



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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*"Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed"*

Barley Lane Primary School Friends' Association Presents **Pizza Night** Thursday 28th March 2019 3.45pm to 5.30pm

Years: 1-6 Ticket Price: £4

Neons and cakes will be on sale Prices start from £1

PARENTS: Please refrain from taking photos at this event. Thank You.

## Pizza Night

Tickets for our pizza night will be on sale from Monday 18th March outside Nursery before and after school.

Tickets are £4 per child and there will be neons and cakes on sale on the night.

Please note we are unable to sell tickets on the day so don't forget to buy them early! If you are interested in joining the PA or volunteering at an event, please contact them via Mrs Mander in the Nursery.



We wish our school community a very happy Holi..

..and a Happy St Patrick's Day for the coming week!



**Next week's assembly theme: Courage**

## Parent Consultations / SRE

We had a fantastic turnout at last evening's parent consultations. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and siblings around the school and I'm sure you will agree that there was a lovely atmosphere. Thank you for the feedback on our new online booking system. It appears to have been a success!

We had a number of queries from parents about our Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) policy and the content of SRE lessons in light of recent media attention. Our governing body approved the SRE policy earlier this term, and it can be viewed by clicking on [this link](#).

Please be assured that our SRE curriculum is age appropriate and sensitively delivered. We will be holding parent meetings for individual year groups early in summer term to consult you on the content of lessons. Parents will have the right to withdraw their children from some, or all SRE lessons, but not science lessons. Requests can be made in writing to the headteacher. However, we urge parents to attend the summer term meetings in the first instance to familiarise themselves with the content and, if there are any further concerns, to arrange a meeting with the class teacher or senior leader.

## Outside Play Area—Reception

Every morning we set up activities for our outside area. Could we please ask that younger siblings do not play with them before school starts, as on occasion the area has become very messy before the children have had an opportunity to play. Thank you.

## 'Reading Aloud' At Barley Lane

Every day, across the school at 3.10pm, all teachers read aloud to their children. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important to read aloud together.

If you are interested, there is further reading in this [linked article](#) from last week's Guardian newspaper.



## Bike Maintenance Workshop

A group of our year 5 children had an excellent opportunity this week to take part in a Bike Maintenance Workshop run by Cycle Confident. Children learned how to repair a puncture, replace brake pads, how to remove tyres and replace



them and which tools to use.



## Term Dates 2019-20

Please note our term dates for the next academic year, including staff training days. School will be closed to children on these days. The school will not authorise any holidays during term time. Unauthorised holidays taken during term time will result in a fine and in some cases may result in your child being removed from the school roll.

### Autumn Term 2019

- *Staff Training Days: Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September 2019*
- Autumn Term 1: Wednesday 4th September 2019 to Friday 18th October 2019
- Half term break: Monday 21 October 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019
- Autumn Term 2: Monday 28th October – Friday 20th December
- Christmas break: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

### Spring Term 2020

- *Staff Training Day: Monday 6th January 2020*
- Spring Term 1: Tuesday 7th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020
- Half term break: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020
- Spring Term 2: Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April 2020
- Spring (Easter) break: Monday 6 April 2020 Monday 17 April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

- *Staff Training Day: Monday 20th April 2020*
- Summer Term 1: Tuesday 21st April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020
- May Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2020
- Half term break: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020
- Summer Term 2: Monday 1st June 2020 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- *Staff Training Day: Monday 20th July 2020*

## Science Week

Science week has been full of science, technology, engineering and math activities. Barley Lane has been lucky enough to have workshops run by The Science Boffins for years 3,4,5, and 6, with whole school assemblies for KS1 and KS2. These workshops included:



**Y3 Plasma Ball & Playful Polymers**

**Y4 Know your Newton**

**Y5 Space-tacular Space**

**Y6 Fabulous Flames**



There has been lots of experimentation all around the school: children looked at reversible and irreversible changes, lava lamps, outdoor sessions in the Spinney and even foam explosions! It has been a lovely week and keep your eyes peeled for any more Science events coming up. Thank you to Miss Isa, our science leader, for organising a great week.



## Spring Dates for your Diary

### March

- 18th Football Match Year 6 - 3.30-4.45pm
- 21st World Downs Syndrome Day  
Class Assembly 3S - 9am  
Rugby Tournament - Yr 5 & 6
- 28th Pizza Night (PA event)

### April

- 1st - 5th Autism Awareness Week
- 5th Last Day of Spring Term
- 23rd Summer Term begins

*"Looking through the books at home is a wonderful initiative, as we have more time to go through various areas together and allows for discussion. It is also good to see work being marked with many helpful positive comments left by the teacher!"*

Year 2 Parent, 12.03.19

## Booking School Lunches

If you know your child will be arriving to school after 9.30am, due to pre-booked appointments/ interviews, please inform the school beforehand if you want your child to have a school dinner.

