

# The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy week at Barn Croft!!

We have had Poetry Week – a chance to really explore poems and poets in depth! We had 2 poets come in to do assemblies with all the children – Frank Crocker and Peter Burns who are both Forest Poets. The children wrote their own poems and then we had a Poetry Slam! Assembly this morning which was wonderful. Please have a look at the photos!

On Wednesday Nursery Reception Year 1 and Year 2 had a drama workshop which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Friends of Barn Croft coffee morning and to the Annual General Meeting last night. It is so great to have such a dedicated and passionate group of parents who want to raise money and help our lovely school. Last night they voted in a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary in order to move forward with gaining charity status for Friends of Barn Croft. Please keep a look out for more information and requests for ways that you can support them with different events.

And finally – congratulations to Albert for winning second place in the TES SEND Poetry Competition!! Ms O'Neill, Albert and his mum attended the award ceremony today because his poem had been chosen as a finalist. And he won second place!! His poem is called FIDGET. A huge well done, Albert!

Have a lovely weekend!

Tracey Griffiths

Headteacher

## Key Diary Dates

**24<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
Half Term  
**School Closed**

**31<sup>st</sup> October**  
Children return to School

**1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Parents Evening  
3:40-7:00pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Parents Evening  
3:40-5:40pm

**4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Halloween Disco- Rec, Y1 and Y2

**9<sup>th</sup> November**  
Individual Photos

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Winter Fair

**16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last day of Term  
**2:00pm finish**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**  
Christmas Holiday  
**School Closed**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Staff Training Day  
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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Topic*



*Reception – Troy & Zoe*  
*Year 1 – Doran & Lana*  
*Year 2 – Farley & Marwah*  
*Year 3 – Ali & Loni*  
*Year 4 – Liam & Rumaysa*  
*Year 5 – Edie & Leo*  
*Year 6 – Hichem & Marcia*  
*Tea Time Club – Artin – Year 4*



## Hot Chocolate Friday

Reception - Sylvia  
Year 1 – Leon  
Year 2 – Nina  
Year 3 – Olive  
Year 4 – Frankie  
Year 5 - Jemima  
Year 6 - DeeDee

# Poetry Week at Barn Croft

We had a wonderful visit from the Poet Frank Crocker. He read his own work with music and the children really enjoyed it. He then asked and answered questions from the children in two assemblies.





We had a fabulous interactive visit from poet Peter Burns who read some of his poetry to the children



EYFS, year 1 and year 2 had a lovely drama workshop. The children made magic potions and became different animals tricking the silly dragon.





# Poetry Slam Assembly





Here is Albert's poem called FIDGET that won him second place in the TES SEND Poetry Competition!

### **Fidget**

I like to learn.  
But the only problem is  
I need a fidget.  
Otherwise.....I  
tap tap tap  
swing swing swing  
and sing sing sing  
or I just dip my  
head down and  
do nothing.  
But if I have a fidget  
I can listen  
and learn and  
my legs tremble  
with happiness.  
And it feels so good.





BARN CROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL

# RECEPTION 2022 OPEN DAYS

*We will be holding a series of open days in order to allow parents of children due to start Reception in September 2023 to look around the school prior to making their school applications. The dates for these events are:*

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022 @9:30AM

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022 @9:30AM

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022 @9:30AM

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022 @9:30AM

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2022 @9:30AM

TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2023 @9:30AM

**EMAIL US TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:**

[School@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:School@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk)

[www.barncroftprimaryschool.org](http://www.barncroftprimaryschool.org)



# FOBC CALENDAR

## **TUESDAY 4TH OCT - MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING @ 9.10AM**

- COFFEE MORNINGS WILL BE HELD THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- MEET AT SCHOOL KITCHEN/HALL
- ENTER VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE
- EVERYONE WELCOME

## **THURSDAY 6TH OCT @ 6.30PM - AGM**

- SCHOOL HALL

## **FRIDAY 4TH NOV - HALLOWEEN DISCO**

- FOR RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2
- MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

## **THURSDAY 10TH NOV - ART FUNDRAISER 7-10PM**

- RUN BY EMMA - TETRAPACK PRINTING

## **SATURDAY 12TH NOV - ART FUNDRAISER**

- RUN BY EMMA - TETRAPACK PRINTING

## **SATURDAY 3RD DEC - WINTER FAIR**

## Advent Window Trail

Make your window part of the Advent Window Trail this December, as we come together to bring festive family fun to the local area.

