

# Barlows Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to our Newsletter.

December has been another busy month at Barlows Primary School. The children were busy working hard rehearsing for their Christmas performances and it was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members able to join us for their event.

As the term comes to a close, we would like to wish you all a very 'Happy Christmas' and fantastic start to the New Year! We hope 2023 will be a wonderful year for you all and hope you enjoy reading about our pupils success from December below.

## Musical Maestros in Year 4!

Our Year 4 pupils have been developing their musical talents with the Ukulele with Mr Storey.

The children have been developing their knowledge of chords and used these to build up a repertoire of songs!





## **A BIG THANK YOU TO A WONDERFUL PUPIL!**

One of our wonderful Year 6 pupils and School Council Member noticed that our Christmas performance set was in need of some very special stars.

Over the weekend, this thoughtful pupil set about making these amazing 3D stars for our set. Not only did she give up her own time, but she made sure they arrived in good time for the performances. What a wonderful example, creative genius and ambassador for our school!



## **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS**

Pupils across the school took part in the Community Christmas Tree Decoration Project organised by one of our previous parents at Barlows, Paula Keeley.

Our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Kirby-Foy, organised the project in school, with pupils and staff making an excellent contribution.

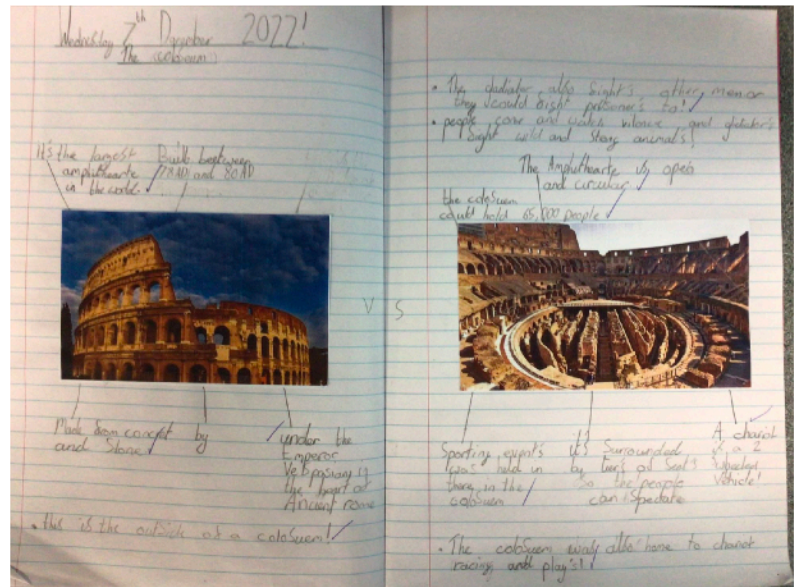
The decorations can be seen hanging on the trees in our community.





**Our Year 3 pupils have been developing their knowledge of the Roman period in History, with a specific focus on cultures and beliefs.**

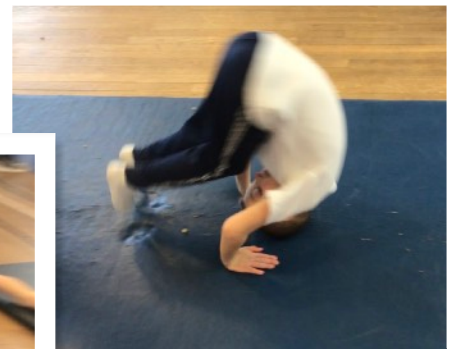
The children examined different sources of evidence to help develop their understand about the Colosseum.



## Gymnastics expertise in Year 2!

A group of our Year 2 pupils took part in a special gymnastics festival organised by LSSP.

The children benefited from expert coaching by LSSP during the event. They developed their expertise with: forward and backward rolls, bridges, balances, cartwheels and hand stands. They also developed their knowledge of upper body strength and how to safely exit their routines.

