

The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending our online Meet The Teacher event this week. If you couldn't attend the powerpoints will be made available which contain the important information for your child's class. Please remember that we will be having one to one Parent Meetings later this term but if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

It has been great watching the children doing their Marathon running this week. They are really pushing themselves and encouraging their friends as they run around the school. If you can, please make a donation for PE equipment as a big well done to them all!

If you are interested in becoming a governor at our school please do reach out and come and have a chat about the role. It is really important that we have a parent governor - to sit on the Governing Body. There are 6 meetings each year in the evenings and then you would be expected to come into school a couple of times a year to do a focused visit as part of the role. I look forward to talking to anyone who is interested.

We are pleased to be welcoming our local police officer, Victoria Golden, to school on 11th October. She will be delivering safety workshops, all at an age appropriate level, to the children called Clever Never Goes. It is based on the old "stranger danger" safety talks but now focuses more on never going with anyone you may or may not know - because we know that very often children who do find themselves in danger find it is someone they may know slightly. So it is important for them to understand what they should do.

We are also welcoming the local organisation Urbaser on 13th October, who will be bringing their recycling mobile classroom into school. The children will each have a lesson and workshop in the mobile classroom on the importance of recycling.

It is great to see so many children signing up for music lessons. Maybe one day we will have our own little orchestra!! Thank you to all those who have donated to the School Fund so far this year! With all the money lost during the pandemic and this is so needed right now and means we can continue to make sure the children have high quality resources for their learning.

Finally - we will be opening our Barn Croft Share Shop next week in the Hut. If you have any donations please do drop them into the office - toiletries, washing/laundry products, sanitary products, nappies, cleaning products etc. We have a few things so far but would love to be able to give out more!

Have a lovely weekend! I hope you don't get too wet with the forecast of rain and wind!

Tracey Griffiths
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd October – Last day of Half - Term

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October – Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st November – Children return to School

Stars of the Week

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Reading*

Reception – Robin & Mabel

Year 1 – Tabby & Nina

Year 2 – Albert & Seanna

Year 3 – Clea & Taro

Year 4 – Casey & Esme

Year 5 – Marcia & Saoirse

Year 6 – Altan & Betty

Tea Time Club – Lily-Rose Morrall



Thank you!!!

A massive thank you to all the families who joined us on Saturday for the allotment day! They created new beds, paths, cleared weeds and rubbish and did some pruning.

School email:
School@barncroft.waltham.sc.h.uk

School Website:
www.barncroftprimaryschool.org

Hot Chocolate

Reception – Rea

Y1 – Ezra

Y2 – Ami

Y3 – Nateisha

Y4 – Esme

Y5 - George

Y6 – Mahir

Non Uniform Day

Friday 8th October

Year 2 & Year 5

Barn Croft Allotment Needs You!



Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to be part of the Barn Croft Allotment Working Party? Then read on.

We are looking for people who could pop down to the allotment once a week or whenever they can to do some tasks to help keep up with the maintenance of the plot. This could involve:

- Weeding
- Mowing
- Strimming
- Pruning
- Watering
- Hedge trimming

We also have Allotment Days and dates of these will be posted nearer the time. If you are interested, then please complete the information slip and hand in to the office.

Many thanks
Louise Duke

Outdoor Learning Leader

Name **Parents of** **Class/es**

Comments

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SEND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Open to parents and carers of children aged 5-18 with SEND in mainstream schools in Waltham Forest. Come along and share experiences, discuss ideas, explore resources and develop a support network. All led by specialist Advisory Teachers.

To join us email: j.akhaja@whitefield.waltham.sch.uk
or call: 020 8498 4249

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| Down's Syndrome | Thursday 30th September 10.30-12.00 | Whitefield Academy, Macdonald Road, E17 4AZ or join us virtually |
| | Thursday 2nd December 10-11.30 | |
| Dyslexia | Thursday 7th October 10 -12 pm | Virtual |
| | Friday 12th November 10-12 pm | |
| Autism | Monday 18th October 11-1 pm | Virtual |
| | Tuesday 30th November 3-5pm | |

Links to all virtual sessions will be sent via email prior to the session

SEND STAFF SUPPORT GROUPS

Open to staff supporting children aged 5-18 with SEND in mainstream schools in Waltham Forest. It will provide staff with the opportunity to share experiences, discuss ideas, explore resources and develop a support network. All led by specialist Advisory Teachers.

