



Newsletter

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Launching this Term's Learning



As part of the changes to the way we deliver the curriculum to our pupils, all year groups have been enjoying 'Launch Events' this week to their new topics. **Year 3** entered a crime scene to find the body of Tutankhamen in launching their topic on the Egyptians. **Year 5** came into class to find a mysterious box guarded by mystical creatures in launching their topic on Greek myths. **Reception** went digging in their outdoor area only to find a collection of bones! This launched their focus on the Funny Bones stories. **Year 4** had to gather all their belongings as they embarked upon a trip to Rwanda linked to their English text, Christophe's Story. As part of their journey around the world, **Year 2** started in Liverpool only to receive a letter from the mayor informing them that the Liver Building is to be knocked down and replaced by a car park! We can't wait to read their letters of objection if their protest is anything to go by! **Year 6** came in to their classroom only to find it littered with man-made materials. This launched their topic of, 'Are we damaging our world?' **Year 1** dug up a Time Capsule! Inside they found a letter and items from 1955! This launched their topic on 'What was life like for our grandparents when they were young?' Needless to say, we cannot wait to see the work the children produce this term!

YEAR 6 GO TO UNIVERSITY!



Just before half-term, Year 6 had a very special trip to Liverpool John Moores University. As a school, we believe it is important to provide the pupils with experiences linked to education and potential future careers early on in their educational journey. During the day, the pupils had a taste of university life, from learning in a lecture theatre to experiencing some of the wonderful resources available that support higher education learning. The pupils also explored some of the degrees available at the university which are needed for various jobs. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and some have already started mapping out their route to higher education!



CHRISTMAS SHOWS



Please find below information regarding the dates and times of the Christmas productions this year.

The Christmas story will be performed by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Due to there being three year groups, we are asking parents from each year group to attend on different days to manage numbers in the hall.

Nursery, and KS2 will be performing a selection of Christmas songs which we hope you will be able to join us for.

Friday 14th December

10.00am - AM Nursery Performance in the Nursery Classroom

2.00pm - PM Nursery Performance in the Nursery Classroom

Monday 17th December

2.15pm - Reception and KS1 performance for ***Reception Parents and Carers*** in the hall

Tuesday 18th December

9.30am - Reception and KS1 performance for ***Year 1 Parents and Carers*** in the hall

2.15pm - Reception and KS1 performance for ***Year 2 Parents and Carers*** in the hall

Wednesday 19th December

9.30am - Lower KS2 performance for ***Year 3 and Year 4 Parents and Carers*** in the hall

2.15pm - Upper KS2 performance for ***Year 5 and Year 6 Parents and Carers*** in the hall

PARENT/CARER MEETINGS



Our first parent/carer meetings with the class teacher will be taking place during the week commencing **Monday 10th December**. A letter will go out shortly with the dates and times for all the different year groups.

Please note that parents must book their appointment using **Parent Mail** as instructed in the letter. The booking forms will be available on Parent Mail from **9.30am** on **Monday 19th November**. If you have any difficulty making a booking, please come in and speak to the office staff.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone involved with running, donating to and attending the recent Macmillan coffee morning. Your efforts raised **£141.20** for the charity which will go towards supporting their wonder work.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Thank you to the four parents who nominated themselves for the two parent governor vacancies on our governing body.

The two appointments were made based on the two nominees receiving the most votes. The outcome of the ballot was as follows:

Mrs Jessica O'Rourke - 46 votes

Mr Kevin Cairns - 40 votes

Mrs Kate Whitney - 33 votes

Dr Carl Chalmers - 10 votes

Congratulations to Mrs. Jessica O'Rourke and Mr Kevin Cairns who have been appointed Parent Governors at Barlows Primary School for the next four years.



This year for Children in Need, Barlows Primary School is involved in a very special fundraiser. On Friday, 16th November, staff from 11 schools in our community will be taking part in a sponsored eight mile run which will see them visit each school along the route. When they arrive at each school, they will be joined by pupils and staff who will run a lap or two of their playground and field.

The staff from Barlows who are taking part are Miss Lawson, Mrs Rankin, Mr Owens and Mr Mattocks. If you would like to sponsor them, please visit the Just Giving page at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/School-Run

Pupils can come into school on the 16th November dressed as their favourite sports personality. We ask for a £1 donation towards our Children in Need fund raising.



WARM OUTDOOR CLOTHING

With the colder weather upon us, a reminder to send your child in to school with appropriate warm, outdoor clothing. Please ensure that all coats, gloves, hats and scarves are clearly labelled with your child's name.

TERM DATES

A reminder that the last day of the Autumn term is **Thursday 20th December**. All pupils return to school on **Monday 7th January 2019**.



Have an enjoyable weekend