



# Barlby Primary School News #4 17.11.23

Welcome to our 4th edition of Barlby Primary School News

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## Welcome to our newsletter: A note from the Headteacher



Dear Parents & carers,

Welcome to Newsletter 4. In this edition you will find information about our forthcoming Christmas and end of term events but there are still nearly five weeks of learning left this term! Thank you for attending our recent parent-teacher meetings-we were delighted to have an excellent turnout and this has also been reflected in our Stay & Read sessions which take place on Thursdays. Working in partnership with parents and carers makes a huge difference with learning and we are repeating two of our workshops next week to accommodate even more parents, both will run after school at 3.25pm. On 22nd November our workshop will focus on Mathematics and on 23rd November the focus will be on Reading.

This week, the Barlby choir performed when the Portobello Market switched on their Christmas lights and we also provided art for the Hewer Street development- we are very open to events in our local community so please feel free to signpost local free events as we can publicise them for our families. On the 30th November, the PTA will be running two community events, the toy sale from 8.30am and the jumper decorating workshop from 3.30pm. We are now collecting for both events and everyone is welcome- please come along!

Looking forward to next term we will be starting a number of after school clubs (based on your questionnaire feedback) which will be run in conjunction with the Barlby Playcentre. The club offer will be organised and delivered by a specialist company and our playcentre can be booked in the usual way. We are pleased to be able to offer a wider range of extended day activities and look forward to sharing the details with you in the next few days. I am looking forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events and feel free to stay in touch.

With best wishes,

Mr Anthony Mannix - Power

Dates for your diary:



**Tuesday 21st November:** Year 4 are visiting the Wetland Centre

**Tuesday 21st November:** Choir continues in the studio with Mrs Zoppi 3:15pm - 4:15pm

**Wednesday 22nd November:** Year 5 are visiting Hampton Court Palace

**Wednesday 22nd November:** A repeat of the Maths workshop is being delivered in Trellick classroom at 3:25pm

**Thursday 23rd November:** A repeat of the Reading workshop is being delivered in Golborne classroom at 3:25pm

**Thursday 23rd November:** Stay and Read for Early Years and Years 4,5 and 6

**Tuesday 28th November:** A group of Year 5 children are at Kensington Town Hall for The Christmas Festival

**Thursday 30th November:** Stay and Read for Early Years and Years 1,2 and 3

**Thursday 30th November:** PTA Toy Drive in the hall (8:30am - 10:00am)

**Thursday 30th November:** Christmas Jumper decorating in the hall (3:15pm - 4:30pm)

**Wednesday 6th December:** Christmas Production 1 (1:30pm)

**Thursday 7th December:** Christmas Production 1 (1:30pm)

**Friday 8th December:** Christmas jumper day!

**Friday 15th December:** Year 4 are visiting Kensington Palace for an art exhibition

**Friday 15th December:** Early Years Christmas Production

Christmas is coming!



As the festive season approaches we have planned some special community events. On the **30th November** the PTA will be running the Christmas jumper decorating workshop in the school hall, this was a huge success last year and we have already started collecting unwanted decorations to use in our creations. Everyone is welcome to come along from 3.30pm. Barlby will have a Christmas jumper day on **Friday 8th December**.

We are also having our annual PTA toy drive on **30th November**. If you would like to contribute to the toy drive, we welcome pre-loved or new toys. Please send these in with your child and they can be put in the cage in the atrium. Donations are welcome, but to support our community we are not pricing items.

The Christmas production for Years 1 to 6 will take place on **6th December** and will be repeated on **7th December**, both at 1.30pm. Please note that in line with our policy, mobile phones will not be permitted. The EYFS production will take place on **15th December** at 10am. Information about tickets will follow in the days ahead.

Christmas Dinner will be served on **20th December** and term ends at 1pm on the **21st December**.



## Office Protocols: a friendly reminder



As you are aware the office can become very busy during the school day, with both Siobhan and Charlene working incredibly hard to keep the school running smoothly. Below are a few things you can do to help support our office team:

- Call the school between 7:00am and 8:20am to inform us if your child will be absent that day. That way we can update the registers before they close.
- Try and make appointments outside of the school day. We understand the challenges of this and that it is not always possible.
- Please let your class teacher know if your child is going home with another parent / family member. It is difficult for the office staff to have to relay so many pieces of information to teachers who are the ones dismissing children at the end of the day. You can either speak to the class teacher face to face when you drop off your child or email them (email addresses of every teacher is at the bottom of this newsletter).
- Please ensure your child is on time for school (by 8:40am). If your child is late please remember to sign them in using the screen. I am sure you will understand that there are implications for the office, even when it comes to registration, if there are a high number of late comers.

