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# Barham Primary Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## Dates for your diary:

### Class Assemblies

4 May 1A

11 May 1D

18 May 1B

25 May 2H

### Other Dates for Your Diary

7 May Bank Holiday

9 May Year 1 Phonics workshops  
3.30-4.30pm

14 May Year 6 SATS week

21 May Walk to School Week

## MARVELLOUS MATHS!

Last Monday, Barham students excelled themselves at the Quiz Club **National Mathematics Championship** by winning **3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>** prize. It was an exciting way to challenge our pupils' mathematical ability, speed and mental agility whilst showcasing our most able young mathematicians' abilities. Our Barham teams solved quick fire calculations, used logical thinking to work out more complex problems on time, measurement, money, fractions, decimals, percentages, statistics, geometry and algebra in front of a cheering and excited crowd. Congratulations Barham!



## A FAMOUS VISITOR!

Children and staff in years 4, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to be part of an audience with comedian, TV presenter and children's author Harry Hill last week. Harry regaled his audience with a live comedy show, a presentation about his journey to becoming an author as well as a reading from one of his newest books, "Matt Millz" all about a child who wants to be a comedian. Children and staff alike also had the opportunity to purchase a copy of one of his books, all of which had been personally signed by Harry himself! It was a rib-tickling morning and we can't wait for another author to visit us soon!



## Attendance and Punctuality

Having excellent attendance and punctuality is crucial to your child's success at Barham. Every child should aim to consistently improve. The expectation is that children are in school EVERY DAY. Whole school attendance this week was 95.9%

This week's classes with top attendance: **1D 6V and 6Y 100%**



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

**YEAR 6** These past few weeks have proved a busy time in Year 6 but the hard work, perseverance and resilience of our children have shone through. Easter booster sessions proved a huge success and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and parents for their support. Furthermore, we would also look to you – parents – for your continued support over the next few weeks by ensuring your children maintain good attendance, read at home daily and complete homework tasks to the best of their ability. We are also highly conscious of the children's wellbeing at this time and have incorporated mindfulness sessions into our timetable. We ask at home if you can ensure your children go to bed at a regular time each evening and computer games are only played at weekends for periods no longer than 30 minutes. Year 6 are also aware that this period of time will be over shortly and are looking forward to the opportunities over the next few weeks – which include days trips, workshops and of course working on our performance of the Year 6 play.

**YEAR 5** We had a very successful residential, where the children faced their fears and participated in activities they never thought they could. This half term, Year 5 have been focusing on persuasive writing. This week the children have researched the benefits to a healthy porridge breakfast so they can persuade year 6 to have this before SATs. A letter should have gone home with your child this week regarding a visit to the Globe Theatre. The cost of the trip is £10 and the children will gain many experiences that link to both writing and topic.

**YEAR 3** The Year 3 Times Table Challenge is drawing closer as we approach the end of the year, please use the coming weeks to practice with your children. The challenge will consist of 2 rounds, the first round is based on times tables up to 12 x 12 and the second round is based on times tables up to 25 x 12. Only 12 children from each class (6 for each round) can be selected for the challenges so we will be looking for speed and accuracy. Has your child got what it takes?

### THE WE PROJECT AT BARHAM

On 7th March 2018, children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from the School Council, RRS steering group and those that just work really hard were selected to attend the SSE Arena in Wembley. They attended an unparalleled event bringing together bringing world-renowned speakers, A-list performers and tens of thousands of other pupils to celebrate a year of action that transformed communities and changed lives. The children reflected on their experience and shared this with years 4 and 5 in an assembly.

The assembly was used to congratulate all those children who were chosen to attend WE Day 2018. As a result they all understand that putting an event together like that is no mean feat, but they did. They do this year after year. They thanked all those volunteers, speakers and special guests who were part of the event as they were truly inspired by all of them.

Being part of such a big movement means that a great deal of work goes into an event. Many lessons have been learnt from this experience and we want the children at Barham to continue to be involved in the WE campaigns.

