

# **Barley Lane Newsletter**

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



## **Library Grand Opening!**

On Monday well-known author Karen McCombie came into school for the grand opening of our new KS2 library, cutting the ribbon and enjoying some afternoon tea in the woodland-themed space.

Karen has written lots of children's books, including, 'Little Bird Flies', 'Angels Next Door' and the 'St. Grizzles' School For Girls Series'. Her books are now available for the

children to borrow from the library. Thank you to Mrs Rogers, staff, the PTA and all volunteers who have worked to get the library up and running.



## **Family Learning Champions 2019**

We were very pleased that Barley Lane was presented with the Family Learning Champions Award 2019 by the



Redbridge Institute last week. The award was in recognition of the school's commitment to supporting parents and carers offering both adult training and courses that help to support their children in school. Thank you to Mrs Applegate for her continued dedication and enthusiasm!

## **Our next Assembly Theme:**

**Compassion** 

### **Lost Property/Uniform Sale**

Come along to our nearly new uniform sale next Tuesday 9th July, to grab a bargain! You will find us in the tech room.

There will also be an opportunity to have a look through lost property, so if you have lost any uniform or other items please come and take a look before it is disposed of. If you want to order new uniform, the uniform shop will next be open on Tuesday 16th July.



### **Pilates Coffee Morning**

It was lovely to see some parents at our Pilates coffee morning this week, enjoying a some gentle exercise to start the day!

Thanks to Sue Lo who ran the session.

Our last Coffee morning of this school year will be on Friday 19th July 9-10am.



## **Ancient Greece Day**

Year 3 will be having a Greek Day on Wednesday 10th July. There will be a variety of activities including arts & craft sports and food tasting.

We would like the children to choose one of the following foods to bring into class to share on the day:

Watermelon Grapes **Figs** Apples Feta Cheese Bread Cucumbers Olives



#### **Writing Workshops**

This week, some classes in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in writing workshops with author Karen McCombie. They were looking at the drafting and editing process as this has been a big focus in school this year to get children to improve their writing.

All the children really enjoyed the workshops.

Sharika in 3B said:

'On Monday we met an author called Karen McCombie. She told us all about writing. Her pet hates were a boring title, boring first line and a boring end! We also wrote a boring story but then made it exciting. We had lots of fun. She told us how to be publishers. Soon we will be publishing our own stories.'

### **Year 4 Story session with Reception**

Year 4 performed stories using puppets to reception children this week

'Today we went to red class and we performed our stories using puppets. In class, we have been designing our own characters and used these to make puppets so that we could write our own stories. We really enjoyed telling our stories to the younger children. We appreciate how well the

children in reception listened to our stories. The children were really nice and co-operative and it was an enjoyable experience. We hope we get to go to reception and perform again!' - Year 4 Pupil



## **Southend Trip Year 2**

This week year 2 have had fun at Southend-on-Sea. We had an eventful coach journey, with lots of traffic on one particular day. Despite this minor



set-back, the children were very patient and behaved very maturely. We arrived at the lagoon – a perfect spot for paddling, making sandcastles and enjoying the play area. All the while, experiencing the sea breeze. The children were well behaved and members of the local area praised them for their mature behaviour. A huge thank you to our adult helpers who were a part of this exciting and memorable trip.

#### **Chill Out With Your Child**

There is still a few spaces left on the 'Chill Out With Your Child' starting next Tuesday after school. Please book a place at the school office if you wish to attend.

### **Summer Dates for your Diary**

<u>July</u>

5th EYFS Reports home

8th Year 5 & 6 Football Match until 4.50pm

9th 2Q Class Assembly 9am

10th Greek Day Year 3

11th Parent Open Evening (15:45-17:00)

5L Class Assembly 9am

15th & 16th Level 1 Bikeability - Year 3 & 4

16th Year 6 production

17th & 18th Learn to Ride - Reception

19th Last day of School

Coffee Morning 9-10am

Dates are subject to change.

#### **Attendance**

Week commencing 24/06/19 - 95.66%

Best class attendance this weeks was:

KS1 - 1D - 98.93%

KS2 - 3A - 99.32%





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