generously donated so far, it is hugely appreciated.

March

Monday 11th – Year 5+6 Indoor Athletics at The Weald

Wednesday 13th – Dogs Trust visit
3.30pm Yr 6 SATs meeting in Fox Class

Thursday 14th – Chance to Shine Cricket

Friday 15th – Class photos

Monday 18th – Choral workshop at Christ's Hospital
Year 1 + 2 trip to East Head

Wednesday 20th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 21st – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 22nd – Easter Egg Hunt
Mufti Day

Sunday 24th – Swimathon

Monday 25th – Messy Church
Eggstravaganza – Prizes for winning egg designs

Wednesday 27th – 2.45pm Squirrel Class assembly for parents/carers

Thursday 28th – 10am Hedgehog Class assembly for parents/carers
Break up at 1.30pm for Easter Holiday
Chance to Shine cricket

April

Monday 15th – Children back in school