



Barnburgh Primary School

Newsletter

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A VISIT FROM THE QUEEN'S INSPECTORS

You may have heard your children talk about a visit from the Queen's inspectors this week? They are telling the truth! On Monday we received a monitoring inspection which was carried out by HMI. You will remember that in October last year the school underwent an Ofsted inspection. The outcome of the inspection was 'requires improvement'. We are due the next inspection in approximately 1 years' time, making this our half way point in our school improvement journey. All schools who have a judgment of 'requires improvement' receive a monitoring visit half way through their journey which is carried out by HMI inspectors. The purpose of the inspection is to determine if school leaders are taking effective action to improve the school. In order to prepare the children for the visit we explained that we were excited to welcome an inspector who works for the Queen. The children embraced this concept and were excited to ask the inspector all about the Queen including 'how many TVs does she have!'

The inspection was very positive. We are currently waiting to receive the monitoring letter which we will then be able to share with you all.

STAFFING UPDATE

It is with very deep regret that I have to inform you that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hansen at the end of this term.

Mrs Hansen has been a teacher at Barnburgh School for over five years and has been instrumental in driving improvement across KS2. Whilst being our reading leader she has fostered a love of reading across the school through incentives such as extreme reading as well as raising valuable school funds through a readathon. Mrs Hansen has also produced stunning end of year productions with year 6, forged International connections with the Erasmus project and more recently led our school choir across a number of competitions and events. This is just a flavour of the impact she has had on the lives of the young people of this community and why she will be sorely missed by the staff and children of Barnburgh School.

Mrs Hansen is leaving us to relocate in York. Despite the fact that we are all so sad to see her go, we recognize that she is about to embark on a new, exciting chapter of her life and I am sure you will join the staff and governors in wishing her all the very best.

We are currently in the process of advertising for a new teacher and we will keep you and the children informed with the outcome of the interview process.

THANK YOU TO THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

This week I had a lovely visit from two members of the Barnburgh and Harlington Carnival Committee. They came to express their thanks for the school's involvement with the carnival and to offer us a gift of £500, taken from the profit made at last year's carnival. You can imagine our joy! The committee have requested that the money is spent on something that will benefit all the children so we will discuss it with School Council and see what suggestions the children come up with.

We cannot thank the Carnival Committee enough.

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening this week. We were very impressed with the support that both evenings received. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your children's books and talk to the teachers.

SPORT UPDATE

Doncaster School Games Football Competition

On Thursday 9th November, 7 children from across Year 5/6 took part in the Doncaster School Games Football Competition against 15 other teams. The girls were Zoe, Skye, Ruby and Pippa from Year 5 and Imogen, Ella S and Rosie from Year 6.

We were placed in a group with 3 other schools. We played each team once. The first game we won 1-0. The second game we lost 1-0 and the final game we won 3-0. This meant we finished with 6 points and because of goal difference finished top of our group. All the teams who finished top of the group played each other for the top four places in Doncaster. We played three matches. The first match we won 1-0. The second match we drew 0-0. If we had won the last match, we would have been champions of Doncaster. Unfortunately, we lost 2-0. Owston Team B ended up Champions of Doncaster. We had to play penalties to find out who would finish 2nd or 3rd in Doncaster. We unfortunately lost on penalties 2-0. We ended up 3rd in Doncaster. The girls were extremely well behaved and a credit to the school. They showed perseverance and ambition throughout.

Mrs Kay

Sport Achievers Assembly

Last week saw the first of our Sport Achievers assembly. This was a special assembly devoted to celebrating extra-curricular sport including school sport competitions. The assembly was a huge success and it is hoped that it will go some way towards inspiring other children to participate in extra-curricular sport. A special thank you must go to Mrs Kay for organising such a great event.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A big thank you to Grace and Sophie (School Council Chair and Vice Chair) for giving up their time last week to sell poppies. On Sunday I was privileged to attend the Remembrance Sunday service at St Peter's Church with some representatives from the School Council who read the poem, 'In Flanders Fields' to the congregation. I felt immensely proud.

Thank you to Eva (Year 1), Hafsa and James (Year 2), Mayah (Year 3), Callum (Year 4) and Zoe (Year 5)

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest photographers will be in school on Monday morning.

Families who want photographs taken with pre-school children need to come to our main reception at 08:40. The photographers are aiming to start taking photographs at 08:45.



ATTENDANCE

FOR PERIOD: 13/11/17 to 17/11/17

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

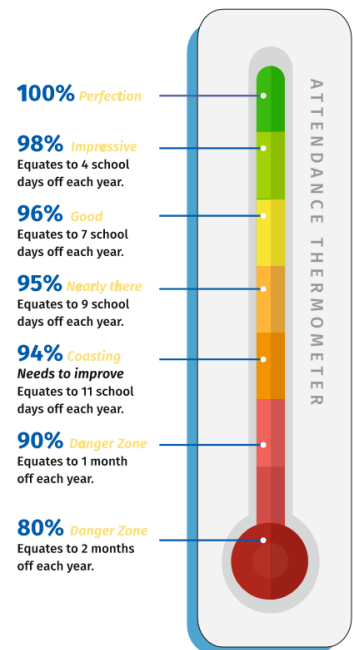


F2	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
94.5%	100%	96.2%	99.3%	99.7%	97.7%	97.6%

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 1! 100% ATTENDANCE IS PERFECTION!!!!

Year 1 has won the attendance trophy this week.
 The children in year 1 will choose some special activities for a PERFECT afternoon as their reward.

Overall our school attendance for last week
 was: 97.8%
 This would be considered to be
‘good’



WHOLE SCHOOL DATES

DATE	EVENT	TIME
13.12.17	KS1 Christmas Concert	9am and 2pm
15.12.17	KS2 Carols around the Tree performance	9am and 2pm
20 and 21.12.17	Foundation Stage Concert	9am on both days
22.12.17	Christmas activity day including Church service, activities, Christmas lunch, Christmas jumpers and a special visitor!	TBC
27 and 28.02.18	Parent's Evening	Appointments between 15:30 and 18:00
01.03.18	World Book Day (children come dressed as a book character)	
19.03.18	Year 4 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
20.03.18	Year 6 Express Event Foundation Stage 2 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
21.03.18	Foundation Stage 1 Express Event Year 5 Express Event	09:00 to 09:45 14:00 to 14:45
22.03.18	Year 1 Express Event Year 3 Express Event	09:00 to 09:45 14:00 to 14:45
23.03.18	Year 2 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
WC 14.05.18	Year 6 SATs week	
28.06.18	Foundation Sports Day	10:30 to 11:30
29.06.18	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day	Afternoon TBC
09.07.18	Year 4 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
10.07.18	Year 6 Express Event Foundation Stage 2 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
11.07.18	Foundation Stage 1 Express Event Year 5 Express Event	09:00 to 09:45 14:00 to 14:45
12.07.18	Year 1 Express Event Year 3 Express Event	09:00 to 09:45 14:00 to 14:45
13.07.18	Year 2 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45