

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are at the end of the second week of the New Year and this week it has been lovely to meet all of the new children who have started in Reception. They transitioned very well and have had a very positive first week. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces and positive comments from children at the gates daily.

On our learning walk this week it was lovely to see how engaged and focused the children were in their learning. Children were keen to share their learning so far and many were proud to show the challenges they had completed in class. Well done to all!

Thank you to all who attended the Meet the Teacher evening, it was a good opportunity to meet the class team and share key information about classroom routines. Please do remember to send your child's PE kit into school.

Class Dojo is all back up and running, if you are not connected to your child's class please speak to your class teacher who can give you a connection code to log in and see your child's points and access other features such as messenger to contact class teachers.

We are reintroducing 'What staff have been doing this week' section of the newsletter to keep parents informed of areas of progress/work in addition to safeguarding, teaching, learning and the normal demands of day to day school life (where possible to share). I trust this will be informative and give further clarity for parents.

What staff have been doing this week:

- Miss Kelly and Adam Bennett conducted learning environment walks throughout the school. Classrooms were well organised and calm, the behaviour for learning was excellent and the children's attitude towards their learning was enthusiastic and focused – well done to all a very positive start!
- Teachers held 'Meet the Teacher' meetings on Wednesday. Thank you to all that attended, PDFs of the slides were sent out via Parentmail.
- Curriculum Newsletters for this half term are being finalised and should be sent out later next week.
- Miss Kelly has been working on curriculum coverage and documentation to support planning and delivery of the new curriculum.
- Mrs Moses and Miss Kelly have been reviewing and updating all school policies to be ratified by the Governing Body.
- Ms Nair and Mrs Moses led assemblies on safeguarding procedures at Barn Croft, the children have retained understanding well and are clear on what to do if they have a worry. Work will continue through our safeguarding curriculum coverage in class.
- Ms Nair has been updating medical registers, SEND registers, learning plans, target grids and other SEND documentation – **if your child's medical needs have changed please contact the school office immediately.**
- Our Safeguarding Link Governor met with Miss Kelly for their routine, half-termly safeguarding monitoring visit to check procedures, documentation and thematic safeguarding for the school.
- Ms Nair and Nurture Room staff have been working to finalise the Nurture provision and resources.
- The Senior Leadership Team have been meeting with lots of parents and professionals to support children and families.
- Miss Kelly met with the Chair of Governors for a review of the school's progress against the action plan.
- Ms Nair has had meetings with Health and Social Care teams, SEND teams and other professionals.
- All staff have completed all statutory start of year safeguarding training and updates for 2023
- All staff have completed fire safety training and procedures in the event of a fire or drill. We will be holding our first annual fire drill soon.
- The reception team completed all home visits last week for new children starting at Barn Croft and Reception class have successfully transitioned into school full time.
- Staff have undertaken professional development in relation to the curriculum intent, delivery and outcomes in the classroom.
- Mrs Moses and Helen have made the necessary preparations for the Solihull Parenting Course starting on **Thursday 21st September 2023 – please call the office to book your space.**
- The Safeguarding Team resumed their weekly meetings to review caseloads and concerns.
- Mrs Sandy attended the Waltham Forest School Sports Network meeting to plan and map Barn Croft's attendance at sports events across the year.
- Helen, Mrs Sandy and Miss Kelly have finalised the pastoral support programme for the term and completed training in 'Action for Happiness' programme.
- Mrs Moses met with the CAMHS school outreach team to finalise their offer of support for parents. Further information to follow.
- Singing assembly resumed on Monday with Ms Jennie, whole class music resumes next week.
- Teachers are busy booking trips and experiences for children in line with the curriculum.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Kelly

Key Diary Dates

21st October
Solihull Parenting
Course starting
9-11am

**23rd October – 27th
October**
Half Term
School Closed

30th October
Children return to School

7th November
Individual School Photos

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

**22nd December – 5th
January 2024**
Christmas Holiday
School Closed

8th January
Staff Training Day
School Closed

9th January
Children return to School

Hot Choc

Rec - Osian
Year 1- Kai
Year 2- Raluca
Year 3 – Roxy
Year 4 – Theo
Year 5 – Damian
Year 6 – Arti



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Attitude towards Learning*

Reception – Amela & Jules

Year 1 – Suellen & Yasmin

Year 2 – Doran & Niamh

Year 3 – Adea & Aniah

Year 4 – Ibrahim & Lycia

Year 5 – Josephine & Liam

Year 6 – Ella & Joel

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS FOR THE NEW TERM!

Asthma Pumps / EPI PEN

If your child is asthmatic or has severe allergies that require an epi-pen, then please ensure that your child has a labelled asthma pump/epi pen with them in school at all times, **and that it is in date**. Asthma pumps and epi pens are the **only** medicine which should be kept in the classroom with the child for prompt access.

Free School Meals Trawl

Even if your child brings a packed lunch or receives the Universal Free School Meal and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals then please do apply to the Borough as the schools funding can greatly benefit from this!

Mobile Phones

Pupils bringing mobile phones to school must ensure they are put away before they come through the school gate and **must** be handed to the office before registration for safe keeping during the school day.

Appointments

Parents and carers are asked most earnestly **not** to arrange these during school sessions, except in cases of urgency, so that considerable interference with school work is avoided. Please do not keep children out of school for the whole day unless absolutely necessary.

