

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents & Carers,

So we have come to the end of a very busy term – which seems to have flown by!!

On Tuesday Y3 & Y4 performed their wonderful end of term Spring Show!! I was so impressed with their confidence when speaking, their beautiful singing voices and the humour they brought it. It was great to see so many parents there! A big thank you to all the staff, including Jennie Tatnall our music teacher, for all their hard work pulling it together.

On Monday 17th April the staff will all be in school for a training day. Amongst other things we will be making sure that we are ready for our Ofsted inspection visit which is imminent! As a small school with only so many teachers, everyone has to wear lots of different hats and has lots of different responsibilities so we will spend some time making sure that we have everything ready in order to shine when that call finally comes! As soon as we get that call we will let parents know so that you can play your part – you will be asked to complete a questionnaire so you can express your opinions of the school.

The children come back to school on **Tuesday 18th April at 9am**. Please please make sure they come back on that day. There have been far too many families taking extra days off at either end of the holiday to travel – this really affects our attendance figures which Ofsted will be looking at very carefully.

Friends of Barn Croft are holding a meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 18th April in the Hall so do please come along.

There is an online conference about SEND for the whole of the week beginning 24th April. Parents can sign up to a range of workshops and lectures to be delivered online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/send-conference-2023-1852419>

I wish you a very happy holiday!

Tracey Griffiths
Headteacher

What staff did this week

What staff have been doing this week:

- I met with our Safeguarding Governor to look at safeguarding procedures across the school.
- Teachers had an online Phonics Progress Meeting with the Teaching School we have linked with to develop early reading.
- I met with the headteachers of the schools in our partnership the West Walthamstow Partnership (WWP) to discuss the term and plan for next term.
- Staff have been assessing the children and compiling the end of term data which we will look at to inform the teaching next term.
- I have been working on the budget for 2023-24.
- Senior Leaders have been in several safeguarding meetings this week as well as meeting with around 10 parents.

Key Diary Dates

3rd April – 14th April
Half Term Holiday
School Closed

17th April
Inset Day
School Closed

18th April
Children Return to
School

1st May
Bank Holiday
School Closed

8th May
Bank Holiday
School Closed

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



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

Reception – Rufat & Yasmin
Year 1 – Aaliyah & Robin
Year 2 – Adea & Flora
Year 3 – Lola & Michael
Year 4 – Adriana & Taro
Year 5 – Jemima & Joel
Year 6 – Anisa & Ishmael

Non-Uniform Day
Friday 21st April
Year 6

Do you want to stretch your income, eat healthier and buy more affordable food?

Join our community pantry

THURSDAYS
TIME: 3PM - 6.30PM

Stafford Hall E17 8JY
(next to St Barnabas Church)

bring your own bag

Just £4.50 will get you
10+ items of groceries
worth £15 or more

Each week you could get:
a mix of staples, fresh fruit & veg, tea & coffee,
surprise treats

Come along to find out more and sign up!

CARD PAYMENT PREFERRED



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.



Helping You Make Healthy Habits As A Family

Come along to our fun & free healthy lifestyle courses!



Healthy Eating Tips



Making Healthy Habits at Home



Fun Activities for the Whole Family

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
WALTHAMSTOW	LEYTON	CHINGFORD	WALTHAMSTOW
Peterhouse Community Centre E17 3PW	Leyton Cricket Ground E10 6PY	Chingford C of E Primary School E4 7BP	Walthamstow School for Girls E17 9RZ
17:00 - 19:00	17:30 - 19:30	17:00 - 19:00	17:30 - 19:30

12-week BeeZee Families courses starting w/c 8th May 2023

Places are limited, so get in touch with us today.



Sign up for your family's **FREE** place at

beezeebodies.com/families

*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 aged 5-15 who is above their ideal healthy weight.

Bf BeeZee Families

www.beezeebodies.com/families

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Barn Croft Primary Sports Ambassadors

This year we are **VERY** excited to announce that we have a group of Year 6 children who are our **Sports Ambassadors**.

These children applied for the role by completing an application form and created a game to show and explain why they would be good Sports Ambassadors for the school.

The role includes:

1. **Helping to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles for everyone.**
2. **Organise competitions throughout numerous year groups.**
3. **Have a key role in assemblies, this might be distributing certificates, announcing winners for certain games etc.**
4. **Be a role model and champion for PE and school sport.**
5. **Be the youth voice for PE and school sports in school and be confident to speak in front of others.**
6. **Engage and inspire others**
7. **Attending sports trips to support KS1 children**

After applying for a position **AND** being interviewed by Mrs Sandy we have 6 appointed Sports Ambassadors.

