The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your understanding, support and patience regarding the 2 days of teacher strikes this week – we all know how challenging this is for parents. Let's hope that perhaps now some headway can be made and the need for further disruption is averted.

Year 5 & Year 6 children attended a basketball tournament on Monday. They represented the school brilliantly! They will receive a certificate for taking part – this is something that every child gets as they take part in one of these sporting activities. It was good to hear that the Government has agreed to continue with the PE & Sport Grant funding for the coming year. This money does enable us to take part in these activities. Parents can read how we spend this money on the website where you will find a report.

Today Y3 have been to the William Morris Gallery for their class trip – such a lovely local visit for our children which really supports their learning about the local environment.

Included in this newsletter are the details for a parent course online around Healthy relationships – this is aimed at Y6 parents as their children transition to secondary school but it would be suitable for parents of children in Y4 & Y5 as well.

As part of the Power Station solar project the whole school will be taking part in their summer festival by planting sunflowers – they are aiming to have 10,000 sunflowers!!! There will also be an art club later in the summer term where children can make masks of animals found in the locality to wear at the sun festival – more details will follow.

For Y3 & Y4 parents – please put **Tuesday 28th March** in your diaries!! Please arrive at 9.15am for a prompt 9.30am start. The children are working hard to practise the songs and we are looking forward to seeing them all perform!

There will be a new After School Enrichment Clubs timetable coming out before the holidays for you to sign up to clubs for the Summer Term – please look out for it!

I wish you all a good weekend!

Tracey Griffiths Headteacher

What staff did this week

- On Monday we had a Health & Safety Audit carried out by the local authority. Many thanks to Mark Harris, our Site Manager, and Neil Merry, our Health & safety Governor for making sure we did well!
- Also on Monday Miss Kelly & Mrs Pipe were working on the Science curriculum for Early Years and how that links well with the Y1 curriculum and beyond.
- On Tuesday Colin Whitehead, our Chair of Governors, and myself met with Lauren Ovendon who is the Director of Learning at the local authority. We had an extremely useful discussion about Barn Croft and the strengths and challenges we face and then took her on a short tour of the school. She loved what she saw and I was very proud of the whole school who were all working so hard as we walked around.
- On Tuesday after school, our staff meeting was training on the Zones of Regulation which we are now rolling out across the whole school in order to help children recognise, name and deal with different emotions. Parents will be receiving a letter outlining this amazing strategy so that you can use it at home as well.
- On Wednesday we had our Governors' Finance Committee it is a busy time of the year at the moment because we are closing down this year's budget and looking towards setting the budget for 2023-24. Lots of discussion!
- Senior Leaders had around 12 meetings with parents this week.



Certificates this week have been awarded for *PE Reception – Omaya & Setayesh Year 1 – Bea & Hadi Year 2 – Charlie & Zoe Year 3 – Dorothy & Violet Year 4 – Clea & Grady Year 5 – Edie & George Year 6 – Dylan & Elita*

Key Diary Dates

23rd March World Book Day

24th March Disco –Year 3, 4 and 5 School Hall, 3:30-4:30pm

28th March Year 3 & 4 Show School Hall, 9:15am

30th March Year 2 Trip Science Museum

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

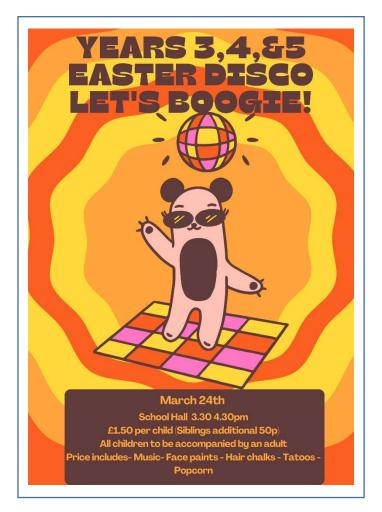
3rd April – 14th April

Half Term Holiday
School Closed

17th April Inset Day School Closed

18th April Children Return to School

Hot choc Friday Reception- Troy Year 1- Robin Year 2 – Chelssy Year 3 - Audrey Year 4 – Schane-Jae Year 5 – Yousra Year 6 – Trey





A place for learning disabled and neurotypical families to comfortably socialise, learn and play together

Join our monthly pop-up events for:

Art workshops Soft play Sensory den Duplo and Lego corner Dance, music, yoga, storytelling, drama Pop-up local café



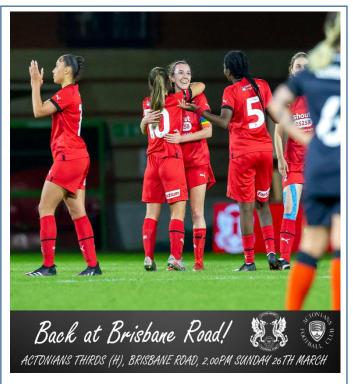
Next events: Sunday 19th March @ Higham Hill Hub For more information: thetogetherspace.co.ul

The Youth At Risk Service are working in partnership with the Police to offer virtual support awareness workshops for parents. The target audience are the parents/carers of primary school aged children transitioning into secondary education. These workshops will be delivered via Microsoft Teams and will inform and empower parents/carers to be able to safeguard and support their children. Details of the next session are as follows:-

23/03/23 from 6pm until 7:30pm – Healthy Relationship Awareness

Please contact the school office via email at <u>school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk</u> if you would like to receive further information.

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On Sunday 26th March 2023 Leyton Orient Women's Team are playing Actonians FC at Leyton Orient's Stadium (14:00 Kick off). Entry to this game is FREE!! Go to reception on Oliver Road E10



Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022 (72 days)	
Thursday 1 st September Friday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day – School Closed Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 5 th September Friday 21 st October	School Starts School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Half-Term Holiday – School Closed
Monday 31 st October Friday 16th December	School Starts 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 3 rd January	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th January Friday 10 th February	School Starts School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	Half-Term Holiday - School Closed
Monday 20 th February Friday 31 st March	School Starts School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	Easter Holiday - School Closed
Summer Term 2023 (64 days)	
Monday 17th April	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 18 th April	School Starts
Monday 1 st 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 5 th June	Staff Training Day – School Closed
<mark>Tuesday 6th June</mark> Friday 21 st July	School Starts School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term