## Attendance and Punctuality



Please see the attendance figures from start of academic year up until Wednesday 14th November 2023.

***We aim for 95% attendance for every child in our school.***

*We want to give a special mention to the classes below who have exceeded our school attendance target of 95%.*

*Well done to **Burleigh (Year 2), Dalgarno (Year 4), Ladbroke (Year 5), Orchard 2 and Orchard 3** for exceeding our school attendance target.*

Attendance from start of academic Year up until Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023			
Our aim for every child is for their attendance to be 95% or above			
	Whole School – 382 pupils – 93.5%		
Nursery	92.5%		
Reception	90%		
	Peabody – 90.2%	Sutton – 89.7%	
Year 1	93.5%		
	Bruce – 95.4%	Golborne – 91.7%	
Year 2	94.6%		
	Balfour – 92.3%	Burleigh – 96.2%	
Year 3	94.7%		
	Lancaster - 94.6%	Latimer – 94.8%	
Year 4	95.6%		
	Treverton – 94.5%	Dalgarno – 96.8%	
Year 5	92.9%		
	Ladbroke – 95.7%	Westbourne – 90%	
Year 6	93.3%		
	Portobello – 91.9%	Trellick – 94.4%	
Orchard	95.2%		
	Orchard 1 – 92.8%	Orchard 2 – 97.1%	Orchard 3 -95.3%

## A special visitor...



On the 1st of November Barlby were fortunate enough to have TV presenter and founder of Ropes UK, Miquita Oliver visit our school to deliver an assembly on the importance of sport and activity for children's mental and physical health.

Miquita Oliver grew up in West London and was really keen to share her experiences as a child growing up in the area. She spent the morning with a group of children (some from the West London Zone cohort) delivering a skipping workshop in the school hall. The children loved every minute of the workshop and had a fantastic morning! Miquita and her team were overwhelmed with the inclusive nature of our school, and the warm welcome they all received.

We found out that we have some very talented skippers in school and have since purchased lots of ropes to play with at break and lunchtime!









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## Monty Moments!



I have some special news to share with you....I have just enjoyed my birthday and now I am 2 years old! I still behave like a puppy but mostly a well behaved one. Since I last shared my news with you I have decided that Fridays are my favourite day at playcentre because on Fridays we have hotdogs for tea! I often pop into playcentre to see Alan and although his cheese toasties are yummy I much prefer the hotdogs. I have continued to work mostly with children who learn differently and to help children go to class in the mornings but next term I am going to start attending community events. My confidence has grown and I am good in crowds now so I will spend more time with larger groups. I hope you like the photo of me by the River Thames.



A snapshot of Year 2...



What an amazing start to Year 2 we have had, packed with lots of learning and fun! Our topic last half term was 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' and we were so lucky to have the opportunity to spend the day

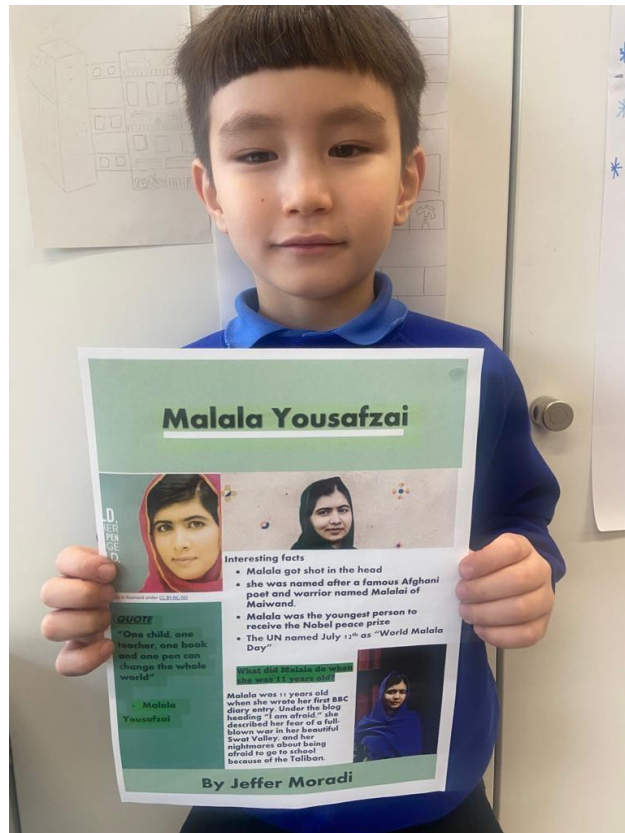
at The Tower of London! We also designed, planned and created a castles using recycled materials. We had to think carefully about the materials we would use depending on the properties.

