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# Barham Primary Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

## Dates for your diary:

### Class Assemblies

**29 March** 3J (NB Thursday)

**27 April** Reception 3

### Other Dates for Your Diary

26 March Year 6 SATS meetings

For parents 8.50 & 5.30

27 March 2E & 2H trip to Monument

28 March 2F & 2G trip to Monument

29 March Last day of term

16 April Start of Summer term

17 April Class photographs

20 April Year 5 residential

## Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have heard, Alperton High School Teacher, Andria Zafirakou has been announced as the winner of a competition to find the world's best teacher!

Art and textiles teacher Andria Zafirakou is the first British title holder of the Global Teacher Prize.

The result was revealed at the Global Skills and Education Forum in Dubai last weekend

Barham Primary School warmly congratulates Andria on her incredible achievement.



**GLOBAL  
TEACHER  
PRIZE**  
VARKEY FOUNDATION

"There is no other job like being a teacher. In what other profession are you selfless and completely devoted to creating the right conditions and opportunities for another person to achieve? Being in a classroom and watching a student have an idea and transform it into a formidable outcome is so satisfying and fulfills me." *Andria Zafirakou*



## Attendance and

### Punctuality Update:

Having excellent attendance and punctuality is crucial to your child's success at Barham. Every child should aim to improve on last year. The expectation is that children are in school EVERY DAY. Whole school attendance this week was 96.5%

This week's classes with top attendance: **1D 100% & 4Q 100%**



**'National Maths Competition Success for Barham Pupils'** Year 5 & 6 pupils participated in ~ The **'Primary Maths Challenge PMC'** in November and 5 pupils progressed through to the February 'Bonus Round'. This is an especially challenging problem-solving maths paper and this year was extra hard! Congratulations to the following who achieved Bronze Medals: – *Neel Patel 6Z, Aisha Sheikh 6W & Devansh Shah 5U* and the very close scores from *Panth Patel 6W & Jay Dangodara 6W*



### **LAMDA Public Speaking, Poetry & Prose Classes**

Congratulations to all the pupils who took external examinations in December & January. Nearly 30 children achieved Merits & Distinctions. More results are expected soon from the February & March exams.

A new term of classes will begin after Easter and parents are asked to secure their child's place by paying on Parentpay by 15<sup>th</sup> April.

If your child would like to join these classes please speak to/ send your child's details to Cristiane Burke in the school office before the end of this term. Currently the classes are:

***Year 1 – Mondays ; Years 2,3,4 – Thursdays ; Year 5 – Tuesdays ; Year 6 - Thursdays***

### **Mathematics**

At Barham Primary School, we aim to foster a positive attitude to the learning of Mathematics and to help children enjoy Maths activities. It is important that children have a rapid recall of number bonds and multiplication tables which can be learnt both at home and in school. It is essential that children develop speed and accuracy in their mental calculations to help them with written work throughout their school years and then in later life.

There is a school policy for calculations in Maths, which is available for parents to read on request from the School Office or on the Parents section of the school website:

<https://www.barhamprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Barham+Maths+Calculation+Guide&pid=82>

Children are taught different methods according to their age group. Ask your child to show you what they have learned at school. This helps children to articulate their learning and reasoning and shows that children are working at greater depth.

There are many ways you can help your child to develop their Maths at home, for example number games, Maths in cooking and the use of educational website. Playing games with your child can be a great way of helping to develop skills and confidence in maths. KS2 children have access to **Manga High** and we would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to spend some time each week practising their maths skills using this great on-line re-source. If you have any questions, please talk to your class teacher or phase leader.

## ATTENDANCE

Gentle reminder:

At Barham Primary School we expect parents and carers to ensure that children attend school regularly and arrive on time. We also ask that parents/carers contact the school office without delay to inform us of reasons for lateness or absence.

When teachers report to parents at the end of the academic year, they will give a percentage figure to represent the child's attendance for that year. Concerns will be raised if the child's attendance has fallen below 96%. We will recommend the Education Welfare Officer becomes involved with your child's attendance records. They will contact you about this.

There is a school policy for attendance, which is available for parents to read on request either on the policy section of the school website or by popping into the school office.

If your child has time off school look at the table below to show the impact on their learning.

Attendance 95-100%	Best possible chance of success	Your child is taking full advantage of his/her learning
Attendance 90-95%	Has lost at least 2 weeks of learning	Satisfactory. Perhaps your child may have to spend time to keep up with their work.
Attendance 85-90%	Has lost at least 4 weeks of learning	Your child could be in danger of underachieving and may need your help and support to keep up with their work.
Attendance 80-85%	Has lost at least 5½ weeks of learning	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on their learning.

Every school day counts towards your child's future.

Days off school and poor punctuality add up to lost learning.

If your child is frequently late for school it adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year

If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Hicham