

# The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week at Barn Croft!

It started with the snow!! Thank you so much for your understanding at us having to close the school on Monday. I know it can be a great inconvenience so thank you to Mark for clearing enough of the snow for us to open on Tuesday! It has been hard for the children to not be outside but it has been so slippery and icy and bitterly cold out there. Hopefully, it will now start to melt and clear away so we can all get outside more in the holidays.

The Y1 & Y2 Christmas Show was a sensation! I was so impressed with their confidence and being able to remember all the words to so many songs. It was absolutely joyful and I hope you all enjoyed the video sent to Y1 & Y2 parents.

The children enjoyed their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday – it was delicious! And then they all had fun at their class Christmas parties yesterday!! It has been lovely having a great Christmassy end to the term for me because I missed it all last year!

And the most amazing thing – our Christmas Number 1 single attempt and crowdfunder is doing soooo well! We are up to £16,191 on the crowdfunder page as I write this but we have also had an anonymous donation into the bank account of £5000 (via a solicitor firm) so the actual total is £21,191!!! Incredible in just 4 days!! Please keep sharing the link as much as you can. I know that there is so much work going on in the background to speak to press and media outlets etc so thank you to everyone who is doing this. I spoke to BBC Radio London yesterday morning which was fun! If things keep going like this we will be able to buy into the solar panels even more which will energy-proof our school for years to come. Before the energy increases our electricity bill was around £14,000 a year so we are expecting that to double this year. If we can generate all our electricity through solar power then we could save that money every year going forward. A wonderful investment for our school because all that saved money will go back into paying for other things we need.

As soon as the single goes live for downloading we will post on Facebook and Twitter so please keep a look out for that. It will be available on all the major music platforms and every one download is equal to 100 streams so please do download it. We need at least 30,000 streams to be in with a chance of a number 1!!

2022 has been tough for so many people in so many ways. Moving into a new year makes us reflect on the past and look forward to the future. That future can seem quite bleak at the moment but I always feel like Barn Croft gives us those little moments of joy and light always. We all know it's not the place & the building (although we love it!) but rather the people – the children, their families and the staff. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work this term and to all our families for continuing to support us in so many different ways. Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Barn Croft Together Household Bags scheme and thank you to St James Big Local who have donated £3000 so we can give out supermarket vouchers to more families who need support this Christmas. If anybody needs anything urgently over the holidays please email us at [school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk) as this email will be checked daily.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday and a very happy Christmas to those who celebrate Christmas. I think we all deserve a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year and 2023. See you all at 9am on **Wednesday January 4th 2023!**

Best wishes

Tracey Griffiths

## Key Diary Dates

**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**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Star of the Term*



*Reception – Aila & Frankie*  
*Year 1 – Emma & Mabel*  
*Year 2 – Charlie & Seren*  
*Year 3 – Mio & Olive*  
*Year 4 – Artin & Dot*  
*Year 5 – Arti & Ella*  
*Year 6 – Billy & Marcia*  
*Breakfast Club – Hanaa – Year 1*  
*Tea Time Club – Nina – Year 2*



**BeeZee bodies will be here on Tues 10th Jan from 8.40am if any parents would like to see them they will be outside Main Office.**

**No Hot choc Fridays this week, will commence back in the New Year!**

**Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year**

## KS1 Cross Country Competition

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September children from Year 1 and 2 had a great day at Leyton Sports Ground. The distance the children needed to run was twice around an official cricket pitch and I am so proud to say that every child managed to complete the course which is absolutely amazing! To be honest, I don't know if I could complete it without stopping. The Year 2 boys team came third in the competition and were awarded with bronze medals and Hannah was the fastest girl and received a gold medal! Well done to the KS1 team for representing Barn Croft and showing great physical resilience.



A huge thank you to all the adults who supported the school and made this trip possible!

## Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Festival

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a football festival where they were taught many different skills which included dribbling, passing, tackling, shooting and goal keeping! They had so much fun and we have some budding footballers among them! The Sports Leaders made some wonderful comments about the girls positive attitude to learn new skills, showing great teamwork and the way they encouraged each other. They are a real credit to the Barn Croft family!



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## Year 5 and 6 Swim Festival

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a swimming festival at Leytonstone Leisure Centre. This was a new event and the children had so much fun playing lots of different water-based games while improving their strokes and techniques. Well done to each and every child that took part and represented Barn Croft with exemplary manners and behaviour. We are proud of you all!



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## Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 and 6 worked extremely well together to form a team to take part in an athletics competition at Peter May Sports Centre. They each took part in 4/5 different events which included both track and field. Some of the events that they took part in were speed bounce, vertical jump, standing long jump, chest push, soft javelin, obstacle races, over and under races, 1+1, 2+2, 4+1 and 4+4 relays. The track events were particularly exciting and close and the children not only cheered for Barn Croft but also the other schools when they were competing. The children showed amazing drive and determination and one child showed amazing resilience when they fell over but refused to give up and continued to complete the race. What a special and proud moment. Well done everyone!



A special thank you to all the adults who supported the school and made this trip possible!

## Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics Competition

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, it was Year 3 and 4's turn to take part in a Sportshall Athletics competition at Peter May Sports Centre. They each took part in 4/5 different events which included both track and field. Some of the events that they took part in were speed bounce, vertical jump, standing long jump, chest push, bean bag throw, obstacle races, over and under races, 1+1, 2+2, 4+1 and 2+4 relays. They worked exceptionally well as a team by supporting and encouraging each other and doing their best to gain as many points as they could. It was a fun-filled afternoon and the children had lots of fun!



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## Year 6 EFL Kids Football Cup

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in a 6 a side football tournament. They were so excited because the winning team would play the finals at Wembley Stadium! I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Sloan for taking time out of his busy schedule to coach the boys during the week and on the day. The matches were really exciting, I felt like I was at the World Cup!

There were some very tense moments and great sportsmanship and teamwork were displayed throughout the day. The boys just missed out reaching the quarter finals by one goal difference. Well done team Barn Croft!



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## Year 5 and 6 Multisport Festival

This was an opportunity for the children to experience taking part in a variety of sports including squash, boxing, football, volleyball and hoola hooping! Sadly, due to the lack of time, the children were unable to take part in the hoola hooping event and were naturally disappointed. However, I was really impressed by the way they responded and the understanding that they showed and ended the session displaying great sportsmanship. A great time was had by all and as always, made Barn Croft proud. Well Done!







## KS2 Kurling and Boccia Festival

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, seven children attended a Kurling and Boccia festival at the Leyton Sports Hub. It was such a fun day and I was amazed by the accuracy of the children's throwing and kurling skills. At the end of each event, the children could earn sports value stickers which consists of passion, self-belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork. The children earned so many stickers that by the end of the day, we could hardly see their t-shirts! A huge well done to every child that took part.



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# POP-UP FOOD BANK!



## SUPPORTERS E-WALL



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# WINTER HOLIDAY FUN




**Monday 19 - Thursday 22 December 2022**  
10:00 - 15:00  
**SCORE CENTRE, E10 5JY**

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# Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2022-2023

## **Autumn Term 2022** (72 days)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**School Starts**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**School Starts**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Spring Term 2023** (59 days)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**School Starts**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**School Starts**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Summer Term 2023** (64 days)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**School Starts**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

**School Starts**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

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