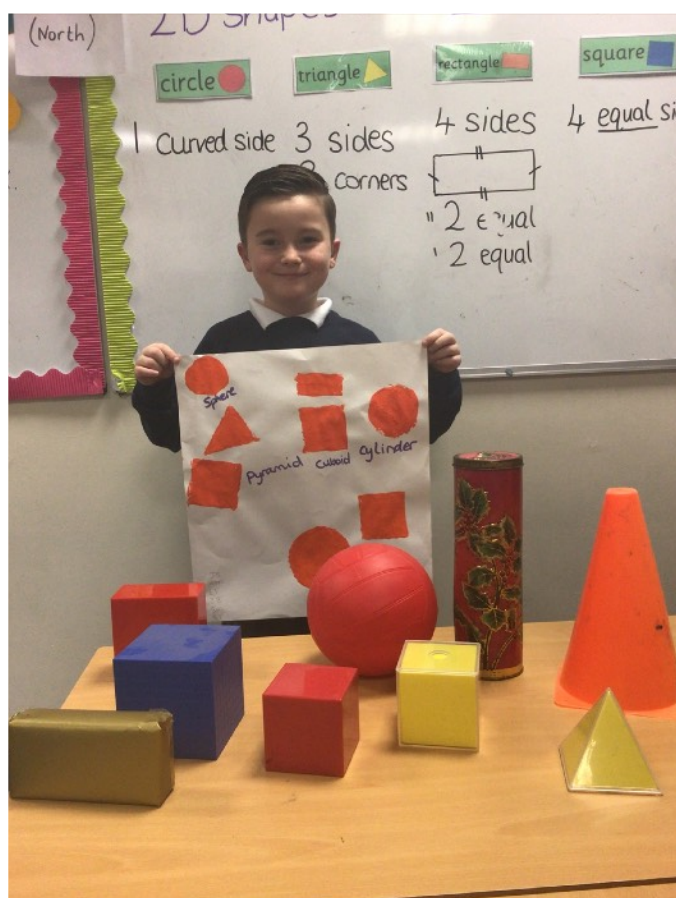


### Couscous Creations in Year 2!

It has been an exciting time in Year 2 as the children have been developing their culinary skills in Design Technology.

The children have been developing their understanding of the origins of ingredients, while mastering their cutting skills.

Well done Year 2!



### Shape success in Year 1!

Our Year 1 pupils have been busy developing their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.

Combining printing and mathematics, the children used 3D shapes to complete printed sequences.



### Primary Reception School Applications

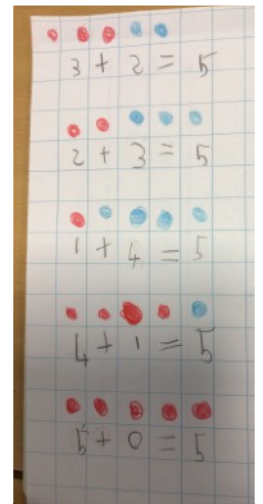
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## All about 5 in Reception!

It has been all about 5 in Reception over recent weeks! The children have been exploring the composition of 5 and used their knowledge to create number sentences. Well done Reception!

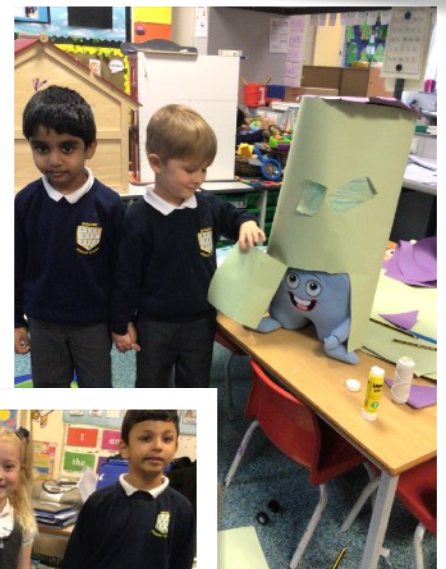




## Celebrating difference in Reception

In Reception, the children have been celebrating difference as part of their Jigsaw PSHE Curriculum.

The children created different style houses for the class Jigsaw Mascot, Jenny. They developed their communication and language skills while discussing how each house was unique, different and special.

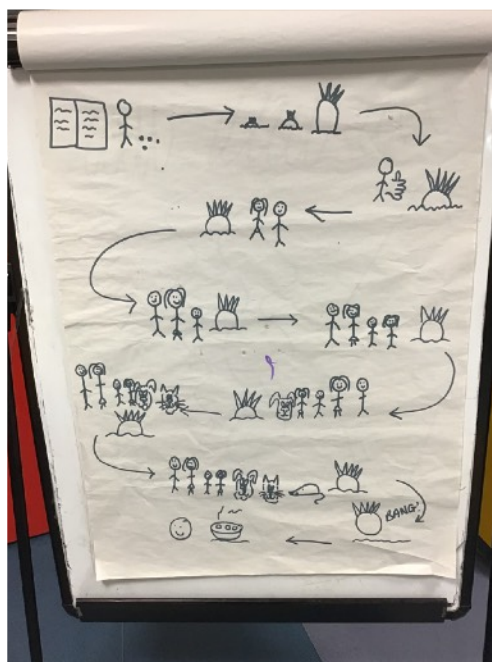




**There was an enormous turnip in Nursery this month!**  
Using Talk for Writing strategies, the children in Nursery explored the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'.