This is an exciting opportunity for hard working, confident and passionate children who are keen to grow and develop their leadership skills in preparation for transition to Year 7.

Please meet our **FANTASTIC TEAM!**



Sports Trips at Barn Croft this term!

Year 2 and 3 Winter Games Festival



Year 3 and 4 Racket Pack Festival



Year 4 Dodgeball Competition



Year 5 and 6 Basketball Competition

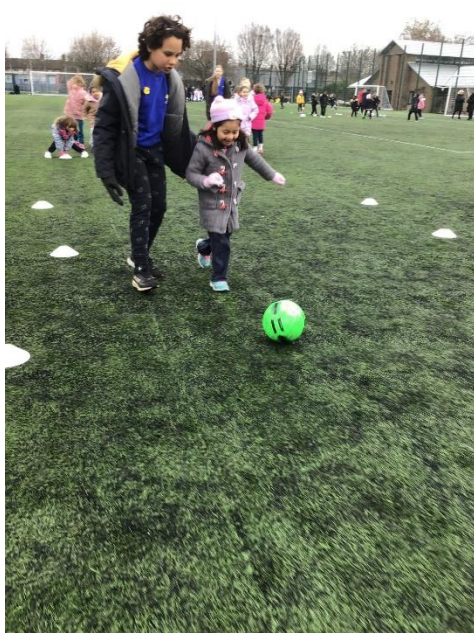


KS1 and KS2 Swimming Gala

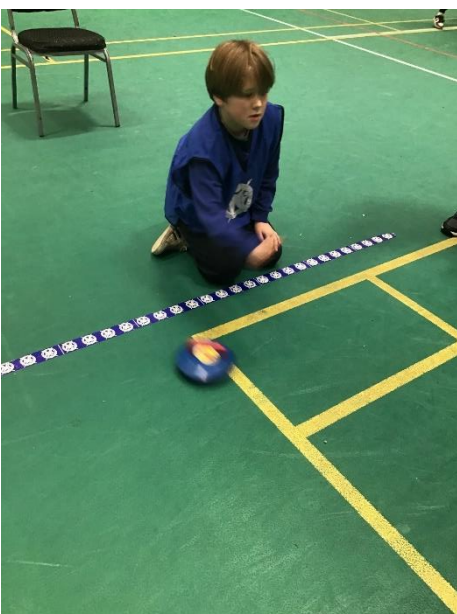
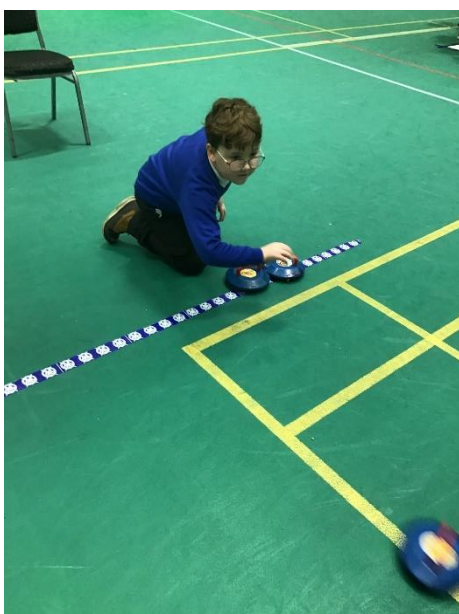
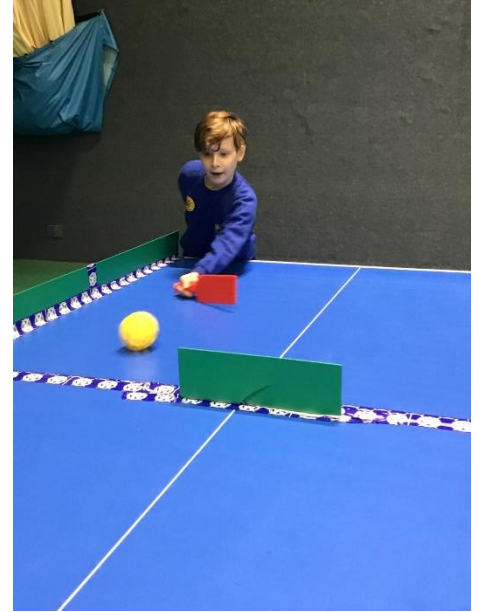


KS1 Girls Football Festival





KS1 and KS2 Panathlon Event





KS1 Tri Golf Festival









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