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| Down's Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy | Wednesday 6 th October 1.30 – 3.00 pm | virtual |
| | Thursday 18 th November 10.00 – 11.30am | |
| Dyslexia | Thursday 21 st October 3.45 -5.00 pm | Virtual |
| | Thursday 2 nd December 10.00 – 11.30 am | |
| Autism | Monday 11th October 3.00-5.00 pm | Virtual |
| | Tuesday 23 rd November 11.00 – 1.00 pm | |

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Waltham Forest Early Years Guidance Support for Communication and Language Needs



People games

People games help children learn important play skills – staying close to another person, attention to others, taking turns, initiating interaction, enjoying being with other people

People games are played without toys-just people!

Think about what the child likes and consider their sensory needs - this will make it more motivating and encourage them to communicate and ask for the game to keep going. So, a child that likes running might enjoy chasing or races.

These are just a few options to try. There are many more! And you can even make up your own people games.

- Peek-a-boo
- Rough and tumble
- Ticking games
- Ring a ring of roses
- Finger games- round the garden
- Horsey rides
- Hide and seek

Repeat the game a few times and then pause at the end to see if they let you know they want you to do it again.

The most important thing about people games is that they are fun!

Remember to:

- get face to face
- copy actions, noises and words
- repeat what you're doing
- observe and wait – stay close by, watch and notice how the child interacts, wait to see if they initiate with you
- Persist – if the child moves away, follow them, observe and judge how far to persist, try again later or another day



Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

Dates:

15th September 2021
13th October 2021
17th November 2021
15th December 2021
19th January 2022
2nd February 2022
16th March 2022
27th April 2022
25th May 2022
15th June 2022
13th July 2022

To book a 30 minute consultation, please contact our Business Support Officer below

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Thorpe Hall School
123 Hale End Road
E17 4DP

Phone: 020 8496 1732
education@walthamforest.gov.uk

Do you have concerns about your child?

Would you like to talk to an Educational Psychologist in confidence?

Appointment Only Sessions

Afternoon sessions are 12.30-2pm
Evening Sessions are 4.00– 5.30

Individual consultation with an Educational Psychologist are offered via phone/zoom or in person for Parents and Carers living in London Borough Waltham Forest.

Sessions last for no more than 30 minutes and provide an opportunity to ask any questions or discuss concerns with a member of our culturally diverse Educational Psychology Team.

Educational Psychologists are qualified specialists in child psychology and child development, with particular expertise in supporting children and young people with special educational needs, learning difficulties, and social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health Care Professionals Council.

It's Good to Grow
from Morrisons

Help us get **FREE** gardening equipment for our school

Download the MyMorrisons app today and start collecting **Grow Tokens** for our school

Equipment shown: Wheelbarrows, Aprons, Plant Pots, Watering Cans, Trowels & Spades, Seeds.

How it works...

- 1 Morrisons customers download the MyMorrisons app
- 2 They sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select the school they wish to collect for
- 3 They scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping
- 4 For every £10 spent they will receive a **Grow Token** to donate to their chosen school
- 5 Your school can exchange your **Grow Tokens** for free gardening equipment after the collection period

Grow Tokens can be exchanged for things like...

Equipment shown: Mini Greenhouses, Wheelbarrows, Plant Pots, Watering Cans, Trowels & Spades, Seeds.

...and much, much more!



Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021 (73 days)

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| Wednesday 1 st September | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
| Thursday 2 nd September | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
| Friday 3 rd September | Staff Training Day – School Closed |

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| Monday 6th September | School Starts |
| Friday 22 nd October | School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term |

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| Monday 25 th October - Friday 29 th October | Half-Term Holiday – School Closed |
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| Monday 1st November | School Starts |
| Friday 17 th December | School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term |

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| Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January | Christmas Holiday – School Closed |
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Spring Term 2022 (59 days)

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| Tuesday 4 th January | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
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| Wednesday 5th January | School Starts |
| Friday 11 th February | School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term |

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| Monday 14 th February - Friday 18 th February | Half-Term Holiday – School Closed |
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| Monday 21st February | School Starts |
| Friday 1 st April | School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term |

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| Monday 4 th April – Monday 18 th April | Easter Holiday – School Closed |
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Summer Term 2022 (63 days)

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| Tuesday 19 th April | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
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| Wednesday 20th April | School Starts |
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| Monday 2 nd May | Bank Holiday – School Closed |
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| Friday 27 th May | School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term |
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| Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June | Half-Term Holiday – School Closed |
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| Monday 6th June | School Starts |
| Friday 22 nd July | School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term |