This half term our topic is "Famous People". We have been learning about four very inspirational people; Ellie Simmonds, Charles Henry Turner, Malala and Alan Turing. We have loved learning about their determination and creativity! We researched facts about them to create fact files.

In English, we are reading the book "Leaf" by Sandra Diekmaan. We have enjoyed making predictions, creating freeze frames and researching facts about polar bears (the main character in the book) to write some informative non-chronological reports. We can't wait to carry on reading the book! In Maths, we have been focusing on our number skills. We have used a various strategies and resources (e.g. rekenreks, place value charts, number Lines and string beads) to help add and subtract numbers. We are now looking at money. We can now identify the value of different coins and notes as well as comparing different amounts of money.

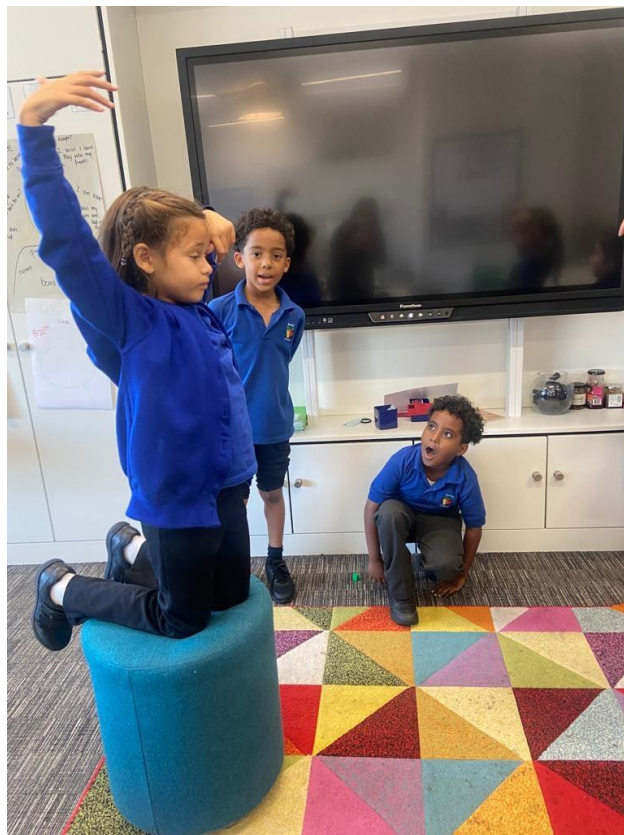
Ms Jethwa and Mr Jenkins-James









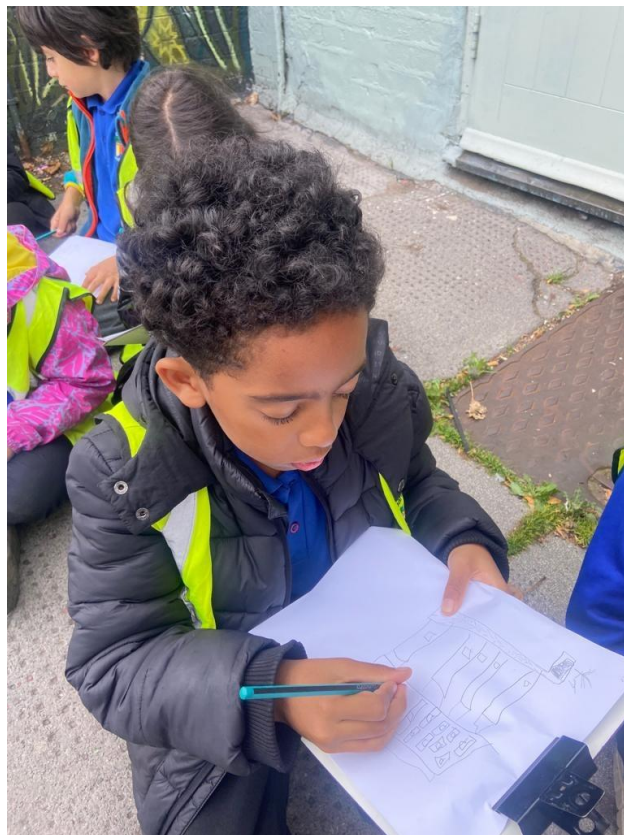


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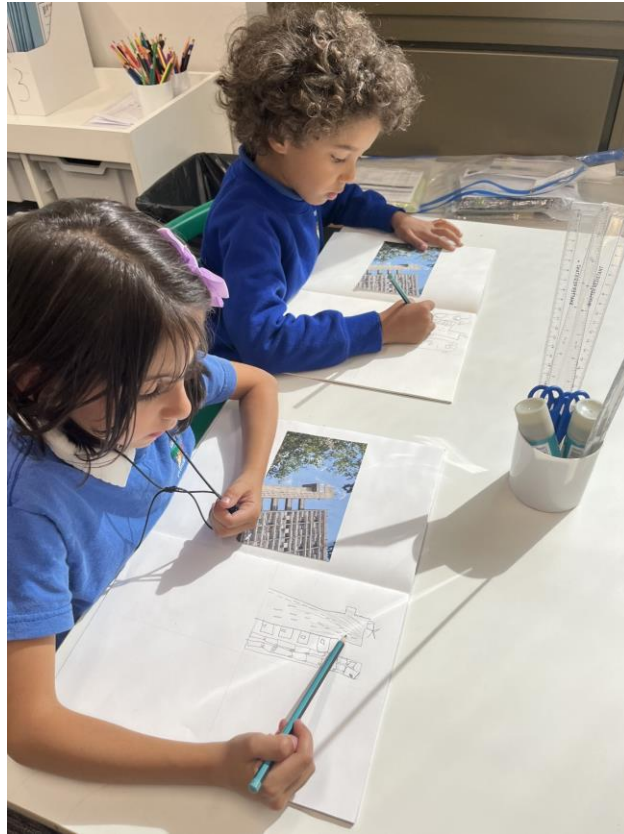
