The turnip was so big that the staff had to add some extra safety cones to warn people!

Children developed their language and communication skills as they retold the story using small world activities.



### **Busy bees in Nursery!**

Nursery continued exploring their mathematical understanding with the support of Numicon. They even managed to fit in a spot of Christmas tree decorating!

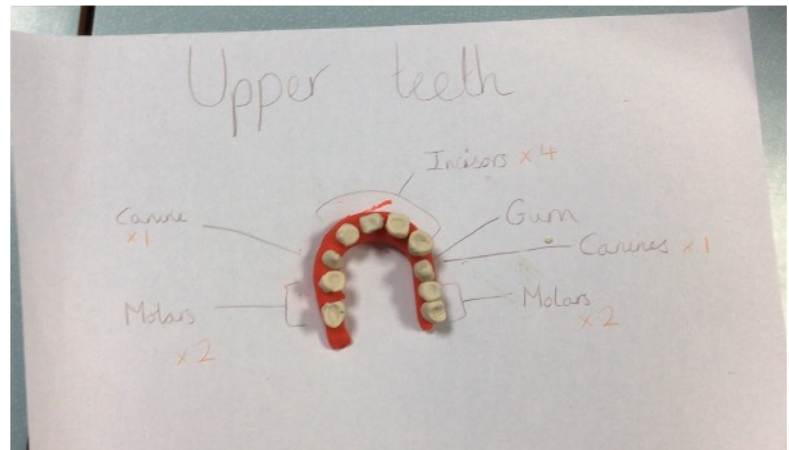
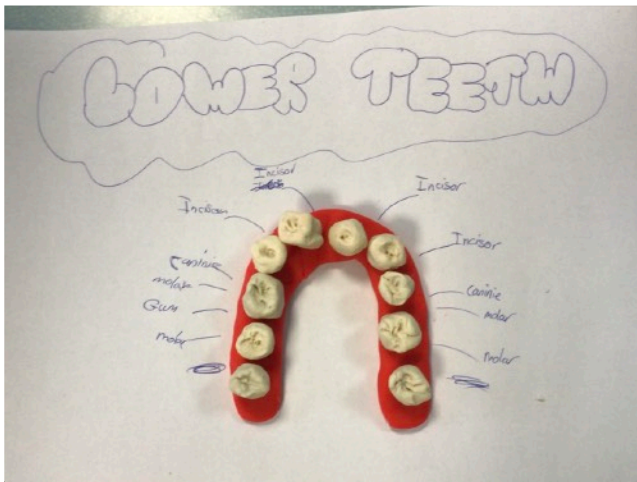


### Getting up close with teeth in Y4 Science!

Our Year 4 pupils have been taking a closer look at teeth in Science this month.

The children examined the purpose of molar, incisor and canine teeth, exploring their shape, location and function.

They created models and explained their model using scientific vocabulary.



### Where does food go? With Year 4!

Developing their scientific understanding even further, our year 4 pupils developed their own models of the human digestive system. They explored each stage of the digestive process and used their models to explain what they had learnt.





### Soup-i-licious with Year 4!

Year 4 have been busy exploring seasonal ingredients and different types of soup. The children used a range of cutting implements including knives, greeters and peelers as part of the preparation stage. They evaluated their product and identified improvements to their recipe.



