

# 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 – Omayya & 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

**23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
World Book Day

**24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Disco –Year 3, 4 and 5  
**School Hall, 3:30-4:30pm**

**28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 3 & 4 Show  
**School Hall, 9:15am**

**30<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 2 Trip  
**Science Museum**

**31<sup>st</sup> March**  
Last day of Term  
**2:00pm finish**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
Half Term Holiday  
**School Closed**

**17<sup>th</sup> April**  
Inset Day  
**School Closed**

**18<sup>th</sup> 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

# YEARS 3,4,&5 EASTER DISCO LET'S BOOGIE!



March 24th

School Hall 3.30 4.30pm

£1.50 per child (Siblings additional 50p)

All children to be accompanied by an adult

Price includes- Music- Face paints - Hair chalks - Tattoos - Popcorn

## THE TOGETHER SPACE

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.uk](http://thetogetherspace.co.uk)

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 [school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk) if you would like to receive further information.

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MGNmZGRIMjEtNjkyZi00NjFjLTk2YmEtN2MzYTbkN2lxMjJm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d8a82170-b655-46b0-87a1-](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MGNmZGRIMjEtNjkyZi00NjFjLTk2YmEtN2MzYTbkN2lxMjJm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d8a82170-b655-46b0-87a1-)



*Back at Brisbane Road!*



ACTONIANS THIRDS (H), BRISBANE ROAD, 2.00PM SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

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<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