## Year 5: Shakespeare Schools Festival



We are incredibly proud of our amazing Year 5 children who performed Hamlet and Macbeth at The Questors Theatre on Thursday evening to a large audience of teachers, family and friends.

The children's hard work paid off when they delivered their lines with purpose and made everyone very proud. Year 5 - you are all superstars!

We will be signing up to take part in next years festival so watch this space!





























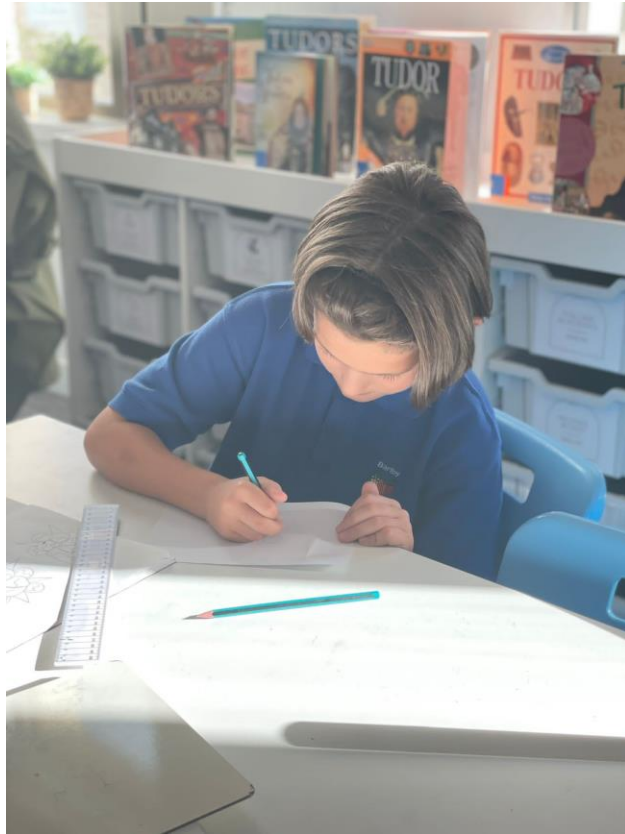






Enrichment Autumn 2 so far: Making Memories!









*Our polite person of the week is consistently kind and thoughtful. His positive behaviour has been noted all around the school including the playground and dining hall. Very well done!*









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# Today's assembly...

## RESPECT

There is a fountain of youth:  
It is your mind, your talents,  
the creativity you bring to your life  
and the lives of people you love.  
When you learn to tap this source,  
you will truly have defeated age.

—Sophia Loren

At 60 D11

"The way I see it, every  
year can be a brand new  
journey. Think about it:  
You get one chance to be  
25, 35, 44, or any  
age before and between.  
Why wouldn't you want  
to experience all the  
wonder in each step  
on your path?"