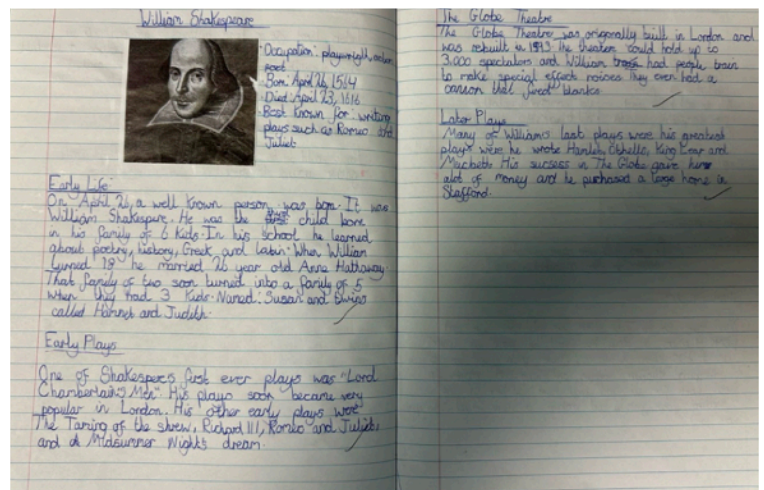
### Year 6 working with the LFC Foundation

The children in Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to take part in the LFC Women's Empowerment and Allyship Programme. Leah from the LFC Foundation delivered a number of sessions looking at gender equality, self-esteem and having a positive self body image.

The children also explored what a role model is and the qualities of a good role model. All of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the interactive workshops and gave great feedback!

### Biographies in Year 5

Year 5 have been exploring biographies in English. They explored the life of William Shakespeare and produced biographies to share the knowledge they had gained.





# Christmas Performances



## School Christmas Performances

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Barlows!

The children and staff have been working exceptionally hard with their Christmas performances and put on a fantastic show!

We've collated a few photographs from our wonderful casts!





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## Year 6 singing sensations and talented guitarists!

A huge well done to the Year 6 choir, who were accompanied by Nicholas and Poppy on the guitar. Thank you to Miss Fussell for her hard work in organising the carols.

The children performed with great enthusiasm and entertained all of the parents and carers singing a number of Christmas carols. We think we definitely have some future musicians in the making!



# Thank you!

## Putting others first at Barlows!

We would like to thank two of our amazing Learning Support Assistants, Miss Horlick and Miss Lawson, for organising a fantastic food and toy donation to the Fazakerley Federation Food Bank.

Thank you also to our wonderful families and staff who went above and beyond to contribute to this worthwhile cause. We were overwhelmed by the kindness of our families and staff.





# Celebrating Success!

## An update to our classrooms!

At Barlows we believe that everybody should be celebrated for their achievements, no matter how big or small. With this in mind, the staff have been busy setting up our new classroom wall displays in each classroom.

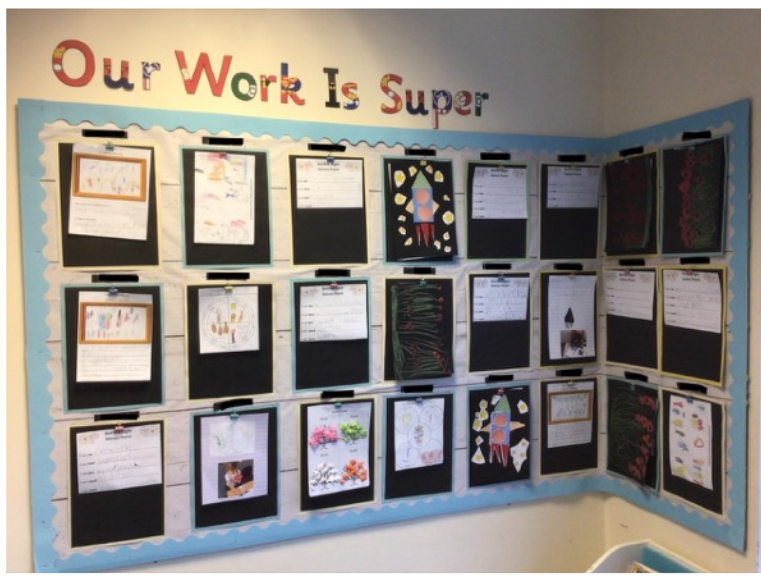
Every pupil has a named space on their classroom wall where they can have their work celebrated on a regular basis. This could include a full piece of writing, art, a tricky maths question or even a photograph of them succeeding in PE.

You may have noticed our new display walls during parents' evening. We've had fantastic feedback from the children who tell us that they love to see their wonderful work up on the wall. A lovely daily reminder of how amazing and talented the pupils of Barlows Primary School are.





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# Dates for the diary!

