

The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Barn Croft and I have thoroughly enjoyed being around the school this week seeing the children's learning, their activities and all the lovely, engaging tasks they are undertaking. In Reception and Nursery, the children have been busy with their Christmas Home Corner and I was impressed with their fantastic RE work about special celebrations. Year 1 have been learning all about their local area and London, this week they have even made their own working models of the London Eye in DT – they were fabulous and the children spoke confidently about their topic. I've seen some outstanding maths in Year 2, they were finding missing numbers in very challenging calculations. The children showed real determination to succeed and their resourcefulness using manipulatives to support their work was superb. These classes have also been rehearsing for their winter production but I've stayed away from this so I can enjoy the surprise when we get the film! Year 3 have been producing some wonderful writing and the level of description and detail included has been excellent. I have also seen some fantastic experiments going on investigating forces and magnets, the children were able to tell me all about these. This term, Year 4 have been learning about the Romans and today were investigating Roman footwear and using their DT skills to design and make Roman sandals – I learned a lot from them about the functionalities of the Roman footwear although we all decided we preferred modern comforts! Year 5 have had their creativity hats on this week, they have been busy creating and writing their own verses for Greensleeves as part of their topic and music lessons. The children will perform these next week and I'm looking forward to hearing their new versions! In Year 6, they have been studying The Hobbit in English and Reading, to say that the children are loving the book is an understatement! I have been blown away by the quality of their writing and how well they have understood the themes of the story – some even challenging my own interpretation of the events. Additionally, some children in Years 5 and 6 have also completed their Bikeability training this week. All those taking part have shown courage, love and excellence throughout and I have been told, by their instructors, that they have been truly fantastic, all week – well done everyone!

In addition to all of this, the children have even managed to find time to make their hanging hoop decorations for the hall. The staff will be working hard tonight to get these up and the hall decorated this evening so the children can see all their hard work twinkling up high from Monday.

As we all know COVID is still prevalent and we all need to make sure we are keeping ourselves and each other as safe as possible. Thank you to everyone for your understanding over the past couple of weeks where we had some positive cases. Being vigilant for symptoms, isolating and testing quickly have really supported us to manage this and we are happy to let you know that we are able to return to phonics and spelling groups as a result. Please continue to wear masks when on the school site and follow the Government guidance on symptoms, testing and isolation. If your child has any symptoms or a positive test result, isolate and call the school office to inform us and get further advice.

It's set to be a very wet weekend with only rain forecast but I do hope the sun makes at least a short appearance – have a restful weekend.

Miss Kelly

Stars of the Week

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Attitudes towards Learning*

Reception – Betsy & Inaya

Year 1 – Jada & Morris

Year 2 – Ami & Otis

Year 3 – Leonardo & Mikel

Year 4 – Bilal & George

Year 5 – Denzel & Ishmael

Year 6 – Altan & Shania



Please can we request for some Tissue boxes for the classes – please bring to the office

Also, we are in need of washing powder for the share shop.

Hot Chocolate

Reception – Hanaa

Y1 – Aidan

Y2 – Dylan H

Y3 – Frankie

Y4 – Margot

Y5 – Saoirse

Y6 – Mahir

Items Needed for Reception

We are in need of some Woodland creatures or small world creatures eg. foxes, squirrels etc as part of our Nature work we are doing in class

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th December – Class Trip - Rec, Year 2 and Year 6 – Dick Whittington and his cat

Wednesday 15th December – Class Trip – Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 – Dick Whittington and his cat

Friday 17th December – last day of school 2pm finish

Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January – School Closed for Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 4th January – Inset Day – School Closed

Wednesday 5th January – Children return to School



Barn Croft School Productions

There are three productions throughout the school academic year.

Winter production:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 participate in this production and this year they will be singing and acting in a Christmas show called the *Magic Toy Shop*. Unfortunately this event due to Covid restrictions will be shown on the website rather than live audiences this year.

Easter production:

Year 3 and Year 4 participate in this production and the theme/name of production will be announced later in the year.

