



Barlby Primary School News #9 1.3.24

Welcome to our 9th edition of Barlby Primary School News

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Welcome to our newsletter: A note from the Headteacher



Mr Anthony Mannix-Power
Headteacher

Dear Parents & carers,

Welcome to the 9th edition of our sway newsletter. We have four more weeks of term packed full of exciting learning opportunities and projects so please check the dates in this edition as there is so much to look forward to! Next week we will be enjoying all things book and reading related and we would love to see you in school reading with classes, sharing your own favourite books and authors- please let a class teacher know if you would like to come in. We would also love to see your photos of the children reading in weird and wonderful places so please feel free to e-mail these into school. Please remember that we are not dressing up until Friday, the day after World Book Day.

Later in the term we have scheduled a 'Barlby's Got Talent' event, the auditions for which will take place in Early Bird and link to Comic Relief. We also have Autism Acceptance Week to look forward to....all the dates are included below. Feel free to check our social media feed which is mostly on Instagram as this is

a good way to stay up to date and see snapshots of our learning throughout the week. We hope you enjoy our news!

With best wishes,

Anthony Mannix

Dates for your diary:



Monday 4th March: QPR are in to work with year 3

Tuesday 5th March: Children's Environmental Parliament in to work with year 6

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (please information below on activities taking place throughout the week)

Thursday 7th March: Stay and Read for EYFS and Years 1, 2 and 3

Friday 8th March: Dress up for world book day

Monday 11th March: QPR in to work with Year 3

Monday 11th March: Parents evening until 6pm (please book a slot with your class teacher)

Tuesday 12th March: Parents evening until 4:30pm (please book a slot with your class teacher)

Thursday 14th March: Stay and Read for EYFS and Years 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 14th March: Comic Relief and Barlby's Got Talent (please see information on auditions below)

Please note since the last communication sent out, there has been a change of dates for Comic Relief. It will now take place on Thursday 14th March. Children will have the non-uniform day on Thursday 14th as well as the Barlby's Got Talent show. This change has happened due to an inspection on Friday 15th March.

Thursday 21st March: Year 6 at Imperial War Museum

Week commencing Monday 25th March: Autism Acceptance Week (please see information in newsletter below)

Well done to Dalgarno 4, Bruce 1 and Orchard 2 and 3 for reaching or exceeding our school target of 95%.

Attendance from start of academic Year up until Friday 1 st March 2024			
Our aim for every child is for their attendance to be 95% or above			
	Whole School – 382 pupils – 92.3%		
Nursery	90.1%		
Reception	88.2%		
	Peabody – 87.5%	Sutton – 88.8%	
Year 1	92.5%		
	Bruce – 95%	Golborne – 90%	
Year 2	93.8%		
	Balfour – 92.4%	Burleigh – 95.1%	
Year 3	92.4%		
	Lancaster – 91.9%	Latimer – 92.9%	
Year 4	94.6%		
	Treverton – 93.5%	Dalgarno – 95.7 %	
Year 5	91.6%		
	Ladbroke – 94.4%	Westbourne – 88.8%	
Year 6	93.3%		
	Portobello – 91.7%	Trellick – 94.8%	
Orchard	94.9%		
	Orchard 1 – 92.4%	Orchard 2 – 95.6%	Orchard 3 - 96.7%

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.

Online Safety Information for Parents



E-Safety and the constantly changing social landscape means it is increasingly difficult to keep on top of changes in apps and behaviours online. Here are some tips and key information about social media that you can use and apply to your children at home

Parental control

Do you have parental control or a firewall that protects children when they search online? This will mean you know the sites and apps that they will and won't be able to access.

Social media

Almost every social media app is designed for children ages 13+ meaning your child should not have access to it yet.

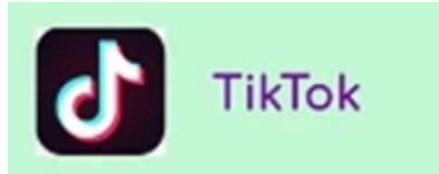
Online Gaming

Does your child play games online? Most games come with an age certificate for example Fortnite is rated 12+. When they are playing, are they speaking online and if so do you know who? Many games now have online features that connect players from all over the world. Check your child's games to see if they have that capability.

All of these measures will help to keep your child safer online.

Parents/carers are reminded that primary aged children should not be accessing the above social media platforms and it is essential that parental controls are activated on their devices.





Our Wider Curriculum at Barlby - new and improved!



At Barlby we believe that the offer we provide to our children through our curriculum is vital to their development in many ways both socially and academically.

As a whole school team we are working closely to refresh and recreate our Wider Curriculum to ensure it is engaging and reflective of not only our community, but the world we live in today.

Currently we deliver a topic based curriculum where we cover topics such as 'Ancient Egyptians' and 'Stargazers'. Moving forward we will be designing a new and exciting multi perspective curriculum that is diverse in its content, covering elements of the 9 protected characteristics and ensuring black history is embedded within the topics from Nursery to year 6.

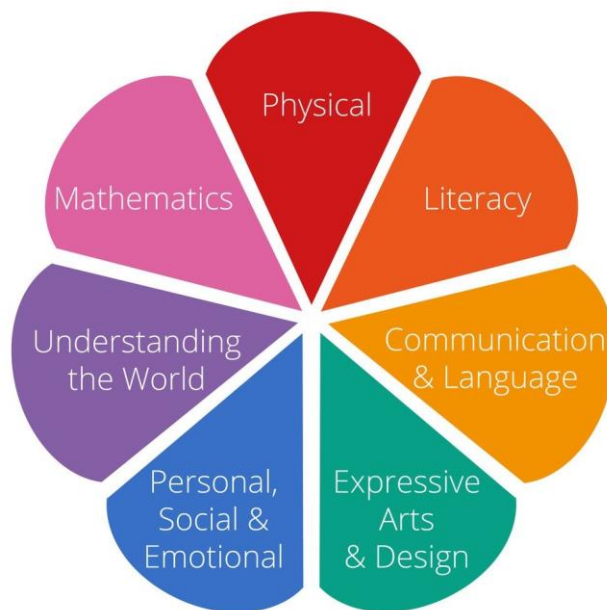
Our topics will be posed as questions such as: 'Does history repeat itself?' 'Where are the 8 pyramids in the world?' An enquiry led topic will allow teachers and children to explore the topics in depth and create some wonderful and creative learning from them.

We will be prioritising our staff training sessions for the remainder of the year to focus on our curriculum.
Watch this space!

A snapshot of Nursery



Nursery's focus this term is Fairy tales. The children have been involved in many engaging and fun activities, all of which target at least one of the seven of the Early Learning Goals:



We have had an amazing start to Spring 2 in Nursery. Please see a summary of the range of learning and activities we have been doing since we returned from half term.

Literacy: We read a new fairy tale each week which generates lots of fascinating discussion about the characters and their motives. The children's favourite activity is when they role play each fairy tale of the week; this has really helped them to sequence stories.

Phonics: The children follow '*Little Wandle's Letters and Sounds scheme*'. They learn a sound a week and are now blending short words. They also learn to sing a nursery rhyme each week, which includes exploring rhyme and alliteration.

These are the sounds we have learned so far: **s a t p i n m d g o c k e**

Mathematics: We do lots of fun counting in Nursery and have learned to count up to and over 10. The children also know how to match amounts to a numeral. They are now starting to compare different amounts and use 2D shapes to make patterns. The children also love when we learn about number through dance.

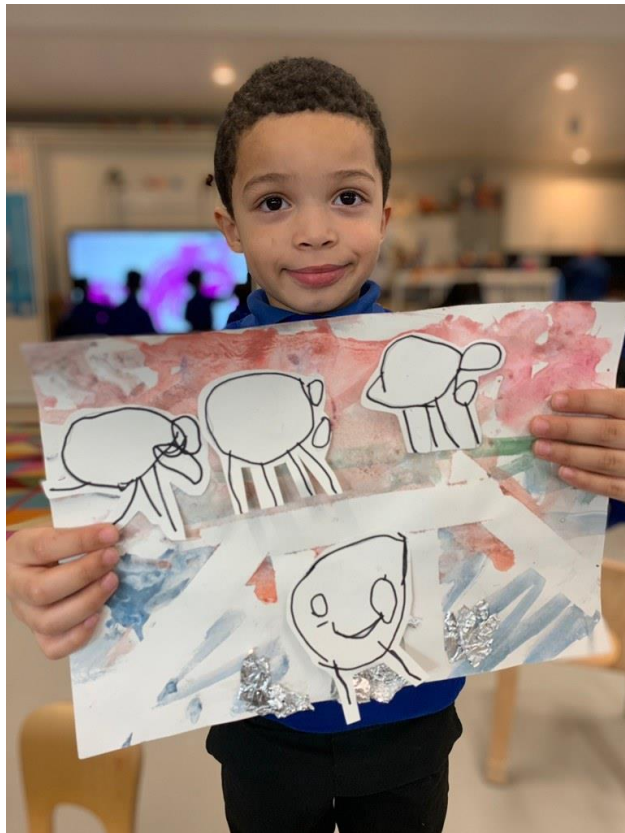
P.E.: The children have two P.E. lessons every week where they learn to coordinate their bodies, follow instructions, learn rules and improve their gross motor skills.

The Other Early Learning Goals:

The majority of the children's learning in Nursery is done through small group work which is sometimes teacher-led and sometimes independent. You will see from the photographs below that we aim for all of our activities to be highly engaging and full of fun.

Here are just a few of the activities and things children have made so far this term: troll soup; cakes for Little Red Riding Hood's Granny; cardboard billy goats, bridges, Hansel and Gretel houses, wigs for Goldilocks and many more!

Mark Bird and Jacqui Sitch













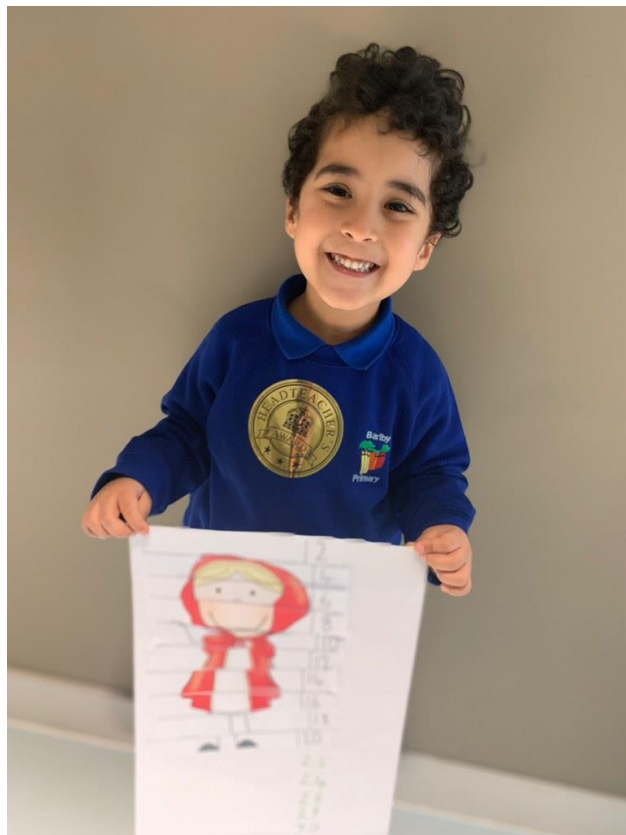


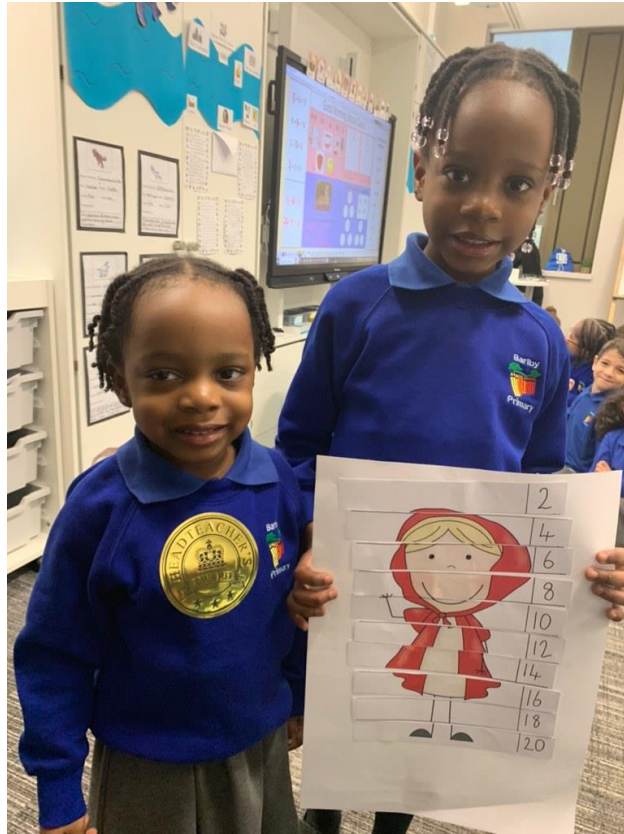




















Monty Moments!



Hello! I hope you enjoy this photo of me surrounded by books....I can't read so I am going to rely on the children to read to me next week! I am hoping for stories about llamas, chasing balls and sausages!

Love from Monty



World Book Day



The theme of World Book Day 2024 is 'Read Your Way'. We are encouraging the children to share their love of reading with one another, whatever book or text that might be and wherever they would like to read!

Dressing up:

On **Friday 8th March** we are encouraging everyone to dress up as a book or nursery rhyme character of their choice. *Please do not feel you have to buy something for the day, we encourage the children to use their imagination and use items that you already have at home!*

Inviting Parents/Carers to read to classes:

We would love to welcome adults to come in at the end of the school day during next week (Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March) to share a story, text or even a poem with your child's class. If this is something you would like to do, please speak to your class teacher at drop off or hometime and they will be happy to organise with you 😊

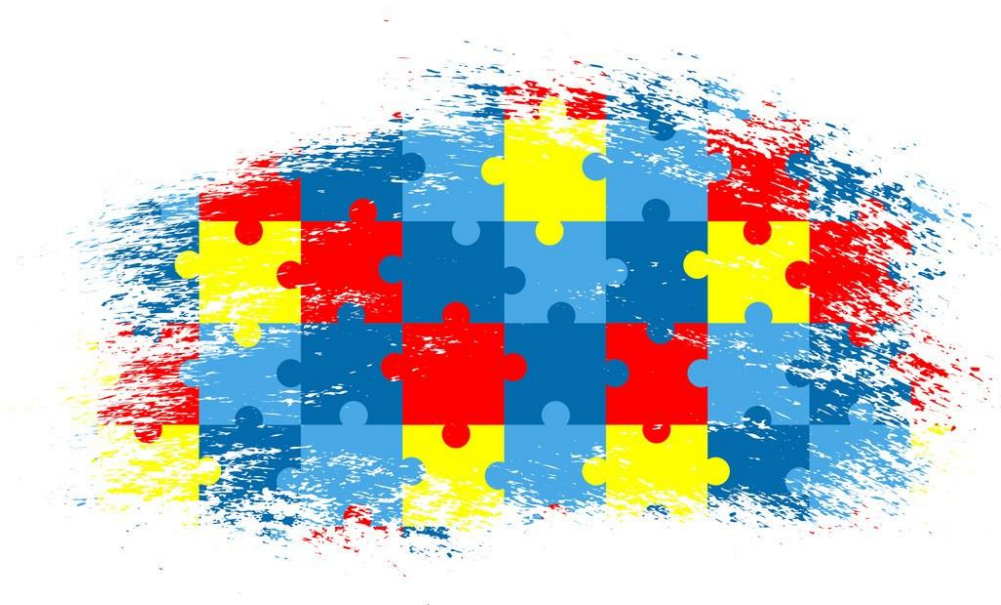
Photos of 'Read Your Way'

As the theme is 'Read Your Way' we would love to see photos of the children enjoying reading in weird and wonderful ways. This could be reading upside down in the park, snuggled on the sofa or at the dinner table! Please take these wonderful photos and send them to your class teacher via email. Email addresses can be found on our newsletter or on our school website. These photos will be shared in an assembly next week – the crazier the better!

We will use the week to further encourage a love for reading across the school to promote reading for pleasure. During the week, all children will be involved in special activities and get to meet a range of different visitors. We look forward to sharing this with you on our social media or the newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me on Zhane.atherly@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk.

Zhane Atherly

Autism Acceptance Week



Autism Acceptance week is beginning the week commencing the 25th of March. This week will allow the children to gain a better understanding of what Autism is but also celebrate our children who learn differently. During the week, different classes and year groups will be involved in a range of exciting activities, assemblies and even a silent disco! The children will also have a chance to express themselves with a non-uniform day 'The Colour Spectrum' where we encourage children to come into school in their brightest and boldest clothes

Barlby's Got Talent



Barlby Primary is welcoming back Barlby's Got Talent for Comic Relief. Each class will have a solo performer and group performance. Auditions will take place during Early Bird (8:20am - 8:40am) in the school hall.

Auditions will start from the week commencing Monday 4th March up to Monday 11th March. The children will vote for a class solo performer and group performance to represent their class. It would lovely to see come cultural performances also.

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A snapshot of February...

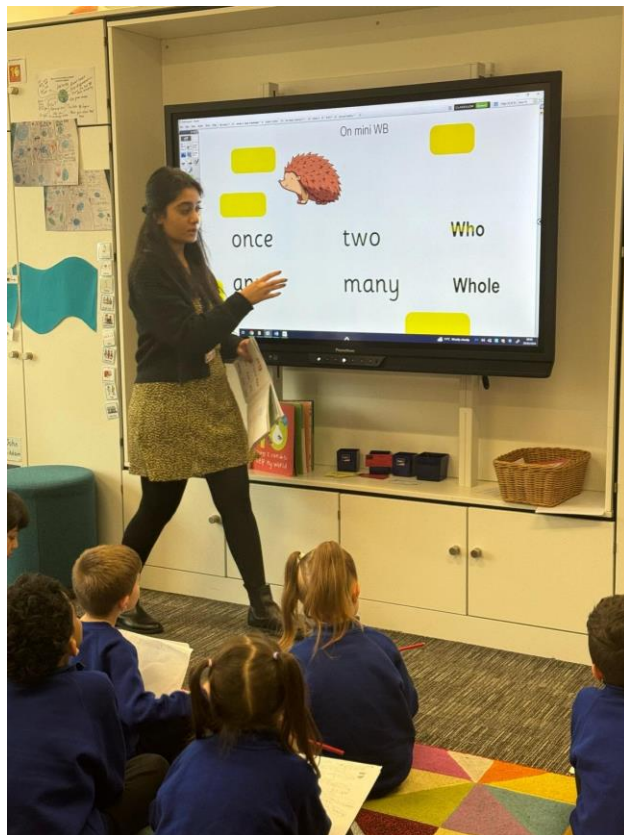














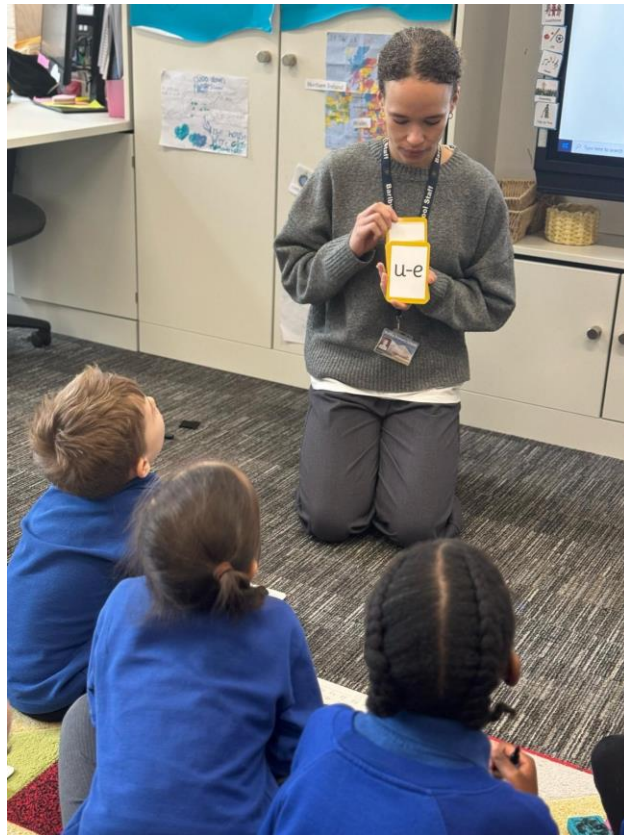


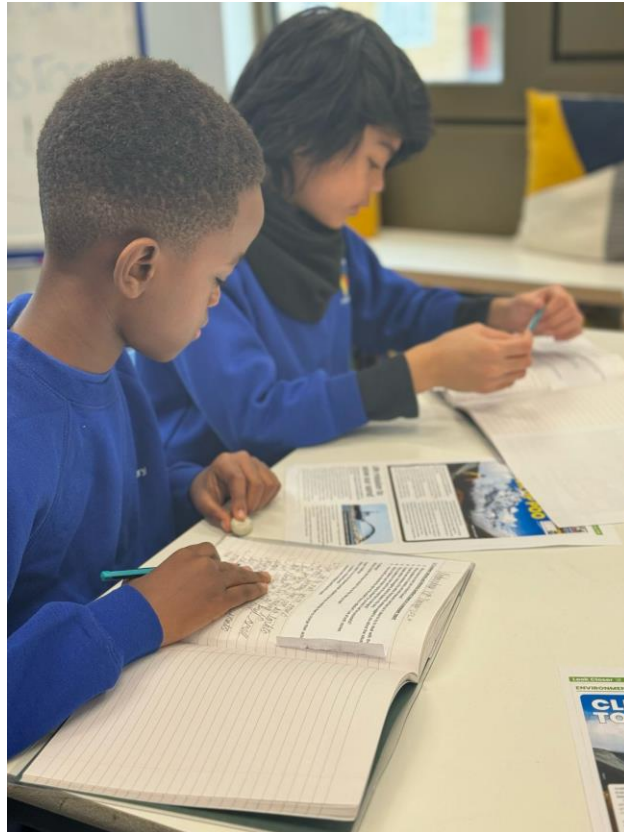



































All members of the school community should be treated with respect and, therefore, we must all set a good example in our own speech and behaviour. Know that we work really hard for your child and we are human too!

ADULTS WHEN ON SCHOOL SITE PLEASE REMEMBER:



**RESPECT
STAFF AND
EACH
OTHER**



**BE KIND,
COURTEOUS
AND AVOID
MALICIOUS
GOSSIP**



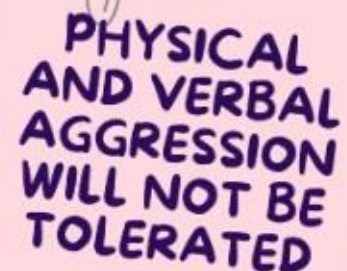
**RESPECT THE
BUILDING AND
ENVIRONMENT**



**DO NOT
SMOKE OR
VAPE ON
SITE**



**USE
APPROPRIATE
LANGUAGE -
NO SWEARING,
RACISM OR
SHOUTING**



**PHYSICAL
AND VERBAL
AGGRESSION
WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED**

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)

caleb.catantan@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Balfour 2)

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

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jordan.jenkins-james@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Orchard 1 an Lead Teacher)

lewis.grewcock@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk (Orchard 2)

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



1 - Nursery: Mr Bird and Mrs Sitch



2 - Reception: Maria Gomez (Peabody) Ms Harrison (Sutton)



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



4 - Year 2: Mr Catantan (Balfour) Ms Jethwa (Burleigh)



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



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



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



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