## First Day of Term Spring 2023



The first day of term for pupils will be  
**Thursday 05/01/22.**

Please note, Wednesday 04/01/22 is  
an INSET Day for staff only.

## Additional Bank Holiday



Please note, there will be an additional bank holiday in  
honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles  
III. This will take place on  
**Monday 08/05/23**

The school will be closed on this date.  
We will update the school holiday date on the website in  
due course.

## Update on Key Stage 2 SATs Dates



Gov.uk have confirmed that an additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation  
of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023.

As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test  
week in England, gov.uk have confirmed that a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be  
necessary.

The new KS2 SATs schedule will be:

Tuesday 9 May:	EGPS papers 1 (questions) & 2 (spelling)
Wednesday 10 May:	English Reading paper
Thursday 11 May:	Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
Friday 12 May:	Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)



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## PTA Meetings

The PTA meetings for the remainder of the  
year have been booked. It would be lovely  
to see some new and old faces on our PTA  
this year.

A letter from our wonderful PTA Chair, Clare  
McGorian, will follow in the Spring Term  
detailing how you can get involved, where  
and when.



# How can you help?

## Join our PTA

Joining the PTA is an excellent way to bring together parents, teachers and your local community to raise money and to support the school. It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together towards a common goal. All parents, teachers and school staff can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available.

### What does a PTA do?

PTA activity can vary from school to school. Here at Barlows, the PTA have helped raise funds for a range of school items, from Reception outdoor equipment, to Y6 leaver's gifts, as well as raising money through cake sales and stalls as the Fun Day. These funds benefit all children in the school and are used for the following purposes:

- to help the school provide resources and extras for the pupils
- to run social events for parents and children
- to provide support for school trips and outings and other special events
- to run after school clubs

If you feel that you have some time (no matter how little) and would like to join the PTA, please contact the school office or email us at: [barlows.PTA@barlows.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:barlows.PTA@barlows.liverpool.sch.uk)

Extended family and friends of the school are also very welcome to join our PTA.

## Preloved Uniform



If you have any clean preloved uniform in good condition that you would like to donate to the school preloved uniform shop, please pass it in to the school office.

## Spare Hangers

Do you have any spare clothes hangers that you no longer need? If so, please send them in to our school office. We want to use them in our upcoming 'Preloved' Uniform Shop.

## Do you work for a company the has spare mannequins?

Do you work for a company or know someone who has spare mannequins they would be willing to donate to our Design Technology department?

If so, please contact the school office - we'd love to hear from you!

## Christmas Card and Cracker Craft Items

We are collecting small items that could be used in craft activities.

These include:

- small gems or ribbons for used Christmas cards
- Small gems or ribbons used on used Christmas Crackers.

If you find you have any of these over the Christmas period, please save them and send them into school for our craft box.

Please do not send full Christmas cards or crackers, just the gems and ribbons.



# A Few Reminders

## Attendance - Holidays in Term Time



Attendance for all pupils remains a high priority. Please note, we are unable to authorise holidays in term time.

Holidays taken in term time will be marked as unauthorised absence and may incur a penalty notice issued by the Local Authority.

## Punctuality



Doors open at 8:45am with lessons starting promptly at 9:00am. Registers close at 9:00am.

Please ensure your child arrives at school in time to be through the door before 9:00am, to ensure they are in class on time.

Doors must close at 9:00am prompt to enable support staff to arrive to lessons on time.

Pupils entering through the main entrance from 9:00am will be marked late. Any late pupils must be escorted to the main entrance by their adult, in order to ensure they arrive safely and have their attendance registered.

## Download the StudyBugs App

If you haven't already, please download the StudyBugs App and register your child at: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Top reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It's integrated with our systems, so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. Reporting on the app means that you won't have to call and you can log the absence at any time before school.
3. It's quick and easy to register and use, and it automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
4. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Please note, if you have any enquiries or questions, please contact the school via email or telephone. We are unable to respond to queries via the StudyBugs app at present.

## Parking



Thank you to the many parents and carers who have supported us in trying to keep our school car park safe, by not using it at all for parking.

Unfortunately, we still have a small number of parents/carers who continue to try to use the school car park for their own purposes. **This is not permitted - by doing so you are risking the safety of others.**

The car park is for staff only and drop off for breakfast club, until 8:30am.

Please do not attempt to use the car park, as doing so causes unnecessary danger to others - including the children of Barlows Primary School.

Thank you for your support with this important matter.