

The Federation of Barnehurst Schools



Newsletter



Friday 17th June 2022

Dates for the diary...

Monday 20th June

- Relationship, Sex and Health Education Week in Year 5 and 6
- 1.30pm Juniors Sports Day
- Travelling book fair after school

Tuesday 21st June

- Rashford Forest School
- Malala swimming
- Travelling book fair after school

Wednesday 22nd June

- Farrah and Wonder Forest School
- Malala swimming

Thursday 23rd June

- Earhart and Gandhi Forest School
- Malala swimming

Friday 24th June

- Hawking and Turing Forest School

Monday 27th June

- Maathai Forest School
- PM Year 4 Choir Rehearsal
- 4pm Year 6 PGL meeting

Tuesday 28th June

- Malala swimming
- Year 4 trip to Mosque
- Nursery sports day

Wednesday 29th June

- Kahlo, Simmonds and Turing Forest School
- Malala swimming

Thursday 30th June

- Malala swimming
- Curie class church visit
- Gandhi and Armstrong class forest school

Friday 1st July

- Hawking class on church visit

The last day of term is 22nd July. We will be finishing at 2pm.

Headteacher Update

I can't believe we are actually in the final half term of the school year. This year seems to have flown past and I am glad we are able to finish the year with lots of events where parents can come into school and get involved like sports days and the Jubilee concert.

This week the children in Year Four have been doing their Multiplication Check, which is a new assessment set by the Government. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The assessment involves asking 25 times table questions on the iPad with only 6 seconds per question. The Year 4 children have worked very hard on this and all did their very best, which is all we can ask. Well done Year 4!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Best wishes,

Mrs Shields

Weather Reminders

Now that the weather is warmer, I wanted to remind parents to apply sun cream before school each day and please send your child to school with a sunhat and a bottle of water.

We also ask that children bring a fold way waterproof coat which they can leave in their bag in case it rains, as well know what British weather can be like!



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Infants Sports Day

Our first Sports Day with parents for two years happened this week and it was brilliant! Mr Turner organised a great afternoon and there was lots of fun. All of the children completed a variety of activities and our new format meant that the children were on the go all of the time! We hope all of the parents and carers enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did and we are looking forward to the Junior sports day on Monday.



Chartwells

We have been delighted to welcome Louise from Chartwells this week who has been doing healthy eating workshops with the whole school. The sessions with the Infants focussed on the importance of healthy eating, the eat well guide and the various food groups. The hands-on activity was based on the Hungry Caterpillar Book. After reading the story pupils took part in a food art activity – creating their own hungry caterpillar or beautiful butterfly using sliced fruit and vegetables. Children were encouraged to then enjoy their creation - a healthy snack! The Junior children had the same educational focus as above but with an interactive activity of creating their own rainbow wraps - wraps filled with different coloured vegetables as well a protein and dairy fillings covering all the food groups – a balanced meal!



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Inclusion Quality Mark – Centre of Excellence

I am delighted to say that we had an annual review to retain our status of Inclusion Quality Mark – Centre of Excellence and the school has been successful in retaining this status. The IQM is a nationally recognised framework designed to guide schools to become educationally inclusive. The Federation of Barnehurst Schools is one of only 200 schools in the country to achieve this award.

The report the assessor wrote stated, "It is a truly inclusive school that is happy to share its practice and to work with other schools." The Assessor praised the school's progress in its curriculum, particularly in the Humanities subjects.

Other praise for the school included the long list of positives that pupils supplied when asked what the best things about Barnehurst were and parents told the Assessor that "the relationship between teachers and pupils is very strong, and staff know the pupils and their families very well."



Mental Health First Aiders



I'm delighted to share with you that last term we had an additional 7 members of staff receive the MHFA training. This now brings our total number of Mental Health First aiders to 8.

The course has given our staff the confidence and tools they need to help spot early signs of mental health issues in young people, provide first aid and help guide them towards the support they need. Although, the course didn't teach the staff to be therapists, it did teach them to listen, reassure and respond to our children's needs and allowing early intervention to prevent things escalating to crisis point.

Over the next few weeks, the children will have an assembly where they'll be introduced to all the Mental Health First Aiders and it will be explained how the children can have access to the staff should they need support.

The trained staff are a mixture of staff from across the school, teachers, support staff and mid-day supervisors. We felt it was important that we give children every opportunity to reach out. The staff will also be wearing MHFA Badges (When they arrive!) which will allow them to be easily identified.



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Chessington

As their time at Barnehurst begins to draw to close and we prepare to say goodbye, we have a whole host of activities lined up for the children and this started last week with our trip to Chessington. As ever, the Year 6's behaviour was exemplary and a fabulous day was had by all. We have lots more planned for the rest of the year including school journey and the Prom.



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SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2022
11AM-4PM

**THE NEST, CYGNET SQUARE, SE2 9FA,
THE MUGA SPORTS AREA, SE2 9TN
& THE ATRIUM COMMUNITY CENTRE
& GARDENS IN THAMESMEAD, DA18 4DG**

11am kick off with **FREE** demo and taster of Zero-Waste Brunch with Kitche and OLIO, with Chef Dan. Formerly a private Chef, Dan went on to become Head Food Champion at Recipease by Jamie Oliver!

Over 50 stalls including food vendors, workshops, **FREE** food tasters, smoothie bikes, entertainment and activities throughout the day!

A family fun day out for all.

This event is sponsored by **CORY** **BEXLEY**



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Visiting Book Fair

A reminder that our visiting book fair will be open for parents and carers after school on Monday and Tuesday in the Infants playground. There is a great 3 for 3 offer!



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Attendance at Barnehurst



School Target 96%

Class	% Attendance this week
Simmonds	77.5
Farrah	90.6
Kahlo	89.7
Wonder	81.3
Armstrong	80
Earhart	93.3
Attenborough	91.7
Maathai	98.3
Hawking	91
Curie	93
Rashford	95.7
Pankhurst	96
Gandhi	91.7
Parks	93.4
Turing	91.5
Malala	92.1

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