

The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break and managed to get some rest too. The children have been eager to tell us about their break from school and lots of classes have been sharing their open homework this week.

As usual, it is another busy and exciting term at Barn Croft, we have lots of wonderful activities, experiences and opportunities planned for the children so watch this space! Today, all the children went to St James' Park to plant over 2000 bulbs and wildflower seeds. It was quite a sight seeing over 190 children in hi-vis jackets digging and planting at the same time. Everyone had a lovely time and we cannot wait for spring to see our bulbs flourish.

Next week (**8th – 14th November**) is Climate Week. Classes will be learning about the climate and the impacts and challenges it is facing across the week as well as looking into strategies we can all adopt to do our part to help protect our natural environment. Some of our children in Years 5 and 6 have taken part in the production of a video that will be shown at Waltham Forest's summit showing their pledge to tackle food waste at Barn Croft and what they have done so far! Information about the week's activities and ideas for reducing carbon emissions are on the school website. Links for the Year 5 and 6 video will be shared on Dojo next week.

We are also celebrating Anti Bullying Week (**15th November**). This year we are focusing on 'one kind word' and classes will cover a range of topics, work and activities linked to anti-bullying and kindness. Collaboratively, the classes will create a display sharing Barn Croft's pledge to kindness and anti-bullying across the school. The week will kick off in style with 'odd socks day'! So on **Monday 15th November**, children will be encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun, it's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. Further information and ideas to do at home can be found online at <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>.

Even though the weather is turning colder, we are still having to maintain ventilation in school due to COVID transmission rates being high (windows need to be open). Please can you ensure that your child is dressed suitably warm (ideally layers), has a coat for playtime and outdoor learning, consider a hat and gloves as the weather gets chillier and please make sure their name is in every item of clothing as they do have a tendency to wander!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the beautiful, autumnal colours nature treats us to at the moment. Also wishing a very Happy Diwali to all those celebrating this weekend!

Miss Kelly

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 10th November – Individual School Photos

Friday 12th November – Flu Vaccinations at 1:00pm

Monday 15th November – Odd Socks Day

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

Stars of the Week

Certificates this week have been awarded for being Kind and Polite

Reception – Emma & Gurnav

Year 1 – Adea & Cora

Year 2 – Lycia & Violet

Year 3 – Jasmine & Russo

Year 4 – Ella & Margot

Year 5 – Daniel & Yasmine

Year 6 – Eisa & Zunairah

Tea Time Club – Ruben – Year 1



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School@barncroft.waltham.sc.h.uk

School Website:
www.barncroftprimaryschool.org

Hot Chocolate

Reception – Chloe

Y1 – Lily-Rose

Y2 – Michael

Y3 – Clea

Y4 – Maria

Y5 – Uzair

Y6 – Astrid

Reception

Pyjama day

Monday 8th November



Anti-Bullying Week 2021

15th -19th November

What is Anti-Bullying Week?

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event which aims to raise awareness of bullying and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. In England, Anti-Bullying Week is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is a network of more than 100 member organisations (including us!) all united against bullying.

What's Happening This Year?

This year the theme is 'One Kind Word', emphasising the positive impact a small gesture or comment can have on someone else's day.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance asked more than 400 young people, parents and teachers what they wanted from this year's Anti-Bullying Week. Their answer was clear – they wanted it to be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to combat bullying and spread more kindness. Here at the School of Kindness, we couldn't think of a better theme to end what has been a very challenging year for so many young people.

Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day is held on 15th November to kick off Anti-Bullying Week. This day helps us to recognise that everyone is unique and different, and that we all need kindness and respect. The Anti-Bullying Alliance patron, CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day, will also be releasing a song to celebrate 'Odd Socks Day' with his band Andy and the Odd Socks on the day.

Pictures from the Girls Football this week







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.



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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

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Phone: 020 8496 1732 Email:
educationalpsychologyservice@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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



POPPY APPEAL 2021

Poppies are now on sale and can be obtained from the
School Office with a donation.



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