



Barnburgh Primary School

Newsletter

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I can't believe we have come to the end of another half term, and this one has been our busiest yet! It isn't until you look back and reflect on what has been achieved in a short period of time that you realise how hard all our staff and children work and how supportive and patient our parents are.

I can't think of many schools that would seamlessly manage to transfer a whole early years unit into another part of school for a full half term, but we did! And as a result teachers have had to adapt their teaching, children across the whole school have had to change their timetables and routines and parents have had to alter their routines and accept us cancelling events. But we've done it! I have been so impressed by the way that EVERYONE has pulled together as a team and made the changes happen. Thank you to the whole school community and, in particular, to those parents who gave up their time to help our early years team move back into the unit. We can't wait to show it off next half term!

Improvements to the school building and provision for the children will continue. The kitchen is currently being upgraded and should be complete by the end of the first week back; we are gradually updating furniture in classrooms (year 2 and year 3 now have new tables and chairs); this holiday every classroom is being fitted with a brand new interactive whiteboard; next half term we look forward to the early years outdoor environment being developed and over summer we expect to be able to develop our key stage 1 environment as well as having new lights fitted throughout school. It's very exciting!

This half term our school improvement priority has been to launch a new handwriting policy across school and to really drive our expectations for the development of basic skills. I have been delighted to see more consistency in children's work and I look forward to seeing this develop next half term when our Governor's launch a Presentation Award.

Our school improvement priority next half term will be to embed our Learning Pit philosophy that was introduced in January. The Learning Pit helps to develop positive learning behaviours in the classroom by encouraging our children to take risks and challenge themselves without giving up.

I would like to say a huge well done to all our children in Year 2 who have now completed their SATs tests. They impressed everyone in school with their enthusiasm and determination to do their best. This was rewarded on Friday with a non-uniform day and a trip to the MUGA. We treated the children to an ice-lolly and lots of enhanced provision. Thank you to the staff who have gone above and beyond to ensure the children have been well prepared for the tests. I would also like to thank Mr Rolls who agreed to work with us for three weeks to provide additional support in the classroom. His expertise made such a positive impact on the children and contributed to the positive experience. We very much hope that we can welcome Mr Rolls back to our school in the near future.

Last Sunday it was a privilege to watch our choir perform at the Rogation Sunday church service. They sung 'Circle of Life' and sounded magnificent. A big thank you to the families who supported us at this event and to Miss Connell and Mrs Hansen for giving up their time to rehearse with the children. The next event to see our choir perform will be at the Barnburgh and Harlington carnival where they will sing a medley of songs.

Enjoy the half term break and I will look forward to seeing you all on TUESDAY 6th JUNE (school is closed to children on the Monday due to a training day).

Mrs J Potts.

SPORT REPORT

KURLING COMPETITION

On Monday 22nd May, 18 children from Year 3 and 4 represented the school in a Kurling competition. The competition was held at Montagu Academy in Mexborough. The 18 children were split into two teams: Barnburgh A and Barnburgh B. They competed in three different games against two teams from Montagu: Montagu A and Montagu B.

Barnburgh Team A were Y3: Alfie, Keira, Libbie, Samuel, Callum. Y4: Skye, Zoe, Louie, Harley.

Barnburgh Team B were Y3: Roseanna, Eva, Ella, Joshua, Luke. Y4: Saffron, Ethan, Matthew, Sophia.

Following the three games, Barnburgh B finished 4th, Montagu B finished 3rd and both Barnburgh A and Montagu A scored 74. This resulted in a tie-breaker match. Barnburgh A won this match with the last stone played by Ella (who transferred from Barnburgh B to make up numbers). The children were absolute credits to the school and showed great showmanship throughout. Great effort from both teams! Thank you to all the adults who helped by transporting the children to Montagu Academy and staying to support the competition too.

3 IN-A BUCKET COMPETITION

On Friday 26th May, 18 children from Year 5 and 6 represented the school in a 3 in-a-bucket (similar to rounders) competition. The competition was held at St. John's Primary School in Mexborough. The 18 children were split into two teams: Barnburgh A and Barnburgh B. They competed against St. John's Team A and St John's Team B.

Barnburgh Team A were Y6: Ellis, Lacey, Joey, Rohan. Y5: Libby, Flyn, Luke, Alex B, Harry. Barnburgh Team B were Y6: Ross, Ryan, Jake, Scarlett H, Aaron. Y5: Tiarna, Alex M, Haydn, Faye.

Scarlet P came to support us in the tournament as 'Chief Photographer' after she hurt her ankle the day before. Following each team playing each other, Barnburgh B finished 2nd and Barnburgh A finished 1st. All the children showed good spirit and were very well behaved. They were ambitious throughout and persevered to score highly. Scarlett H from Team B was awarded a medal for Sportsmanship for her attitude throughout the competition. Well done to both teams! Thank you to the adults who transported the children to and from the competition and supported them during the tournament.

Mrs Kay

READING UPDATE

READATHON

Thank you to everyone who has collected their sponsorship money for our Readathon event. We have over £70 so far donated online and over £100 cash donations. If you haven't collected your sponsorship money as yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can send it to help children in hospital around the UK. If you would like to donate online, please follow this link:

readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor/?accountId=0012000001RfEQ8&type=sponsorship.
If you would prefer to send your donations in to school, the deadline has been extended to Wednesday 7th June.

BOOK INTO A FILM CINEMA EXPERIENCE

If your child has been successful in reading the expected amount at home, they will have received an invitation to our cinema event. As explained on the invite, the cinema experience will now be on the afternoon of Tuesday 6th June.

Mrs Hansen



ATTENDANCE



We take the attendance of our children very seriously.
Our target is for every class to achieve AT LEAST 97% attendance

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
85.6%	95.6%	100%	96.9%	93%	99%	91%

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2!

100% is a fantastic achievement.
The children in year 2 will choose a special activity as their reward.

Overall our school attendance for last week was: 94.8%

This would be considered '**coasting**' and needs to improve.