Thank you!

LABELLING UNIFORM

Please remember to label your child's school uniform clearly. If your child's uniform is misplaced, it is difficult to find the owner if there is no name on the label!



Understanding your child's behaviour

A Solihull Approach group for parents and carers



- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Would you like a better understanding of your child's behaviour?
- Do you know why your child has emotional outbursts?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?

We will be running a group for parents and carers at Barn Croft Primary School.

The group is based on an approach developed in Solihull that has been helpful to parents and carers and has been shown to improve children's behaviour. It is a non-judgemental, supportive space where we share ideas and encourage one another. The sessions will be run by: Chris Moses and Helen English.

The group will be run for two hours once a week for 10 weeks, every Thursday. Groups do not run in the school holidays.

The course covers:

- ❖ Session 1: Introduction to the Solihull approach (21/9)
- ❖ Session 2: How are you and your child feeling? (28/9)
- ❖ Session 3: Tuning into your child's developmental needs (5/10)
- ❖ Session 4: Responding to your child's feelings (12/10)
- ❖ Session 5: Different styles of parenting (19/10)
- ❖ Session 6: Having fun with your child (2/11)
- ❖ Session 7: The rhythm of interaction and sleep (9/11)
- ❖ Session 8: Self-regulation and anger (16/11)
- ❖ Session 9: Communication and attunement - how to recover when things go wrong. (23/11)
- ❖ Session 10: Celebration (30/11)

The first meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st September 2022 at 9:00- 11:00 am.**

The group is free of charge. Refreshments will be served. If you're interested in joining the group, please contact the office prior to the first meeting. Also, feel free to contact any of the group leaders for more information (If you have previously done the course, you are free to join us again or drop in on any Thursday).

PARENT/CARER SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

SEP - DEC 2023

A comprehensive guide to the parent/carer support programmes available from conception to adulthood in Waltham Forest

Best Start in Life **WALTHAM FOREST FAMILY HUBS** **Waltham Forest**

EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Parenting is difficult! It's a job we receive no training for, yet we are always expected to get it right

What do EPEC courses cover?

EPEC Parenting offers a variety of parent led courses and workshops both face to face and virtually. Each course is facilitated by x2 EPEC certified Parent Group Leaders (PGLS). Topics include Being 'Good enough parents, Feelings, Child led play, Spending time with your children, Understanding children's behaviour, Discipline strategies, Listening & Communication styles, Coping with stress etc.

What types of EPEC Courses are there in Waltham Forest?

There are 2 types of EPEC parenting courses:

1. Being a Parent Course - for parents/ carers of children aged 2-11 years
2. Parent Group Leaders Course - a unique parenting approach for parents of (children ages 2-11 years). The techniques & training has been designed for local parents and is run by local parents.

"As a father I feel I am a good enough parent and it's important we build safer relationships with our children."

"I'm not alone and other parents go through the same."

"Open/talking, learning about us and not feeling alone as a father."

"It's a relaxed, friendly atmosphere."

You can speak to a member of the EPEC Team for further information or to book onto a course
 Phone: 0779913026 email: EPEC@walthamforest.gov.uk Web: bit.ly/EPECBAP

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Hello, Parents & Guardians!



We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Waltham Forest Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyle support for families.* We run [BeeZee Families](#) courses after school across Waltham Forest. Please see our timetable below for venues, dates and time. Come along for free!

Sign up for your family's free spot today!
Scan the QR code
or visit: www.beezeebodies.com/for-families

Monday	WALTHAMSTOW	Peterhouse Community Centre E17 3PW 5-7PM
Tuesday	LEYTON	Leyton Cricket Ground E10 6RJ 5:30-7:30PM
Wednesday	CHINGFORD	Chingford C of E Primary School E4 7BP 5-7PM
Thursday	WALTHAMSTOW	Walthamstow School For Girls E17 9RZ 5:30-7:30PM

*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to a school in Waltham Forest and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.

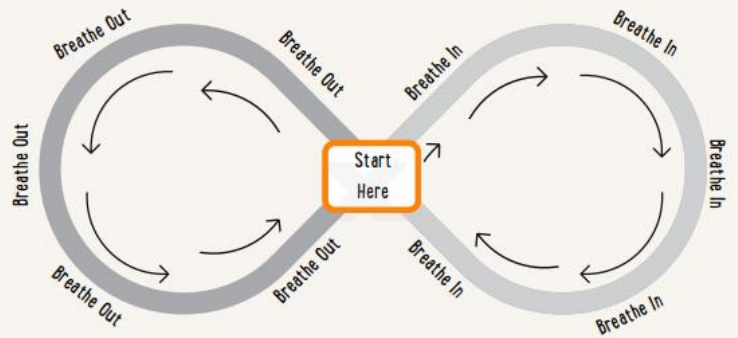


INFINITY BREATHING

You and your child may be going through a lot of change this week by returning to school or even starting a new school. Breathing exercises is one of the best tools to reduce anxiety.

Using your finger, slowly follow the line of the infinity loop. Take a deep breath in as your finger follows the right hand side, then breathe out as your finger follows the left hand side.

Aim to take 3 to 4 seconds to complete each half of the loop. Repeat this loop 7 times, focusing on your finger as you do so.



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