

The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents & Carers,

I had a visitor on Thursday who asked if they could look around the school and so I took them round. It was the first time I had done this for a very long time due to the pandemic and the restrictions.

By the time we got back to my office I was a little bit teary! What I saw made me so proud of the children and the staff. The behaviour of the children was wonderful. They were so polite and greeted me and my guest warmly. They were all focused on their learning and the classrooms were calm and quiet. We saw members of staff working one to one with individual children who have communication difficulties in a very skilful way and supporting them so effectively. It was lovely to see all of this happening so soon.

One of our focus areas this year has been spelling and this week we were able to have a look at how well the children are doing and improving. A big thank you to parents for helping children to learn their spellings - it really is paying off. Well done to the children for doing so well.

I know that we have not yet sent out communications about what is happening in Ukraine. We are in discussion about the right and appropriate way to teach this and support the children in understanding such a complex and terrible situation in a sensitive way. We will let you know next week what we intend to do to support the effort to help the refugees and what we are doing with the children in class and assemblies.

You will be getting a letter on Monday regarding the start of our after school enrichment clubs which will start after Easter.

Have a good weekend!

Tracey Griffiths

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

**Friday 1st April –
Last day of Term –
Early finish at 2pm**

**Monday 4th April –
Monday 18th April
– Easter Holiday**

**Tuesday 19th April
– Staff Training
Day School Closed**

**Wednesday 20th
April – Children
return to School**

**Monday 2nd May –
Bank Holiday**

**Friday 27th May –
Last day of Half-
Term**

**Monday 30th May
– Friday 3rd June
– Half-Term
Holiday**

STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Spelling*



*Reception – Bea & Mabel
Year 1 – Orson & Rose
Year 2 – Rosalie & Maryam
Year 3 – Annie-Pip & Roo
Year 4 – Ella & Yousra
Year 5 – Mohamed & Trey
Year 6 – Inaaya & Liam
Tea Time Club – Ada - Reception*



Tissue Box Request

Please can we request for some tissue boxes for the classrooms as they have finished.

Thank you

Hot Chocolate

Reception – Niamh
Y1 – Reuben
Y2 – Lycia
Y3 – Leo
Y4 – Joel
Y5 – Sujan
Y6 – Altan

Reception

Pyjama day
Friday 11th March

Barncroft will be taking part in the Blue Spring clean, in the week **beginning 14th March** each class will litter pick in the park and forest areas.

Councillor Clyde Loakes
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment
Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4JF



Ask for:	Justin Sander
Our Ref:	Spring Clean 2022
Direct line:	020 8496 1297
Date:	25.02.2022

Dear Waltham Forest residents, resident associations, tenant associations, housing associations, schools, youth groups, friends' groups, faith groups, businesses and other civic minded groups and individuals,

The Blue & Green Spring Clean Saturday 12th of March to Sunday 20th of March

Waltham Forest Council is planning its 10th Annual Spring Clean and would like to invite our community groups to organise an event.

In previous year's thousands of local residents, along with schools, faith groups and local businesses have come together to litter pick, spruce up 'unloved' spaces, paint areas and plant flowers and shrubs, in their local neighbourhoods, in a huge demonstration of civic pride.

If you would like to arrange an event please let us know the time, day, location and number of volunteers and pupils taking part, and Waltham Forest Council will help supply the equipment you need and help you to promote it in your local neighbourhood! To participate, simply complete the 'The Blue & Spring Clean Equipment Request' form and email it back to Greenspace.volunteers@walthamforest.gov.uk by Monday 7th of March, so that we can make arrangements for you to receive the equipment you need and help promote your event.

This year we have added 'Blue' into the event title, highlighting the importance of our water courses, water bodies, and water-based wildlife. There are several watercourses running through the Borough with a combined length of 44 kilometres, the main ones being the River Lea and Dagenham Brook, that go down the Western side and the River Ching that goes from East to West in the Northern part of the Borough.

The main water bodies are the Chingford Reservoirs and the Walthamstow reservoirs, also known as the Walthamstow Wetlands, which is the largest urban wetland nature reserve in Europe, and supplies water to 3.5 million people.

There are several river clean events already taking place over the weekends of the 12th and 19th and if you would like to participate then please contact Greenspace.volunteers@walthamforest.gov.uk and we'll put you in touch with the relevant organisers.

Once you've registered an event or volunteered than spread the word! Use the hashtag **#WFSpringClean22** on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook and start promoting your event with any suitable photos regarding the event, what you hope to achieve, volunteers in action and 'before' and 'after' the event shots.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Barn Croft needs your help!



We have been selected for

TESCO

Community Grants Scheme

**To raise money for our Sensory Room to
support children's mental health and
wellbeing**

**Voting takes place in store (using the blue
tokens) and if we have the highest number of
votes then we will receive a grant of up to
£1500 towards this project!**

**To vote, you will need to make a purchase within one of the
nominated stores of any value. You will receive one token per
transaction.**

Leyton Express E17 9DZ
Leytonstone E11 1HT
Leyton E10 7AA
Walthamstow Express E17 9AA
Tower Mews Walthamstow Express E17 7LP
Walthamstow Forest Express E17 6JR
Leyton Hi Rd Express E10 5NA
Lea Bridge Rd Express E10 7EA
High Rd Leytonstone Express E11 4PB
Walthamstow St Jams Express E17 7PF
Walthamstow Forest Rd E17 4NE
Walthamstow Wood Street Express E17 3HT



Tesco Express at St James Street should now be open to vote - our School hadn't been updated!



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





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 (49 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 (42 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

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Monday 6th June

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Thursday 21st July

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Friday 22nd July

Queens Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu