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Welcome to our 37th edition of Barlby Primary School News

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Welcome to our newsletter: A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & carers,

We hope you enjoy the new format for our newsletter which is designed to be opened on a mobile phone. We will be sending these detailed updates every few weeks so please expect the next one in mid-September. In this issue you will find a summary of the school year, calendar dates and contact details for your child's new class teacher.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the huge amount of support you have offered us as a staff team. We have enjoyed a year packed full of learning and enrichment and we are looking forward to September. In the meantime, the Barlby team would like to join me in wishing our community a happy, safe and sunny summer!

With thanks and best wishes,

Anthony Mannix- Power

Dates for your diary:



Monday 17th July: Year 6 at Chessington World of Adventures

Tuesday 18th July: Last day of term (1:00pm finish. Gates open at 12:30pm)

Monday 4th September: INSET day

Tuesday 5th September: Term begins for children

Our Goodbyes this year...



This time of year, we sadly say goodbye to our Year 6 children. Many of our staff team have had the pleasure of seeing them grow and mature over the years and leave us ready to move onto secondary school for their next chapter.

Their time with us was interrupted by Covid but they showed great determination and resilience to overcome any challenges this presented. This year, they have achieved so much and should leave with a feeling of pride; we are certainly proud of what they all have achieved and look forward to hearing of future successes.

Finally, thank you to the parents and carers who have supported their children, and the staff, throughout their journey with us.

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

– Michael Jordan

Goodbye to Melissa...

We are so sad to be saying "good bye" to Melissa, our SENCo, at the end of this term. Melissa has been on a ten year journey with Barlby, starting with us as a Learning Support Assistant and then training with the School Direct programme. Barlby has benefited from Melissa's passion for supporting children with special educational needs and she has taught us all so much! We are very sorry to see her leave although we know she will make a huge success of her next venture in the bi-borough. We look forward to staying in touch.

Playcentre 2023 - 2024

Please see the flyer below for information on pricing and timings of Playcentre 2023 - 2024.

To register your child please collect a form from the school office or you can email charlene.obrien@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk

To pay for your child to attend playcentre (once you have registered) you MUST download the School Gateway App and pay via the 'clubs' tab on the app. If you have any questions, please speak to the office.

If your child has special educational needs or a disability that impacts the way they engage in day-to-day activities and/or if they usually have additional adult support at school, we recommend you apply for a short breaks package through the Local Offer in order for them to happily engage in our after-school provision, whilst being supervised safely. If your application is accepted, you would be allocated a managed/personal budget that you would use to fund the additional adult support needed for your child. The Bi-Borough Short Breaks team also provide other services at weekends and in school holidays, which your child may benefit from on days without a structured routine. In order to make a request, visit the Local Offer website: <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/kb5/rbkc/fis/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=8> or speak to the SENCO - Emma Harpin if you have any questions.

Our playcentre manager's email is: alan.birmingham@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk

Please see our flyer:



Attendance and Punctuality



We are working hard to improve our whole school attendance at Barlby. Regular attendance at school promotes pupils' well-being, maximises progress in learning and helps pupils reach their potential both now and in their future lives.

You can help us achieve our target by ensuring your children are in school, on time, every day. Pupils attendance and punctuality is monitored carefully by the school and our Education Welfare Officer. Everyday counts but every minute is equally important.

It is very important your child arrives on time for school. The school gates open at 8.20am. Anyone arriving after 8:40am will be considered late and must come through the main entrance. ***Did you know? Being 15 minutes late each day over the school year is the same as missing 2 weeks of school.***

If your child's attendance reaches below 90% we will send you a letter to inform you and hope to work with you to help improve their attendance. We have attendance incentives every term for children who achieve attendance of 98% or more. If you have any questions about attendance or feel you need some support, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or the school office.

A reminder that the school day will finish at 3.15pm from 5th September.

Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 require all maintained schools to open to educate their pupils for at least 190 days (380 sessions) in each school year.	
The table below puts absence in the context of the days children miss at school based on a school being opened for 190 days per year	
Attendance during one school year	Number of days absence this equals
95%	9.5 days
90%	19 days
85%	28.5 days
80%	38 days
75%	47.5 days
70%	57 days
65%	66.5 days

Lost Property



We have a lot of school uniform that has not been named so we are unable to get it back to it's rightful owners.

To avoid this please label your children's clothes, including hats, gloves and school jumpers.

Our lost property is kept in our Community Room - please feel free to take a look if your child has lost an item.

Lunches



Barlby and our neighbours at Kensington Queensmill share a kitchen led by Lucio, our talented chef. The children and staff enjoy a high quality meal at lunchtime with a number of tasty options. Every meal includes a meat, halal and vegetarian option combined with a salad bar and dessert. Our goal is for every Barlby child to enjoy a hot meal (with second helpings!) in the middle of the day. Recently, we hosted a visit from Joanne McCartney the Deputy Mayor of London as we support the proposal to provide a free school meal for every London child. We are delighted that all school meals to every child will now be free of charge. We encourage all children to have a school dinner from September.

As we are a healthy school, we will be monitoring packed lunches by external nutritionist to ensure they are balanced and healthy. More information on the food that is allowed in packed lunches will be sent out in due course.

If you would like to change your child from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa, please notify the office.









A message from our SENCo

At Barlby, we are proud of our inclusive ethos and celebrate all children learning differently. This year we are grateful to Lucy, from the amazing Autism Advisory Service, who has trained and coached our staff in specific interventions that continue to support some of our youngest pupils who are on the social communication assessment pathway. We are developing our practice in line with recent research and expertise is shared between Orchard and mainstream staff. We have also hosted some successful parent coffee mornings where topics discussed included 'Getting a Good Nights Sleep' and 'Reading Stories with Your Neurodiverse Child' - thank you to those parents for attending and bringing their own insights.

There is some exciting news for The Orchard, as we are expanding to have three classes from September and the oldest children will learn adjacent to their peers on Learning Zone Two. Recently, we were incredibly proud of the Orchard 2 performance at the Royal Albert Hall for 'Music Makes Me' as they had shown a lot of determination in their practicing leading up to the event. Aisha, the lead performer, was an inspiration to us all - showing that no matter how you learn/communicate, you are capable of wonderful things.

Lastly, I'd just like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and families I have had the pleasure of getting to know over my time in The Orchard and as SENCO. I am so grateful for your compassion and honesty throughout our shared journey and I wish you all the best for the future!

























Monty Moments!



Hello, my name is Monty (Montgomery) and I am the Barlby school dog, my mum is a bichon frise and my dad is a poodle, making me a poochon. I am a special breed that does not drop any hair so I can safely spend time with children and adults even if they have allergies- this makes me a hypo-allergenic dog! I live with Mr Mannix and my attendance at school is very good- nearly 100%! My favourite thing about school is the Barlby children and chicken. When I am not at school, I like to sleep and play with my toy llama and I also enjoy chasing balls....I'm just not so good at giving them back to humans. This year in my job, I have spent most of my time with school adults and some Barlby children who learn differently although I am now starting to spend more time in Barlby classrooms- I'm a good listener and I really like to help humans feel relaxed.

I am going to use this regular slot on the newsletter to tell you about my adventures in school and out. I hope you enjoy the photos I have shared in the first newsletter....Mx



1 - I love being walked by the children at Barlby



2 - I love being at School



3 - Here I am outside Buckingham Palace



4 - I love the snow!



5 - Me after a fresh trim



6 - This is my friend Charlie



7 - I love being walked by the children at Barlby



8 - Enjoying the sunshine



9 - Here I am with Angus (Mrs Sitch's schnoodle)

The Arts at Barlby...



As usual, there has been some excellent art produced by children in all key stages over 2022-23. For the second year in a row, we have had two children chosen to be exhibited at The Young Artists' Summer Show at The Royal Academy of Arts. Ezra's work will be exhibited in the online gallery and Nikolas will have his work exhibited at The Royal Academy of Arts itself. In the new academic year, Mr Bird will be delivering specialist art education to every year group over the term. Also, look out for the return of our own prestigious art competition, The Barlby Art Prize (B.A.P) which will culminate in an end of year exhibition at school.



10 - Ezra's artwork accepted for display at The Royal Academy of Art

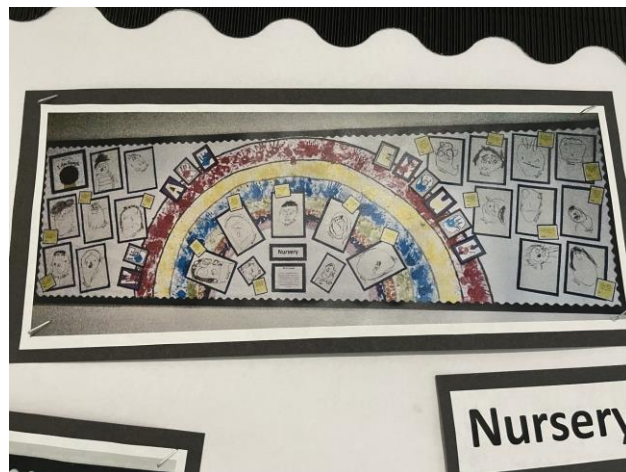


11 - Nikolas' artwork accepted for display at The Royal Academy of Art



12 - Nikolas showing off his amazing Artwork!











We have had an enriching and eventful musical year at Barlby, with many new activities taking place for the first time.

Curriculum

The sound of singing has filled the early years throughout the year, with songs ranging from traditional nursery rhymes to African folk songs using call and response and vocal and rhythmic games to develop

our creative skills. We have also been very lucky to receive a wide range of percussion instruments provided through the dedication of our PTA. Children have been able to access these instruments and been able to develop more fluid musicianship skills as a result.

Key stage 1 have explored the dimensions of music through vocal exercises, listening and the use of a wide range of untuned percussion, imitating and creating their own rhythms and musical patterns across different genres. Children have begun to sing in parts and continue to sing in unison with confidence.

Key stage 2 have performed from a diverse vocal repertoire and focussed on developing their musicianship skills through learning to play glockenspiels, ukuleles and djembe drums. Delving more deeply into these instruments has allowed children to experience performance and composition at a deeper level. Children are able to listen to music critically and compare different styles of music across a wide range of styles.

Barlby School Productions

For the first time ever, the early years performed in their very own Christmas production 'The Giant Christmas Cracker'. They acted, sang and told Christmas jokes to a packed-out audience. The children showed such creativity and resilience in their delivery of a truly memorable show. The key stage 1 and 2 classes performed 'A Fireside Nativity' celebrating drama, music and art over two exciting performances.

Barlby on tour!

We have had a busy musical year out in the community, starting with Barlby Primary School's KS2 choir opening the show, at RBKC's 'Switching on the lights' Christmas festival in Portobello Market, with some popular carols. We were so glad to be invited back for the 9th year in a row! Some of our pupils were even asked to join the Mayor of RBKC in turning the Christmas lights on! We hope to continue this tradition for many more years to come.

Our year 5 singers made us feel especially proud when they took part in a performance at Kensington Town Hall with a selection of other schools from the tri-borough. The music was once again arranged and composed beautifully by Sally Greaves for the Tri-borough Music Hub's Christmas festival. The children also shared some of their performance in school during singing assembly.

Community Events

Our wonderful choir have become a joyous entertainment feature of our school events, performing in several different languages at Barlby's international community evening and showcasing their favourite songs of the year at this year's summer fair. We hope to continue to grow and develop our choir from strength to strength.

'Music Makes Me'

On Tuesday 27th June a group of 28 singers from year 6 and 5 children from the Orchard performed in the world premier of 'Music Makes Me' at the iconic Royal Albert Hall with over one thousand pupils from across three different boroughs. The Tri-borough Music Hub, in co-production with the Royal Albert Hall and partnership with the Royal College of Music created a large-scale, multi-school music education and performance programme, which shone a light on the importance of inclusive practice and celebrating everyone for who they are. It drew on music as a strength in how we communicate with others. We also used these powerful songs written by Emily Stratford and Gabriel Krchnavek across the year groups, through music lessons and singing assemblies, which encouraged our wider community at Barlby to be involved as part of the audience, opening up this amazing experience in the Royal Albert Hall to the whole school. We hope to continue being involved in great events with our music hub such as this in the future.