It is important that all dinners are booked first thing in the morning. If you do not inform the school before 9.30am, we will not be able to provide your child with a lunch. Alternatively, please send your child with a packed lunch or ensure they have eaten before they arrive to school. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



## Attendance

Attendance week commencing **04/03/19** – **96.06%**

**KS2 – 4F 99.33%**

**A warm welcome to the following children to the following children who have recently joined our school**

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|---------|-----------|
| Zahraa  | Asim      |
| Naziath | Fatoumata |

## Governing Body Update

Our governing body held their spring term meeting this week. We also extended a warm welcome to our two new parent governors, S. Malik and S. Khanom. It was a productive meeting where a new team of 'link' curriculum governors was established. Each governor will have responsibility for a particular curriculum area and a schedule of link visits is currently being arranged for summer term.

The following policies were approved and are available on our school website from today:

- \* Accessibility Policy
- \* Anti-Bullying Policy
- \* British Values Policy
- \* Dignity at Work Policy
- \* Health and Safety Policy
- \* SEND Policy
- \* SEND Information Report
- \* Sex and Relationships Education Policy
- \* Social Media Policy

## Down's Syndrome Awareness Day



**Awareness Week 2019**

#LotsOfSocks #LeaveNoOneBehind

18 - 24 March 2019

Please remember to wear some snazzy socks with your uniform next Thursday, 21st March, to raise awareness of Down's Syndrome day!

## Colchester Zoo Trip Year 1



Our trip to Colchester Zoo this week went really well. Despite the weather, children enjoyed it very much. We managed to see all the wildlife animals and sea life animals. This was a great opportunity for our children to use their multi-sensory approach to learning. Children used their senses to take in their surroundings and expand their understanding about animals and their environment. They learned about the way animals smell, sounds they make and what they look like in real life.



## Basketball Tournament at Mayfield School



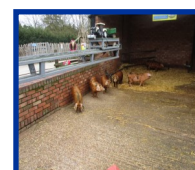
On Wednesday 13th March Barley Lane took 6 Year 6 children to Mayfield School to take part in a Basketball Tournament. It was 3 a side with 1 girl and 1 boy always on the pitch and Barley Lane did themselves proud. Not only did they come second in their group which meant that they went on to the knock out rounds, Barley Lane reached the semi-finals. Sadly this is where we finished meaning that Barley Lane came 4th out of 15th schools. It was an excellent day and the children really enjoyed it. Thanks to Mr McCarthy for arranging the trip.

## Old MacDonald's Farm Trip Yr 3



This week, Year 3 visited Old MacDonald's Farm to explore what life is like for the animals who live there as part of our Science and English topics. We got to see a huge variety of farm animals including cows, sheep and goats as well as zoo animals like meerkats and deer! Not only did we get to look at and learn about the animals, but we got to pet and feed them too! We were particularly fortunate because the rain clouds stayed away and a new litter of piglets arrived on the farm so we were able to meet piglets just like Wilbur from our current reading book 'Charlotte's Web.'

We'd like to offer a big 'Thank you' to the volunteers who supported us on this visit - without support from parents and carers, these trips wouldn't be able to go ahead.



## Seven Kings Teaching School Alliance TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN EVENT

**Wednesday 20 March 2019 from 4pm-6pm**  
Open afternoon at Seven Kings School, Ley St, Ilford IG2 7BT

Looking for a new challenge?  
Seeking leadership development?  
Wondering how a Teaching School Alliance works?  
Interested in working with outstanding schools?  
Seeking promotion in schools with proven track records?  
Would you like to work in an Alliance with learners and teachers at the heart of all it does?

We offer outstanding Professional Learning; be part of our Cradle to Grave programme and develop your leadership skills.

Work collaboratively with aspiring colleagues across 25 schools—primary, secondary, special, all-through and our university partners with the Institute of Education, UCL and UEL.

**Book a slot to have a professional coaching conversation about your career with a Senior Leader**

**Come along and find out more from staff across the Alliance**

**Talks at 4.30pm and 5.30pm**

To book and for further information, please contact Carol O'Brien, PA to the Teaching School at c.obrien@sevenkings.school or telephone 020 8554 8935.