—Chuck Winery

At 60 D11



Instead of looking at the past, I put  
myself ahead twenty years and try  
to look at what I need to do now in  
order to get there then.

—Diana Ross

At 60 D11

## TODAY'S SONG

Sung By Diana Ross



















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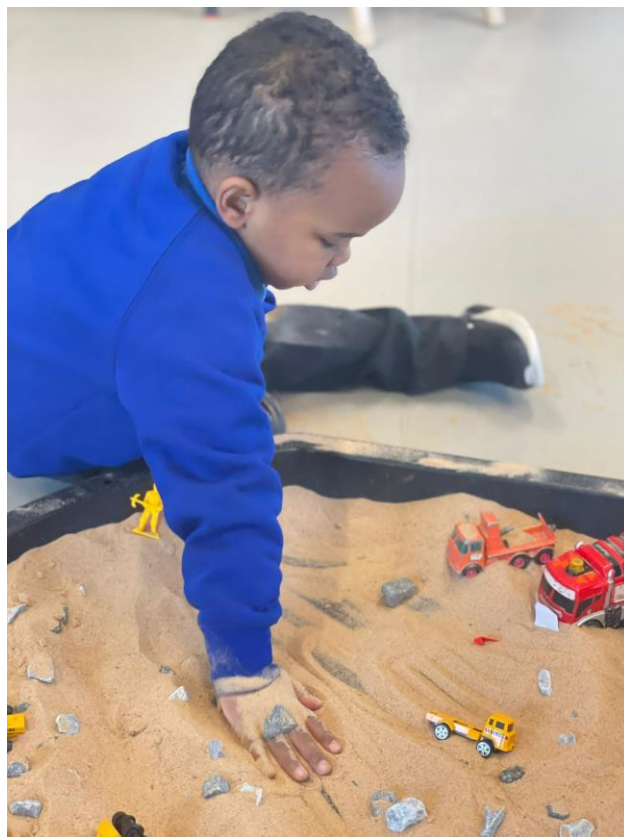














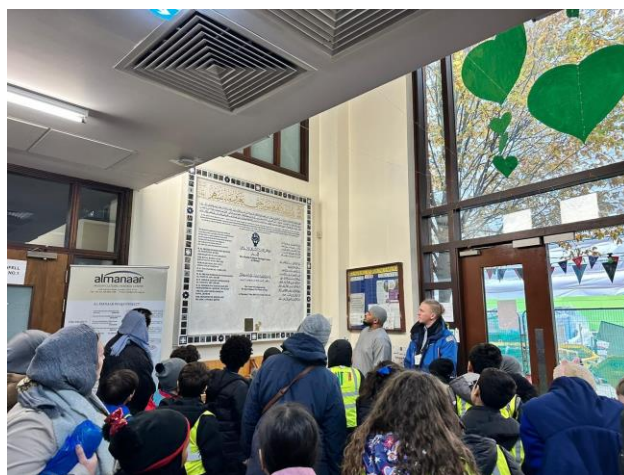




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***Congratulations to  
our Black History  
Season competition  
winners!!!***



**#SALUTINGOURSISTERS**



*Looking after friends who  
learn differently. 👍*





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*A very polite learner  
spreading cheerfulness! 👍*













***This polite person of  
the week goes above  
and beyond in  
helping to make  
others feel happy!***



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*We are very proud of our  
newly elected school  
council members.*