Thank You!

The staff and teachers at Barlby Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA who have so generously dedicated their time and efforts into raising funds for the music department to allow us to buy more instruments to support the curriculum in the next academic year. So far, they have raised over a thousand pounds and this is increasing every day. We are so grateful!

Phonics and the importance of reading



At Barlby we follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme which has proven to be extremely successful. We have just completed the second year of using the programme and it is now fully embedded throughout Early Years and Key Stage One. Children are familiar with the sounds and their associated pictures and phrases and enjoy their daily Phonics learning.

We continue to value and promote a love of reading. We follow the associated Little Wandle Reading Scheme "Big Cat Phonics." This ensures a cohesive and consistent approach to reading and the books are enjoyed by children both in school and at home. We endeavor to encourage reading for pleasure and love to share a range of stories in class and in assemblies as well as having a rich range of reading resources available to children in classrooms, the library and the little libraries which are around school. We also love to see, hear and share what children are reading at home.













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To celebrate, Mrs Murty read Joseph Coelho's 'If All The World Were Paper' to children at Downing Street.

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Enrichment 2022 - 2023: Making Memories!

This year at Barlby we have provided our children with some incredible experiences including with organisations who have led workshops within the school to our children visiting museums across London and further afield. We are incredibly fortunate to be situated in a prime location, with easy access to a number of museums including the V&A, Science Museum, Natural History Museum and many more. We use public transport to help get our children around this fantastic city and soak up all it has to offer.

On occasion, we have also used coaches to take children further afield in including trips to the West Wittering Beach and Hampton Court Palace. We are very proud to share that every year group has taken part in a class trip or some enrichment this year!











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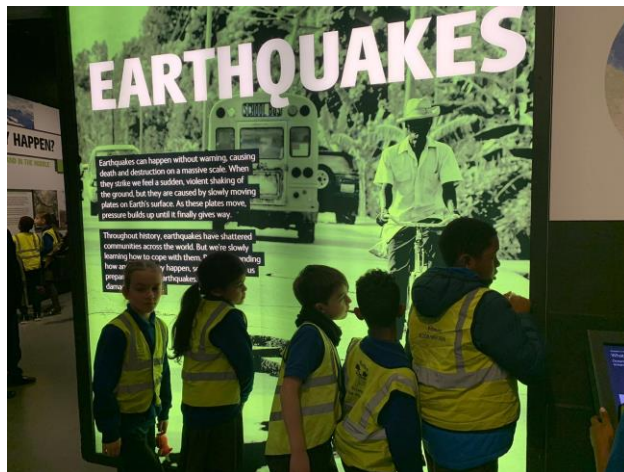


















The Wider Curriculum 2022-2023

We have had an amazing year of learning through our Wider Curriculum and cannot wait to start exploring our new topics in September. We have had some inspiring class trips and some very exciting visitors. When we celebrated Black History Season we were very lucky to welcome Karl Nova and many other inspirational people talk to our children about their careers and inspired them to think about their own.

Please see below for the topics that your children will be exploring in Autumn 1. More information on this is available on our class pages on our website.

Click on this link to access our class pages:

<https://www.barlby.rbkc.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Information&pid=147>

These are our topics for September:

Nursery: **ALL ABOUT ME!**

Reception: **ALL ABOUT ME!**

Year 1: **ALL ABOUT ME!**

Year 2: **TOWERS, TUNNELS AND TURRETS**

Year 3: **HOLA AMIGO!**

Year 4: **ANCIENT GREECE**

Year 5: **OFF WITH HER HEAD!**

Year 6: **THE VICTORIANS**





































Barlby - A Teaching School



ECTs (Early Career Teachers)

As a school, we pride ourselves on the ability to support with the training and development of future teachers. We believe it is our duty to do so, especially within our fantastic new building.

