



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent(s),

APRIL/MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER YEAR 6 SATs

We were so very proud of all our Y6 children during their SATs last week. They all approached the week with a determination to do their very best and were very supportive of each other. Well done Y6 you are all stars! Enjoy your Manor Residential this week!

MATHS CHALLENGE AT WIRRAL GRAMMAR

A group of our Y5 children won the Wirral Grammar Mathematics Challenge, coming first out of 12 schools who entered. Well done to the children who took part and for inspiring others once you returned from your quest!

YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER

Mrs Bradley, Mr Pipe and I enjoyed the company of Y3 last Friday night and Saturday morning in the school grounds. They were all so well behaved and delightful and enjoyed sleeping on the hall floor (once they managed to get to sleep!!) They did, however, smash the 7 year record by lying in until 7.15 a.m! Many thanks to Mrs While, Mr Dixon and Mrs Edwards for giving up their Friday evening and to Pat Oakes for his brilliant cooking and alfresco eating experience.

WORLD BOOK DAY

The children produced fantastic book reviews and really enjoyed sharing with each other. See a selection of their work in the school hall.



PARENT LUNCH SURVEY AND PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Both were e-mailed to parents and are on the website with an analysis and actions to be taken. Please do let us know if there is anything else we can improve. The themed coffee mornings and afternoon teas have received many positive comments and parents seem to appreciate the extra opportunities being provided to see the progress their child has made and to experience first-hand how well they are taught.

CHARITY GIVING

We raised £262.10 for the Nepal Earthquake Disaster appeal and £300 for the Autistic Society on 'light it up blue' for autism day. Thank you for your generous giving.

PA FUND RAISING

Many thanks to the PA who have raised money to refurbish the KS 1 adventure play area. This will start on the 1st June 2015, weather permitting. Thank you to Mr Dixon for co-ordinating this.

PUPIL AND STAFF TOILETS

As previously mentioned, I managed to gain a grant from the Local Authority for the toilets to be refurbished. This will take place in the Summer holidays, alongside up-dating classroom smart boards and projectors where necessary – yes the old chalk boards have got to go at last!

ANTI-BULLYING

The children participated in anti-bullying assemblies throughout April and this will be cemented in May through a production by visiting actors called 'Sticks and Stones'.

FRUIT TO SUIT - ENTERPRISE

The year 5 children are running the Fruit to Suit business very well. They have to juggle marketing (see posters around the school), finances, working out profit and sending it off to our chosen main charity Claire House whilst getting the orders right to suit their shoppers in KS2. Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying this enterprising experience and will train the Y4 pupils up to take over next year as they become year 5, so that it is a sustainable business.



ASSESSMENT WITHOUT LEVELS - PARENT WORKSHOPS

120 parents attended the 2 workshops run by Mr Dixon and I before and after Easter. Thank you for your support and patience through this year of change with the New National Curriculum and changing planning and assessment systems. The website contains curriculum information relating to your child's year group and each mixed year phase e.g. Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6 will send out notification of which cycle in the 2 year planning you should be looking at.

DRAMA PRODUCTION

This year's drama production 'Ye Ha' was a real hit and attracted a full audience. The children delivered their lines with perfect timing and the humour and singing was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Mrs Birch for all the hard work she puts into the drama club.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL'S AWARD

We have now achieved the second part of this award and look forward to continuing to lead the children into further worthwhile experiences that will shape their thinking and empathy for others. We will continue to partner our school in Ghana – St Mary's.

BARNSTON GENERAL ELECTION

The pupils all enjoyed learning about democracy, how it works, how an election is run and what can happen. One Year 2 child was overheard saying to another 'You just have to get your politics right now' and a Year 3 said 'We didn't need a co-allition government at Barnston, as the Artic Roll Ice Cream Party had a clear majority!' Well done to the 6 party leaders from Y6, who canvassed voters in their campaign and presented the whole school with a final speech before everyone put their vote into the ballot box. The excitement was electric!! On the day of the real election results we met to compare our results with theirs watching live feed as it came in. Right on cue, one of our Y6 leaders walked to the front of the school and resigned – you can't beat role play!

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