Summer production:

Year 5 and Year 6 participate in this production and the theme/name of production will be announced later in the year.



Anxiety and Resilience

A three-session on-line course for parents

Children and young people will feel anxious and worried from time to time. Anxiety is a normal or usual response to uncertainty. The way we respond as parents, and deal with our own anxiety plays a significant part in building our children's capacity to develop resilience.

Over the last 18 months Covid has certainly generated lots of uncertainty and changed the way we go about our everyday lives. You may be feeling more worried than usual as you think about the impact on you and your family. Perhaps you are in the midst of a growing cycle of worry and concern that you'd like to unravel. You are not on your own.

This programme is delivered as three, 60-minute online sessions, to explore anxiety in a way that is practical, supportive and will help parents to explore strategies they can try at home. The programme is £15.

Please click this link to book on [Anxiety and Resilience - Bounce Forward](#)



The three main symptoms of Covid-19 are a new continuous cough, a high temperature, or a change or loss of sense of taste or smell. Whether vaccinated or not, if you or someone in your household has these symptoms, you must isolate, and the person with symptoms should get a PCR test.

Locally, we advise a PCR test also if you or your child have wider symptoms which are new, persistent or unusual such as:

- Flu-like symptoms not linked to hay fever
- Muscle ache or pain
- Excessive tiredness
- Persistent headache
- Runny or blocked nose
- Sore throat and/or hoarseness
- Shortness of breath or wheezing
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea

You are **not** legally required to isolate if you have these wider symptoms only and not the main three.

Open everyday from 8am to 6pm:

- Stanley Road car park, Leyton E10 7EQ
- Linford Road car park, Walthamstow E17 3LS
- Church Lane car park, Leytonstone E11 1HG
(Please note: this site is walk-in only, there is no parking on site)
- Richmond Road car park E4 7BN

You should not travel to PCR test sites by public transport - if you can't get there safely, you can book an appointment or a home test [online](#) or by calling 119.

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/covid-19-testing>



Please pay through Parentmail for this fantastic opportunity for the kids to see Dick Whittington and his Cat! If you can, we are asking for an additional donation to the normal payment amount of £10.00. Thank you very much we appreciate this!



JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS TRAIL!

Make your window part of our Advent Window Trail this December, as we come together in the Lea Bridge/Markhouse/St James area for festive family fun.

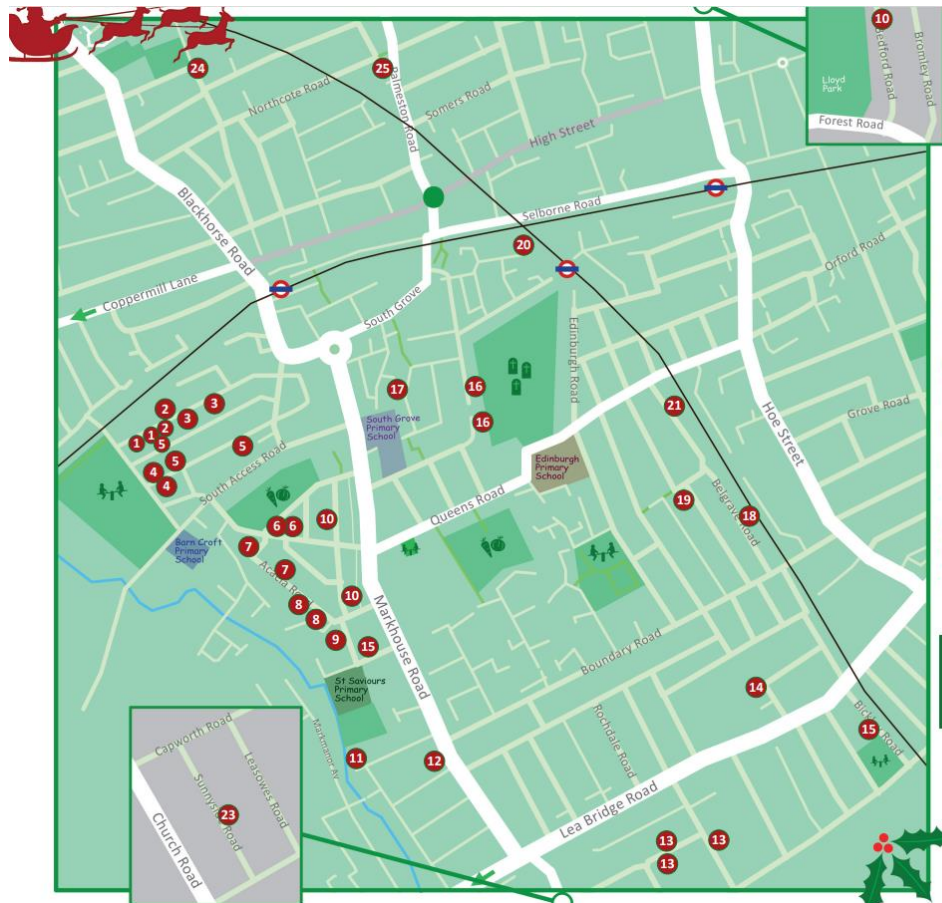
Decorated windows will be unveiled every day from the 1st to 25th December.
Whether it's tinsel-tastic, bauble-icious or winter wonderous, join in and help spread Christmas cheer to our community.