We currently have five ECTs (Early Career Teachers) working within our school; two first year ECTs and three second year ECTs. Our three second year ECTs are now coming to the end of their training programme and have made fantastic progress. We are pleased to say that all three have chosen to continue their teaching career within our school.



School Direct

In addition to our ECTs we also have two School Direct students working within our school. These students are based in Reception and Year 3.

We have a successful recruitment history from our partnership with Roehampton, with a number of our current teaching staff having gone through this programme. The idea of 'training your own' works well for us and means when it comes to recruitment, where possible, we can pick from teachers who already have a year experience within our school. One of our students has been offered and accepted a position as a teacher for September 2023 within our Year 3 cohort. This again shows the benefit of the School Direct programme with the vision of 'training our own'.

For September 2023 we have recruited a further two School Direct students, one of which is a current member of staff working within the Orchard. These students will be placed within Year 1 and Year 2.

The PTA



This year our PTA have helped organise some incredible events such a:

- Silent disco
- International food tasting evening

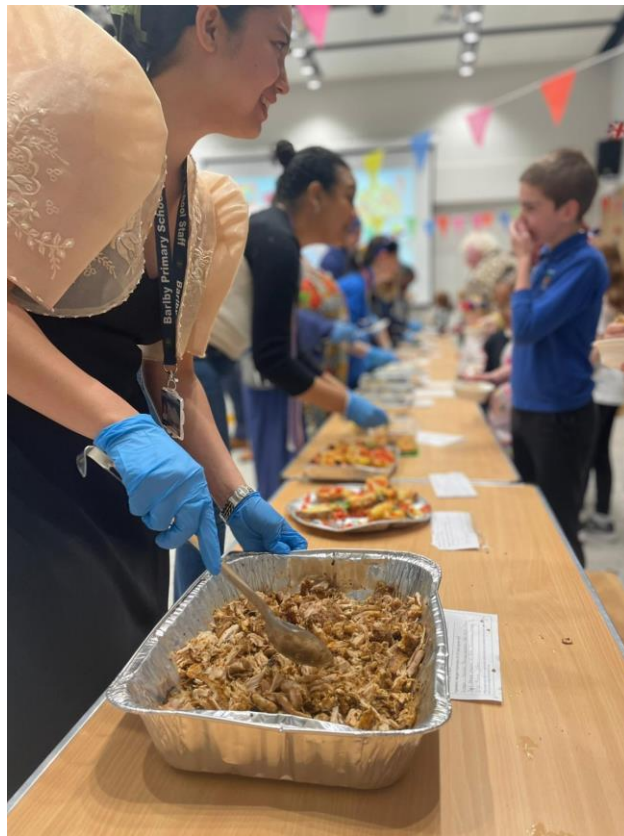
- A delicious staff breakfast
- A toy and book drive
- Decorate your own festive jumper
- A community disco amongst other amazing events!

We want to thank all the members who have got involved and helped to bring our community even closer together.















Our Governing Body

The governing board began the school year welcoming new members, who have settled into their roles and are getting to know the school well. We had a strategy meeting in the autumn term to discuss how Barlby can continue to provide the best possible education to our children over the coming years. Other meetings during the year have concentrated on maintaining resource levels for the school at a time of budgetary pressures. We have also worked to alleviate the cost of living crisis by keeping costs such as dinner fees as affordable as possible. We will be holding regular coffee mornings to meet parents and carers over the course of the next school year and look forward to seeing you there.



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:

mark.bird@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Nursery)

caleb.catantan@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Peabody R)

louise.harrison@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Sutton R)

moby.idowu@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Bruce 1)

zhane.atherly@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Golborne 1)

toral.patel@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Burleigh 2)

jordan.jenkins-james@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Balfour 2)

frankie.wood@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Latimer 3)

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lorna.waite@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Orchard 3)



13 - Nursery: Mr Bird and Mrs Sitch



14 - Reception: Mr Catantan (Peabody) Ms Harrison (Sutton)



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



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



17 - Year 3: Ms Stephen (Lancaster) Ms Wood (Latimer)



18 - Year 5: Ms Cox (Westbourne) Ms Begum (Ladbroke)



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



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