

The Federation of Barnehurst Schools



Newsletter



Friday 20th November 2020

Dates for the diary...

Please be reminded that there is no forest school next week

Monday 30th November

- Elmer forest School

Tuesday 1st December

- Granger and Gruffalo Forest School

Wednesday 2nd December

- BFG and Peter Rabbit Forest School

Thursday 3rd December

- Matilda Forest school

Friday 13th November

- Gandalf Forest School

Headteacher Update

I have certainly had a strange couple of weeks and am very relieved to be back at school! Your support and patience over the next few weeks, which may potentially be a bit tricky, will be very much appreciated. I would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful Barnehurst Team who stepped up in my absence to ensure the school continued business as usual!

*"What do you want to be
when you grow up?"*



"Kind" said the boy

This week at Barnehurst was Anti-Bullying week, which was organised by Miss Herbert our PSHE Leader. We have been making links to our school values, particularly the value of kindness, during Anti-Bullying week. Miss Herbert put together a video with information for parents, which is available [here](#). As a parent, I know from personal experience, it is hard to manage children's feelings (and our own!) when they experience difficult times with friendships or are having difficulties with particular children but how we react as a parents and carers is so important. We need to be helping children find strategies for dealing with difficult situations and building their resilience, developing their emotional wellbeing toolbox. This video from Place2be provides great ideas to support parents managing a difficult time. Please click [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

Mrs Shields

Self Isolation

Please ensure that if you have reported to us that your child needs to isolate at home, due to having symptoms themselves or someone in their household having symptoms, and you MUST let us know of the negative test result BEFORE your child returns back to school. This will save them being taken to the isolation area whilst we try and contact you.

Parking

Following on from the ParentMail I sent earlier in the week about not parking on the zig zags, I have been alerted to the fact that parents and carers are parking dangerously on pavements and on corners. We all need to do our bit to keep everyone safe, so please think twice about where you are parking.

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Pantomime

We had a bit of an early panto this year, so that we could have additional performances for social distancing. The children had a marvelous time!

"I really liked it! They went behind the screen and we could see them in black and white! When they came out we couldn't see them anymore!" Finn, Year 4



A Zoom Call with Sir David

Sir David Evernett, our local MP was due to visit Barnehurst this term, but due to lockdown was unable to come. This term, Year 5's topic is 'Power and Politics' and they were due to interview Sir David as part of their learning. The Year 5 teachers asked Sir David if he would be prepared to meet with Year 5 on Zoom, so the children could ask their questions and he agreed! The children asked Sir David a range of questions about his job and also about issues that are important to them. Some of their questions included:

- What do you want to change about the world?
- Can you get the Government to make more homeless shelters?
- Why are you closing shops because of Coronavirus?
- Can we make a recycling fine to make people recycle more?

As usual, the children did the school proud and were a great audience. Sir David was going into a meeting with the Prime Minister straight after meeting with the Year 5 children. This was an important insight for our children into the world of politics and I wonder if an MP or the Prime Minister of the future is sitting in a classroom at Barnehurst.



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Term Dates

A reminder of term dates for the end of this term and the Spring term.

Autumn Term 2

Start: Monday 2 November 2020
Finish: Friday 18 December 2020 2pm Finish

Christmas break: Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January 2021

Spring Term 3

Start: Monday 4 January 2021 INSET Day
Children return to school on Tuesday 5 January 2021
Children last day Thursday 11 February
Finish: Friday 12 February 2021 INSET Day

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

Spring Term 4

Start: Monday 22 February 2021
Finish: Thursday 1 April 2021 2pm Finish

Good Friday: 2 April 2021

Easter Monday: 5 April 2021

Spring break: Tuesday 6 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021

Don't forget...

Please don't forget to update the parental consent form to make sure we have the most up to date information for your child. The form is available [here](#) until 27 November 2020.

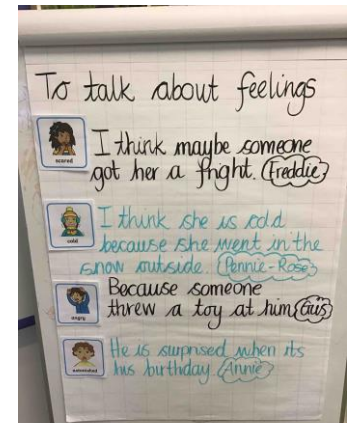
Bexley LA Annual Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - Survey for parents and carers 2020

This annual survey is for Bexley to understand the views and experiences of parents and carers of children and young people (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) in Bexley. You can take the survey [here](#).

Anti-Bullying Week

Children have been learning about bullying in an appropriate way, depending on their age.

In Nursery, the children have been learning about feelings. We shared different ways we can feel and gave examples of when we felt this way. We also spoke about how sometimes we don't need someone to tell us how they are feeling, we can look at their face, mouth, eyebrows, shoulders etc. This is called body language. The children practised using this new word and we practiced putting it in context. We then looked at some pictures and spoke about the person's body language. We shared ideas of how we could help our friends if they were not feeling happy or if they are needing help



The children in Year 5 and 6 have been focussing on online safety and being kind online. The children have been reflecting on the importance of using kind words online and making sure that we understand the impact of what we say online, including social media. The children used 'The 14 ways to be kind online' poster and then designed their own poster.



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Attendance at Barnehurst



Week beginning 9.11.20	
Class	% Attendance this week
Baloo	89.8%
Mowgli	100%
Elmer	95.3%
Wilbur	98.3%
Gruffalo	99.1%
Supertato	100%
Peter Rabbit	100%
Paddington	100%
Aslan	100%
Matilda	97.8%
BFG	100%
Christopher Robin	96.9%
Aragorn	96.5%
Gandalf	93.2%
Granger	94.7%
Dumbledore	92.1%

Week beginning 16.11.20	
Class	% Attendance this week
Baloo	89.9%
Mowgli	94.4%
Elmer	96.9%
Wilbur	98.3%
Gruffalo	88.6%
Supertato	87.8%
Peter Rabbit	88.8%
Paddington	89.5%
Aslan	88.7%
Matilda	87.8%
BFG	86.8%
Christopher Robin	86.1%
Aragorn	98.8%
Gandalf	98.7%
Granger	98.9%
Dumbledore	93.2%

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