It's free to take part, and once signed up, each household will be given a date for their window to be ready.

Central Estate Agents is sponsoring the project and will provide a board to mark each house.
The funds will go to local charity PL84U.

If you'd like to take part, please send your name and address to theadventwindowtrail@gmail.com by 5PM ON 12th NOVEMBER, so we can add you to the map.

 [theadventwindowtrail](https://www.instagram.com/theadventwindowtrail) for website and map.



The Advent Window Trail



Join us on the Advent Window Trail this December.

Created by the community to bring a little extra joy to the neighbourhoods.

New windows unveiled every day from 1st - 25th December.

Dots on the map show where and when they will appear.

Can you find them all?

More info, downloadable map and to sign up for next year, please visit www.theadventwindowtrail.co.uk

Thanks to our generous sponsor Central Estates, we raise money for the local food charity PL84U.

The Advent Trail is sponsored by
Central Estate Agents





The Barn Croft Share Shop

Care and Share

Take an Item and/ or
Leave an Item

Mondays - 8:45 - 9:15am

Thursdays - 3:15 - 3:45pm



Whooping Cough

48 Hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox

Until all spots
have crusted
over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from
last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Measles or German Measles

4 days from
onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from
onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first
treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are
crusted & healed or
48 Hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Flu

Until
recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Threadworms

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

THE TOGETHER SPACE

A place where children and families with and without learning disabilities can comfortably socialise, learn and play together

Join our monthly pop-up events for:

- An inclusive café with locally roasted coffee and delicious food
- Play area and sensory den
- Nature inspired arts and crafts with Art Forest School

Separate studio for classes including:

- Music therapy with Whale Song
- Dance with DashDotDance
- Beatboxing, yoga, storytelling, magic and more

For more details of our upcoming events and classes visit
thetogetherspace.co.uk



LAUNCH EVENT

21st November 2021
10.30am - 1.00pm
Gnome House, Blackhorse Road

generously supported by
Waltham Forest
Parent Forum



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Visit thetogetherspace.co.uk for COVID safety information



WF Traded
Services
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

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 ext.
educationalpsychology@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 behaviour difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health Care Professionals Council.



Barn Croft Primary School

Calendar 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021 (73 days)

Wednesday 1st September
Thursday 2nd September
Friday 3rd September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
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Monday 6th September

School Starts

Friday 22nd October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 1st November

School Starts

Friday 17th December

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

Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

Spring Term 2022 (59 days)

Tuesday 4th January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Wednesday 5th January

School Starts

Friday 11th February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 21st February

School Starts

Friday 1st April

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

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

Summer Term 2022 (63 days)

Tuesday 19th April

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Wednesday 20th April

School Starts

Monday 2nd May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 27th May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 6th June

School Starts

Friday 22nd July

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