

The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly feels like the colder weather has finally arrived – I had to give in and get my coat out this week!

We had a visit from the Leader of Waltham Forest Council Cllr Grace Williams and Cabinet Member for Children Service Cllr Alistair Strathern on Wednesday. They came to see how we provide breakfast at Barn Croft for all children who need it. The Council have provided all schools with some additional money so that we can continue to offer breakfast to all children who need it even if they cannot afford it. It was a lovely visit and the children all spoke so well about their experiences of Breakfast Club. Cllr Williams and myself were also interviewed by BBC Radio London and this aired yesterday at around 8am. The interviewer also made a lovely little video which I have posted on the Barn Croft and the Friends of Barn Croft Facebook pages.

[BBC Radio London](#)

[Barn Croft Primary video](#)



We are also sending you a letter today about our next exciting project which parents have very kindly offered to do for us – A CHRISTMAS SONG TO BE RELEASED!!! CAN WE MAKE IT THE NUMBER ONE CHRISTMAS SINGLE!!!!

The children are going to learn a song and sing it and a film will be made to raise money for the school. Please please do encourage your children to learn the words so that when we film them in the Hall on 7th December they can all join in.

Our Winter Fayre is on Saturday 3rd December. We do need a lot more help to run things on the day so PLEASE do offer to run a stall even for an hour, or come along early to help set up. We raised almost £4000 at the Summer Fair so this is an important event for us. Tell your friends and family to come along!

A reminder please – we are having a lot of children wearing nail varnish and coming in with dyed/coloured hair. This is starting to spread and so I would like to ask that everyone sticks to the uniform/appearance rules please. The simple reason is that not all parents want their children to ask them if they can dye their hair and if children see their friends doing it then they do not understand why they can't do it! Please also be aware of what children are wearing to outdoor learning – please no sweatshirts with characters from online games/comics which are not age appropriate – it causes arguments among the children. I do send this reminder every now and then as I do about jewellery and keeping long hair tied back. Many thanks!

Have a great weekend!

Tracey Griffiths
Headteacher

STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Mental Maths*



Reception – Eli & Katrin
Year 1 – Annie & Robin
Year 2 – Chelssy & Ezra
Year 3 – Indiya & Verity
Year 4 – Dot & Rumejsa
Year 5 – George & Lily
Year 6 – Elita & Karima
Breakfast Club – Anisa – Year 6
Tea Time Club – Zoe – Year 2



Key Diary Dates

3rd December
Winter Fair

16th December
Last day of Term
2:00pm finish

19th December – 2nd January 2023
Christmas Holiday
School Closed

3rd January
Staff Training Day
School Closed

4th January
Children return to School

13th February - 17th February
Half Term
School Closed

20th February
Children return to School

31st March
Last day of Term
2:00pm finish

Hot Chocolate Friday

Reception – Paz
 Year 1 – Idris
 Year 2 – Farley
 Year 3 – Otis
 Year 4 – Artin
 Year 5 – Deniz
 Year 6 – George








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






School Council

Autumn 2

We had elections for our School Council and they are as follows:

Year 2 Samuel & Lara

Year 3 Rosalie & Ami

Year 4 Max & Adrianna

Year 5 Rosa & Solly

Year 6 Dee Dee & Musa





Hello, parents & guardians!
We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with The London Borough of Waltham Forest to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyles support for children and their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FAMILY TO BE HEALTHIER?

GOOD NEWS! WE HAVE NEW BEEZEE FAMILIES GROUPS STARTING NEAR YOU IN JANUARY.

GET ON THE WAITING LIST!

Just go to beezeebodies.com/families (or scan the QR code!) to find out more.



SCAN ME WITH
YOUR SMARTPHONE
CAMERA!

*to be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Waltham Forest and include one child age 5-15 who is above their ideal healthy weight.

LET'S MAKE SWEET POTATO CINNAMON SWIRLS!



WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 2 sweet potatoes (cooked, peeled and mashed)
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 240g plain flour
- 2tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- Pinch of salt
- 50g soft brown sugar
- 4 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tbsp vegetable or olive oil
- 50g icing sugar
- 1-2tsp water

WHAT TO DO:

1. Bake the sweet potatoes in the oven for one hour at 180C, or until soft.
2. Allow the potatoes to cool and then peel the skin off
3. Mash the potatoes and stir through the maple syrup
4. Mix the flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and salt together.
5. Add in the flour mix to the mashed potato a little bit at a time, stirring until it becomes a ball. You might need to use your hands to bring it all together to form a dough.
6. Allow the dough to rest for at least 30 minutes
7. Using a rolling pin or your hands, roll out the dough onto a floured surface to make a rectangle. It should be the thickness of a £1 coin
8. Lightly brush the surface with the oil
9. Mix the sugar and cinnamon together and sprinkle across the surface
10. Using a pizza cutter or a knife, cut 3cm strips and then roll them to make a spiral
11. Put all the rolls next to each other in an oven dish and bake for 30 minutes
12. Meanwhile, mix icing sugar together with a little bit of water to make a thick paste.
13. Drizzle over the buns once they're cooled
14. Enjoy!



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BeeZee Families

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SEND FOOTBALL
SIBLINGS WELCOME
National Lottery funded

SATURDAYS-TERM TIME
2-3PM
5-25 Years Old

Venue
Wadham Lodge
11 Kilchener Road, London E17 4JP

Admission **£3**

Registration Link
Booking essential via website

More info 07528 433640 www.walthamforestparentforum.com/shop

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www.walthamforestparentforum.com

SOUNDCASTLE

Musical Beacons

JOIN IN THE CREATIVE MUSIC MAKING!

INTERACTIVE AND INCLUSIVE MUSIC SESSIONS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Saturdays
26th November 2022, 10.30 - 11.30am or 11.45am - 12.45pm
10th December 2022 10.30 - 11.15am or 11.30am - 12.15pm
28th January 2023 10.30 - 11.30am or 11.45am - 12.45pm

at the
The Paradox Centre
Ching Way
E4 8YD

Explore Musical Instruments!
Create Music!

BOOK YOUR PLACES NOW!

For more info or to sign up contact: www.walthamforestparentforum.com

Booking via the website:
www.walthamforestparentforum.com/shop

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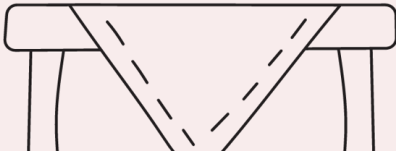
HUNGRY?

COME IN FOR A FREE MEAL AND
A WARM SPACE ON...

DATE: 9TH NOVEMBER 2022
TIME|PLACE: 6PM-8PM| E176QP

DATE: 17TH NOVEMBER 2022
TIME|PLACE: 7.30AM-9.30AM|
E176QP

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE 30 PEOPLE



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

www.barncroftprimaryschool.org

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WALTHAM FOREST SENDIASS

Local Offer

Parent / Carers Coffee Morning

Waltham forest Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information
and Advice Support Service

Join us to explore your councils Local Offer, to find out more about what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Waltham Forest, and who can access them.

Together we will unpick information about your local, support groups, leisure activities, health/care services and much more.

Location: Waltham Forest
Resource Hub (Central)
1 Russell Road, London E10 7ES

Date: Thursday 24th November 2022

Time: 10.00 – 11.30am

To confirm your space
please contact the
supporting families team
[sendiasswalthamf@centre
404.org.uk](mailto:sendiasswalthamf@centre404.org.uk)



Barn Croft Primary School

Calendar 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022 (72 days)

Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
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Monday 5th September

School Starts

Friday 21st October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 31st October

School Starts

Friday 16th December

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

Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

Spring Term 2023 (59 days)

Tuesday 3rd January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Wednesday 4th January

School Starts

Friday 10th February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 20th February

School Starts

Friday 31st March

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

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

Monday 17th April

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 18th April

School Starts

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 26th May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 5th June

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 6th June

School Starts

Friday 21st July

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