

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! It is so lovely to have the sun shining!!

Our enrichment clubs are starting next week and we still have some availability so please do contact the office to sign your child up.

Every class has started to implement the Zones of Regulation this week and so far it is going well. Please look on our website for further information and support on how you can implement it at home.

Y2 went on their class trip to the Wetlands this week and had a wonderful time – sunshine and no rain which always makes a trip more fun! There will be more class trips booked for the Summer term so please look out for letters/ Parentmail permissions.

We would like the children to bring their sunflowers back to school for repotting so that they have plenty of room to grow ready for the Sun Festival on 8th July!! More details below.

A group of our children went to Lea Bridge Riding Stables on Tuesday for their first session riding horses!! I have asked for photos!! They had a great time!

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Friends of Barn Croft meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss fundraising and helping the school. Please do get involved if you have the time. They are planning a newsletter to go out to parents every term so you can keep track of what is going on but you can also keep an eye on the Facebook page or look at the emails.

I am going to be including updates each half term of how we have spent money that you have all raised for the school so that you can see how your money is helping the school and the children – this will start next week.

Just a little heads up from myself – I might be a little less available for the next few weeks as I am writing the new budget for 2023-24 as well as sitting on quite a few panels to support the LA in formulating the new SEND Strategy as this has a big impact upon our school and we want to be at the forefront of decision making in this area. We are also working very hard to be as prepared as possible for the Ofsted inspection. If I am a bit delayed in responding to you please bear with me. It is a fairly busy term!!

Finally, I wish all our staff and families who are celebrating Eid this weekend a very happy Eid Mubarak and hope you have a wonderful celebration with your friends and family.

Have a great weekend!

Tracey Griffiths
Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

1st May
Bank Holiday
School Closed

8th May
Bank Holiday
School Closed

24th April
Reception Trip
Discovery Centre

26th May
Last day of Half Term

29th May – 2nd June
Half Term Holiday
School Closed

5th June
Staff Training
School Closed

6th June
Children return to
School

21st July
Last day of Term
2:00pm finish

What staff did this week

- On Monday all staff had in-depth Safeguarding training as part of our yearly cycle and we did a lot of preparation on the imminent Ofsted inspection. (Ofsted are currently inspecting schools in Waltham Forest and we are just waiting for that phone to ring!!)
- On Tuesday I met with the local authority to discuss the financial situation of the school and to look at the upcoming budget.
- The school received the first list of allocations for the September 2023 Reception class and we are going to be full!
- On Wednesday I attended a meeting of the SEND department at the LA and other headteachers and interested parties to start to plan a document which outlines all the things which schools are expected to do ensure that all children can access the learning and school. This is called Ordinarily Available Provision (or amusingly OAP!) This is a great piece of work and showed me that at Barn Croft we already do so much of this.
- On Wednesday Miss Kelly had a day of training with the LA as a moderator for the Y2 SATs. This is fantastic for our school because it means we have someone who is deemed an expert in assessment and will be going out to moderate the assessments of all schools in local authority.



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Great Start to the Term*

Reception – Elisa & Suellen

Year 1 – Lana & Raluca

Year 2 – Aniah & Marwah

Year 3 – Anelka & Theo

Year 4 – Grady & Izabela

Year 5 – Deniz & Thalia

Year 6 – Deedee & Karima

SUNFLOWERS AND SUN DANCE

Hope everyone's sunflowers are doing well.

They will need urgent repotting now and putting outside in a sunny warm position and watering well. If you'd like to do this at school please bring them in on **Monday 24th April** and we will have a repotting area where the portacabin used to be after school at 3.30pm with soil and pots to do yourself or get help doing.

You can then choose to leave them in school or take them home.

All the sunflowers will come together for a Sun Dance event on **Sat 8th July** - more info on that soon but it will involve flowers, food and fun.



Get Growing! Free course starting in April 2023!

Organiclea is working with Waltham Forest Council to offer parents a 4-week course learning to grow food on the school's allotment plot.

Our aim is to support the development of this valuable growing space, as a place for our pupils to grow and learn together whilst offering parents an opportunity to learn basic food growing skills.

Additional benefits of taking part in outdoor team work range from an improvement health and wellbeing to reduced isolation and learning workplace skills. We hope to see many parents from all year groups involved.

Sessions will be delivered on Tuesday mornings **from 25th April, 9-11:30am**.

If you are interested to know more or want to get involved, please contact Danielle on Danielle@organiclea.org.uk and/or come along to a welcome event on 18th April at 9am at the allotment plot.





Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022 (72 days)

Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

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**

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