



# Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

## JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER

### MULTI-CULTURAL MORNING Y5/6

Last week the MEAS team from the Local Authority came in to deliver Chinese, African and Spanish cultural experiences for the Y5/6 children, including cooking! The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at the differences in cultures and beliefs. Thank you to Miss Nichols for organising such a worthwhile and rich curriculum event.

### INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS INTERIM AWARD

The certificate arrived this week! This is our second award and the children continue to enjoy many social, spiritual, moral and cultural experiences in connection with the award. We also continue to keep in touch with and work with our partner school, St Mary's in Ghana, sharing our cultures, educational ideas and multi-faith beliefs. Thanks to Miss Nichols for driving this and for driving the final award next year.

### JAPANESE CLUB

One of our parents, Mrs Arora, has started this club for the younger children and so far it has been well attended. The pupils are learning Japanese through creative artwork, dance, singing etc. - the children love it and already have mastered the accent! Japanese can enable pupils to understand Chinese and Korean, if they continue to learn the language and take it to the highest level. By the time our children get to their working lives, this and Spanish may be a real advantage in the workplace. Mrs Pearson has applied to go on a head teacher's Japanese trip in the autumn half term holiday (not paid for by school!), to share and gain educational ideas with Japanese head teachers.



## SUMMER FAIR

This was once again a huge success and very well organised by the entire PA – many thanks to everyone who contributed. There was a great sense of community during the afternoon and despite the weather, hundreds turned out. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the children and parents having a good time. Thank you to all those who supported the event.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

**The menu will be on the website this week in 'useful information' for you to view and track.** You will notice that there are fruit and vegetables every day and that the fish and chips on Friday is still there some weeks, but healthier i.e. potato wedges and fish. We will ensure that children are given fruit and vegetables every day and that they are encouraged to eat it by the many TAs on duty in the hall. We will also rotate the classes in September, so that they have a day where they are first or second and we will make sure that the children are not queuing outside for long in winter.

## SPORTS AFTERNOON F2 /Y1/2

As their sports day was cut short by the rain, the children all enjoyed a competitive sports afternoon with their teachers and TAs organised by JM sport. It was a great afternoon and it gave talented children a chance to shine further and all the children a chance to build resilience by their 'go for it, whatever the outcome' attitude.

## 'TECHNOLOGY IN OUR CHANGING WORLD' PARENT WORKSHOP

This was well attended and many parents were thankful for the ICT safety tips to use at home to safe-guard our children. The parents really enjoyed seeing the robot and working with their children on ICT in their lessons. If you were unable to attend either workshops this term, **look out for calendar dates, which will be on the website over the summer for the new term, to give you plenty of time to make arrangements.**

## REPORTS

Thank you for the many positive comments on the feedback slips re the pupils' reports – the new format seemed to be a hit, with many liking the picture on the front and the assessments of the pupils' attitude and effort, as well as their progress. Our Spring report next year will provide you with this information and their 'Next Steps' in reading, writing and mathematics at that point in time.



## HAPPY HOLIDAY

Thank you for all your support this year and for your honest and open critique, which enables us to continue to move the school forward on behalf of all the children. **Enjoy the summer and we will see you all on Tuesday 1st of September 2015.**

My very best wishes to you all and good luck to our lovely Y6s in their next adventure – we will miss you all.

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