It's absolutely free

Decorated windows will pop up every day throughout December, and once you're signed up, you will be given the date for your window to be ready.

Central Estates are sponsoring the trail again this year and will provide a board for each house.

All funds go to the local food bank PL84U

To take part, please send your name and address to the email below here by the 4th Nov

**SIGN UP HERE**  
THEADVENTWINDOW  
TRAIL@GMAIL.COM



## For All Year 6 Parents

You would have received a letter with the Secondary School Application details below, please apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) deadline is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.

## Timeline for Secondary applications

If your child is currently in year 6 in junior or primary school you will need to apply for a year 7 place for them to start in September 2023. **The deadline for making an on time application is 31 October 2022.**

1	Read this brochure before you apply so you are fully informed before you make your application.
2	Find out all the information you need to know about the schools you are interested in. This should include admissions criteria, which will tell you how the places are offered. This will help you to make your decision about which preferences to list. Waltham Forest Schools are listed on pages 16–49. School open evenings are listed on page 7.
3	<b>Submit your application by 31 October 2022.</b> You can do this by making an online application via <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a> . You must apply by no later than 11.59pm on the day for your application to be on time. Please do not leave it to the last day to submit your application to ensure it is received in time. Please note if you have not applied online before, you will need to register first. You will then receive a user name and password. Please keep a careful note of these, as you will need these every time you go into your eadmissions account. Please note that you will receive an application reference number once your application has been submitted online. Please keep this safe.
4	<b>Submit any supplementary information forms by 31 October 2022.</b> Some schools require you to complete a supplementary information form. You should complete and submit the form directly to the school by the closing date. If the schools are outside Waltham Forest, please check with their local authority. <b>You should also submit your proof of address</b> as indicated on page 9 of this brochure by the closing date.
5	<b>National Offer Day is on 1 March 2023.</b> This is the date when we release the outcome of your application. If you apply online you will receive a text in the evening of 1 March 2023. If you apply using a paper application form your letter will be posted on 1 March by first class post. You should receive your letter on 2 March 2023.
6	<b>15 March 2023</b> – you must accept or decline your offer by this date. If you applied online, you can do this by going into your eadmissions account. If you applied on paper, you must return the reply slip you receive with your letter.
7	<b>Appeals</b> – If you wish to make an appeal for a community school, you should do so by 30 March 2023. Academies, trust, free and voluntary aided schools have details of how to appeal on their website.

## School open evenings

School	Date	Time
Buxton School	Thursday 13 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Chingford Foundation School	Thursday 29 September 2022	5.45pm to 8.00pm
Connaught School for Girls	Thursday 29 September 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Eden Girls School, Waltham Forest	Thursday 13 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Frederick Bremer School	Wednesday 5 October 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
George Mitchell School	Tuesday 11 October 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Heathcote School & Science College	Wednesday 5 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Highams Park School	Thursday 13 October 2022	5.30pm to 8.30pm
Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form	Thursday 22 September 2022	6.00pm to 8.00pm
Kelmscott School	Wednesday 28 September 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Lammas School and Sixth Form	Tuesday 4 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Leytonstone School	Wednesday 12 October 2022	5.00pm to 8.00pm
Norlington School and 6th Form	Thursday 29 September 2022	6.00pm to 8.00pm
South Chingford Foundation School	Wednesday 28 September 2022	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Walthamstow Academy	Thursday 6 October 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Walthamstow School for Girls	Thursday 29 September 2022	5.30pm to 8.00pm
Willowfield School	Thursday 6 October 2022	6.00pm to 8.00pm

When you visit a school, make sure you give yourself enough time to see everything you want to see. There will be a chance to be shown around the school, talk to students and teachers and ask any questions you may have about the school.

A school admissions officer may be in attendance if requested by the school to answer any questions about the application process.

**Please note** some schools may be holding their open evening virtually. Please see the school websites for more information.





# Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2022-2023

## **Autumn Term 2022** (72 days)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**  
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**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**School Starts**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**School Starts**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Spring Term 2023** (59 days)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**School Starts**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**School Starts**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Summer Term 2023** (64 days)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**School Starts**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

**School Starts**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term