**They have so many  
great ideas!**

**#PUPILVOICE**

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## Computing at Barlby

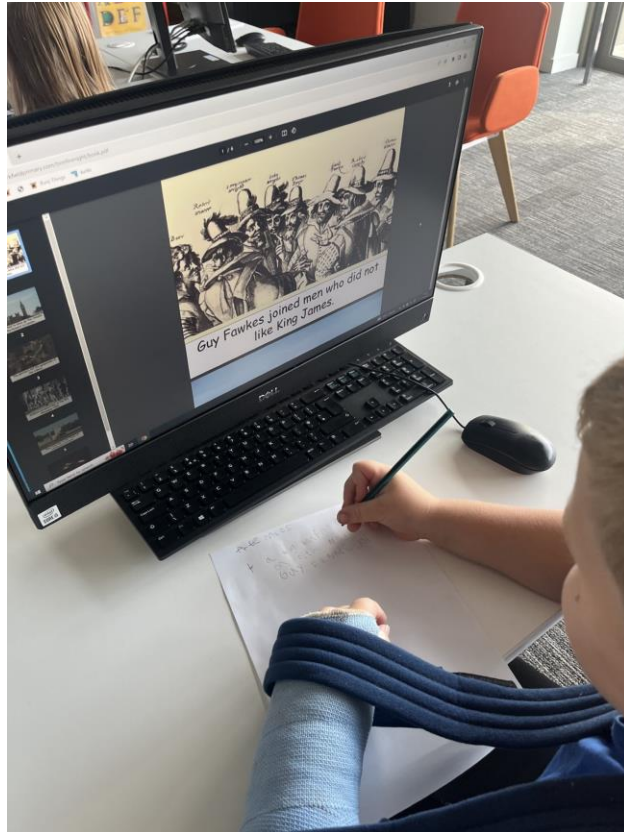


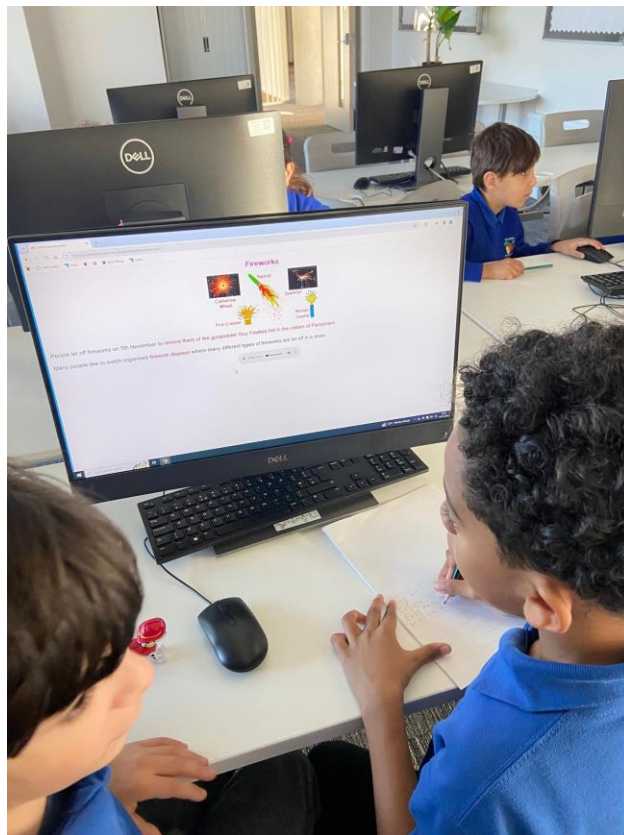


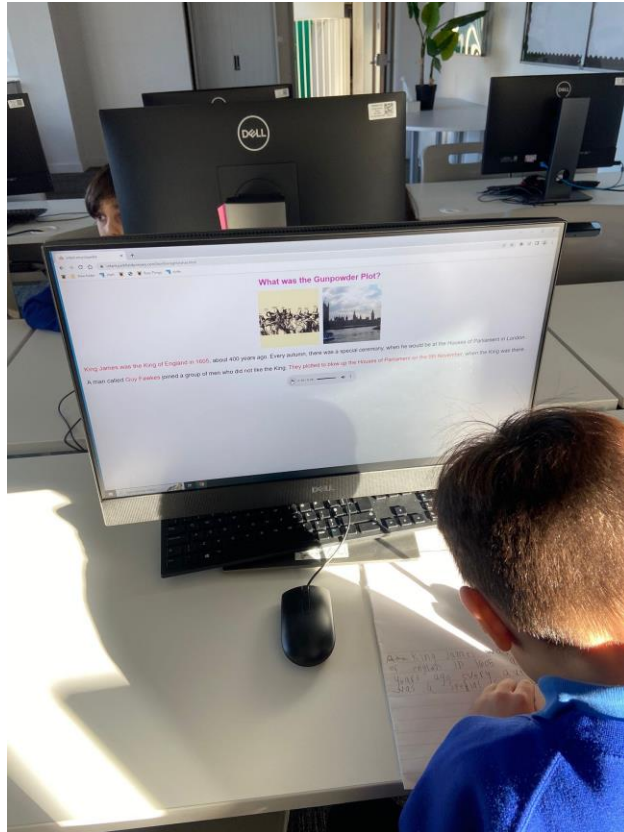
Barlby have been enjoying a range of lessons in Computing so far this academic year! Each unit of work develops the children's knowledge and skills in one of the following three areas; Digital Literacy, Computer Science and Information Technology. It has been great to see a wide range of skills being applied throughout the school. Year 2 have enjoyed testing algorithms with Beebots and this half term, used search engines to research all about Guy Fawkes for the topic Famous People.

