

We marked Safer Internet Day during this week with a host of

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activities and lessons intended to draw awareness to staying safe online. Children learned about the importance of keeping their personal information private whilst online and being discerning about the information they find online. Further resources and information can be found here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>



We've welcomed Tyler Ibbotson, from Shropshire County Cricket's 'Chance to Shine' Project. He'll be leading

weekly Cricket lessons for pupils in Elm and Ash Tree Classes until Easter.



If you have any complete, age-appropriate board games or jigsaw puzzles that you'd be willing to donate to our Twilight Club users, they'd appreciate it. Please hand in your donations at the main reception.

Please remember that the main school office opens daily from 8:30am. If you have quick messages that can be directed to teachers in the morning, during the morning welcome, please do so as a first port of call. If you need to relay a longer message, make an appointment or if you need to speak to either Mrs Machin or Mrs Docker directly, they are available from 8:30am when their working day commences. Thank you.

For those attending the residential visit to Condover Hall on Wednesday, you are welcome to arrive at school by 8:45am on Wednesday morning so the car park is a little less busy as you arrive with large bags etc. Any medication that will need to be administered by staff during the stay should be handed directly to Miss Parker on the morning and **not** packed into children's luggage. We all look forward to a fun-packed adventure!

We break for half term on Friday 16th February. Elm Tree Class will host our final celebration assembly on that afternoon. We return on Monday 26th February, which will also mark the beginning of our school's 'Science Around Us' Week. The week will conclude with a special Science Fair at 3:00pm on Friday 2nd March where each class will be sharing some of their learning. Please join us if you're able.

Elm Tree Class celebrated filling their 'Gem Jar' this week, with an extra special 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'. We're always thrilled to celebrate successes; especially when they've been collectively achieved by the class. Well done Elm!

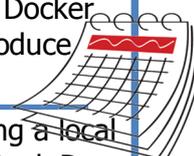
Thanks for all your donations to the cake sale last week. Your purchases raided £66.00, which will support future school projects.



Ash Tree Class paid a visit to the Hindu Temple last week as part of their religious studies. We were warmly welcomed by our hosts, who gave us a talk about the principles of the Hindu faith and invited us to observe a traditional prayer ceremony. It was a great morning of learning and sharing and our hosts commented on the impeccable manners and sensitivity of our children. Well done all.

A Year 6 SATs parent workshop will be held on Wednesday 14th March between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. The aim of the meeting is to provide clarification for you, as parents, about the content and organisation of the SATs tests and what preparation we, as a school, are making. We'll also be sharing some examples of past papers and providing work booklets that you may wish to use at home with your child. If you are a parent of a year 6 pupil, please do make every effort to attend. I'd appreciate it if you'd let Mrs Machin or Mrs Docker know if you are able to join us, so I can produce sufficient resources. Thank you.

In case you missed it—we'll be welcoming a local children's author to school to mark World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. As usual, children are invited to attend school dressed as literary characters. We'd love it if some of those characters were drawn from science or science fiction—as this year's WBD also coincides with our 'Science Around Us' week. I look forward to a creative day!



Friends of Barrow 1618 will be meeting on Monday 12th February, at 7:15pm at the Woodbridge Inn. Please, please join if you're able.



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Friday 9th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will struggle to find a school that loves outdoor learning as much as Barrow 1618. We have some great outdoor spaces that have been in development for a number of years. One of the mature areas is the "Forest School" located over the road from the school. Sadly, due to recent snow and storms, coupled with natural degradation of outdoor materials, our site is looking a bit sorry for itself. This is something we are very keen to remedy and improve in order to get the maximum benefit for the children.

As such, we will be holding a "work day" to carry out maintenance, repairs and improvements to site on Saturday 10th March 2018, between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Members of staff will be present all day, working on the site. We would be very grateful to anyone that can lend any assistance, either through time or materials, to help support us in our vision.

We have included a "wish list" of materials below that would help us greatly in improving the facilities in the forest.

- Small tool shed (for compostable toilet).
- Marine ply sheets (for replacing the roof on the large shelter – approx. 20m²)
- 20ftx20ft tarpaulin (for above the log circle)
- Trellis panels for sides of large shelter

We would also benefit from anyone who has a large, licenced van/pickup to do a run to the skip with any rubbish removed from the site at the end of the day.

As the nature of the work required will involve lifting and use of tools, we will not be able to accommodate any children on site during the work day. Pupils will contribute to other tasks in the forest school, at a different time.

If you are able to join us for all or some of the work day, please contact me directly (Kieran.holmes@barrow1618.taw.org.uk). I will be leading the activities on the day to ensure our maximum impact.

Thanks in advance for any help you might be able to offer us.

Very best wishes.

Mr K. Holmes