



Barley Lane Newsletter

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“Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed”

Young Voices at the O2

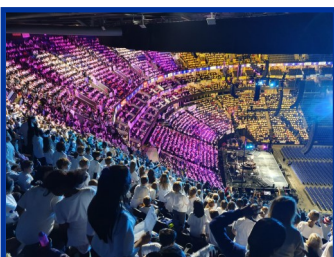
by Haylee, Matei & Dillan (4S)

“Yesterday, the school choir went to the O2 Arena to participate in Young Voices 2020. It was very exciting and interesting to be there! We spent the afternoon in rehearsals, practising the songs and the actions. We worked very hard and the music was very loud! After rehearsals, our parents entered the arena to watch the show while we ate our packed lunches.

Showtime came at 7 o'clock. Our highlights were Ghostbusters, Larger than Life and the Pop Medley. There were some guest artists: our favourite was Ruth who won The Voice in 2018. When she was 8 years old, she was in the Young Voices choir.

It was unforgettable and we can't wait for our next performance at the Royal Albert Hall!”

Thank you to the staff and volunteers who gave up their evening to be with the children, and of course to all parents who attended the event.



Year 5 PSHE Assembly

Year 5 have had a drugs, tobacco and alcohol information session with Gary from Narcono Drug Prevention & Education. He spoke to the pupils about how to be aware of their surroundings and how to keep safe.

“We learned about the effects of drugs on people: how they were affected emotionally and mentally. It can affect the well-being of a person in so many ways. We learnt how to keep safe and make informed choices”.

Fatima & Zara 5F



Cycling Events

Despite the chilly weather, our Nursery children have had fun on Balance Bikes this week. The children worked really hard and with practise will be ready to take the next step learning to ride bikes with pedals.

Next week Reception children who were on the waiting list will be taking part in Learn to Ride sessions. Bikes and helmets will be provided by the school, but please make sure your child has a warm waterproof jacket as sessions will take place in the playground during the school day.

Attendance & Nursery Vacancies

Attendance week commencing 13/01/20 – 95.14%

Best Attendance - 4S- 100%

Welcome to the following children who have recently joined our school:

Inoday	Anish
Sumaiya	Tamara



Uniform Sale/Lost Property

There will be no uniform sale next Tuesday morning, however the lost property boxes will be in the Junior Playground before the start of school. If your child has any items missing please come and have a look as anything left over will be disposed of.

Please make sure you label childrens clothes and other items with their full name and class.



Volunteers Needed!

Year 3 will be going to the British Museum on the following dates:

3A & 3H - Monday 16th March

3B & 3G - Tuesday 17th March

If you are able to help on this trip please see your child's class teacher.



Should we celebrate the things that divide us?

The UK is scheduled to leave the EU next Friday. A group of MPs hoped to signify the historic with the ringing of Big Ben at 11pm. As Big Ben is currently under refurbishment, the estimated cost of ensuring the bells work next week is £500,000. Big Ben has only rung on a few occasions since the refurbishment began in 2017.



Things to discuss at home with your children:

The decision for the UK to leave the European Union following a vote in 2016, divided lots of people across the UK. As many may feel sad that we are leaving, do you think it's something that others should be celebrating?

Do you think it's important to talk to and listen to people we don't agree with? Why?



Y2 SATs Meeting next Tuesday

There will be a SATs meeting for parents of children in Year 2 at 3.00-3.30pm in the Junior Hall.

Spring Dates For Your Diary

January

- 27th Learn to Ride - Reception
- 27th Holocaust Memorial Day
- 28th Year 2 SATs Meeting Junior hall 3-3.30pm
- 29th Visit to Colchester Castle Year 4
- 29th Hearing & Vision tests Reception Children
- 29th RE Workshop Year 3
- 30th 5F Class Assembly 9am

February

- 3rd Maths Week
- 4th Road safety Show Year 5
- 5th Parent Forum meeting 5.30-6.30pm
- 6th Class Assembly 4A 9am
- 9th Science Week
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 27th Book Bus 8am-4pm
- 28th Book Bus 8am-4pm

March

- 5th STEM Magic Show Reception/Year 1
- 5th World Book Day (*Non Uniform Day*)
- 9th Science Week
- 12th Class Assembly 5H 9am
- 16th British Museum Trip 3A & 3H
- 17th British Museum Trip 3B & 3G
- 19th Parent Consultation Evening from 2-7pm (school closes 13.45pm)
- 25th Parent Forum Meeting 9am
- 26th Class Assembly 3G 9am

April

- 2nd Autism Awareness Day
- 3rd Last day of Spring Term
- 20th INSET Day



Safeguarding: Online Safety

Each half term, pupils will be learning about an aspect of online safety during one of their computing lessons. This half term:

Year 1 pupils will be discussing the importance of taking time out from technology, reducing the amount of time they spend using screen.

Year 2 pupils will be learning how to use search engines safely.

Year 3 pupils will be learning that not everything on the internet is true. They will be comparing trustworthy and un-trustworthy websites.

Year 4 pupils will look at how we use the internet today to create and spread information very quickly. They will learn that although information posted on the internet might not always be true or accurate, it lasts forever.

Year 5: pupils will be learning about the importance of using good judgement when deciding if the claims made about products in blogs and vlogs are true.

Year 6 pupils will learn how we can minimise the risks of using social networking sites.

Please see our website for a [parent online safety page](#), containing lots of useful information!

Next week's assembly theme is 'Honesty'