In Key Stage 2, Year 4 have been working hard on their coding skills and are currently developing an animation on the program J2code.









## Science at Barlby



At Barlby, Science is taught throughout the school from Nursery up to Year 6. Science at Foundation Stage is covered in the 'Understanding the World' area of the EYFS Curriculum. It is introduced indirectly through activities that encourage every child to explore, problem solve, observe, predict, think, make decisions and talk about the world around them. From Year 1 to Year 6, our science outcomes consist of a range of investigations with different enquiry types.



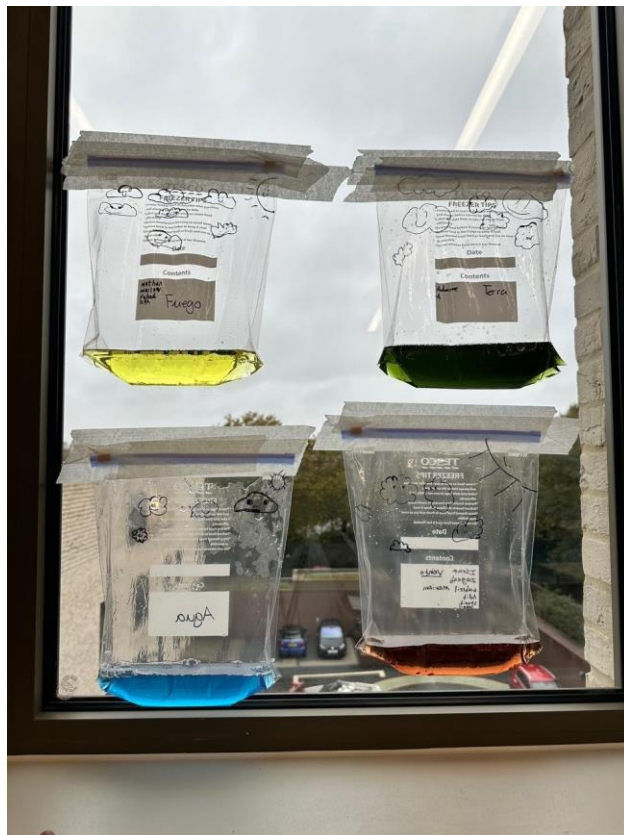
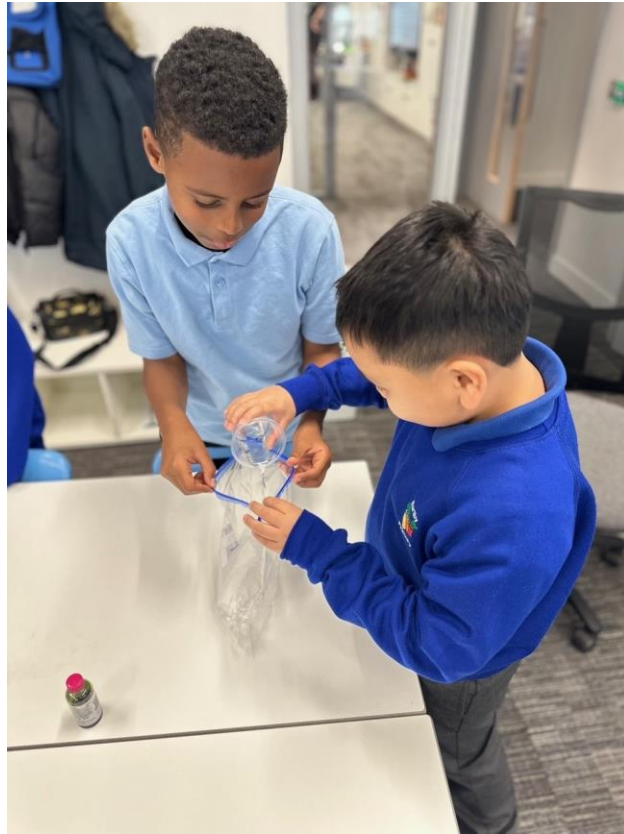
In Year one, children have been investigating by identifying, grouping and classifying animals into various groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences.

Year 4 have conducted an investigation where children were required to make an observation over a period of time to investigate the water cycle and the effects of condensation and evaporation.

Year 6 have been researching and pattern seeking for their Science topic of 'Blood Heart' where they will also be dissecting a real lamb's heart.

Throughout the year, all children will be engaging in a range of exciting science investigations, opportunities and enrichment activities such as visits to museums, as well as workshops held within school.

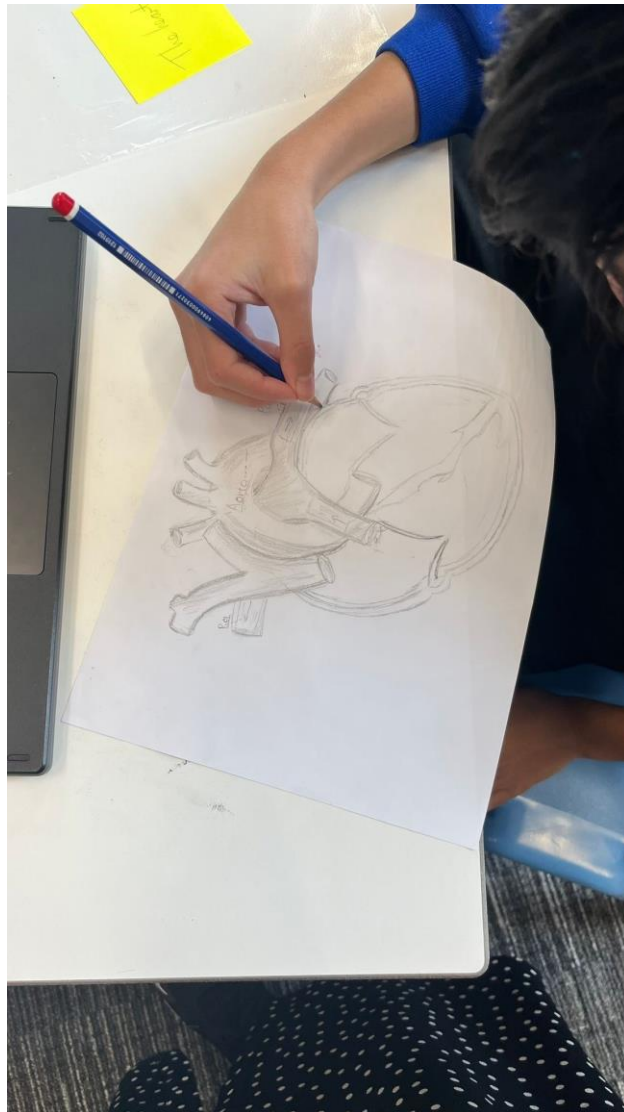












Information about Key Stage One SATs



The Senior Leadership Team have made the decision to opt out of the end of Key Stage One SATS in summer 2024. There is now no statutory requirement to carry out end of Key Stage One assessments. We believe it is more important for the teachers to focus on the specific needs of children within their class; teaching a broad and balanced curriculum, rather than focusing on teaching towards a test, especially at such a young age.

The class teachers and Senior Leadership Team will continue to assess pupil using the below different forms of assessment. These are:

- day-to-day assessment – to inform teaching on an ongoing basis
- in-school assessment – to understand pupil performance at the end of a period of teaching

Teachers will assess children at the end of each term / academic year using a broad range of evidence from across the curriculum and knowledge of how a child has performed over time and in a variety of contexts. Teachers can consider the children's written, practical and oral classwork.

If you have any questions regarding this topic, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of SLT.



## Contact Us



If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher in the first instance. They will be available in the playground at the end of everyday. You can also call or email the school office and ask for a call back from your class teacher.

Mr Mannix (Head Teacher), Mr Simon (Deputy Head Teacher) Miss Nicholls (Deputy Headteacher) and Emma Harpin (SENCO) will be on the gates in the morning and after school and we will happily answer any questions or sign post you to the best person to help with your question.

You can also email your class teacher using the following class email addresses:

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*1 - Nursery: Mr Bird and Mrs Sitch*



*2 - Reception: Mr Catantan (Peabody) Ms Harrison (Sutton)*



*3 - Year 1: Mr Idowu (Bruce) Ms Atherly (Golborne)*



*4 - Year 2: Mr Jenkins-James (Balfour) Ms Jethwa (Burleigh)*



*5 - Year 3: Ms Stephen (Lancaster) Ms Wood (Latimer)*





*6 - Year 4: Mr Horton (Treverton) Mr Alleyne-Weir (Dalgarno)*



*7 - Year 5: Ms Cox (Westbourne) Ms Begum (Ladbroke)*





*8 - Year 6: Mr Enright (Trellick) Ms Omar (Portobello)*