**Article 28 & 29 states that you have a right to an education and that this should develop your talents and abilities.** This is exactly what being part of such a movement does for our children.



### WELL DONE RECEPTION 3

The children in Reception 3 performed their *St George's Day* class assembly to a very appreciative audience of parents, staff and children. The children articulated and remembered all their lines and acting parts as they told the story of St George and the Dragon.



Once again we must ask parents to **be considerate** to our neighbours and other drivers and pedestrians when driving and parking near our school.

Please do not drive onto the school grounds to drop off or collect children **at any time**. There is no parking for parents in the school car park.

Please do not drive right up to the school gates – it is dangerous and causes congestion.

Please do not park on the pavement, across driveways or on zigzag lines.

Please ensure your child is safe when getting out of a parked car.

Please do not bring children to school on adult bicycles unless they are in a proper child seat and wearing a safety helmet.

Please take care and keep your children close to you when walking to school and in the school grounds.

Children should dismount from bikes and scooters at the gates and not ride them on the premises.

**Brent Educational Psychology Service**  
**Parent Drop-In Sessions with an Educational Psychologist (EP)**  
Venue: Manor School, Chamberlayne Road, London NW10 3NT  
Date: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2018  
Book a 45 minute session\* between 9.00am and 12pm  
\*sessions must be booked in advance



The EP parent drop-in sessions are offered to any parent or carer who would like to have some time to discuss any concerns with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential and informal. Each session is up to 45 minutes.

To book a session contact the Brent EPS on 0208 937 3200 or email: [eps@brent.gov.uk](mailto:eps@brent.gov.uk)

There are limited spaces and sessions are allocated on a first book first offered basis



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Your child's school

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## **FASTING DURING RAMADAN**

This year, the Islamic holy month of Ramadan is predicted to start around the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This is the first time that Ramadan will coincide with KS2 SAT'S week (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018) and will have one of the longest average fasting hours in the northern hemisphere during the 33 year cycle.

As you are aware, fasting at this time of year lasts approximately 16 hours and as a school we have some concerns about how this may affect the wellbeing and concentration of our children, particularly those sitting the SATs.

The ASCL (Association of School and College Leaders,) has issued guidance in collaboration with Islamic scholars, Imams and other leaders,) which states that 'No child under the age of puberty is obliged or expected to fast, and fasting is only obligatory when a child reaches adulthood.' Children in primary schools are therefore considered too young to observe the full fast. It is the responsibility of parents to make the decision whether a child is mature enough physically, mentally and emotionally to be undertaking a full fast during school hours.

If you wish your child to fast, we require a letter addressed to the head teacher stating your permission for your child to fast in school hours. Please bear in mind that if your child has permission to fast we will cancel their school meal until the end of Ramadan. Letters giving permission must clearly state that you understand this and that be handed to the class teacher by the morning of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Thank you for your continued support.

**BARHAM'S GREEN PROJECT** Excited students at Barham Primary School welcomed Brent North MP Barry Gardiner, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, to celebrate the launch of their Green Project. Led by the School Council, the green initiative aims to help make the school, the local community and the global community become more environmentally friendly. The day started with two assemblies, where the children in the School Council presented the World's Largest Lesson (UNICEF) and performed a Green Song, which the whole school had been learning for some time. The children also presented a video of different projects that students within the school have taken part in, to become green. These included: planting seeds to grow flowers (to attract insects including bees), planting herbs and vegetables to be used by the canteen (to reduce carbon footprints), recycling paper and supporting fair trade. Other initiatives that the children are hoping to support include composting and encouraging walking to school.

Dr Davda, who leads the School Council said that she was "very proud of all of the students who had taken part in the Green Launch, especially the School Council, for their diligence and passion, championing and leading this very important project". Mr Gardiner gave a thought provoking and encouraging address to the children about the importance of environmental sustainability and the importance of treating each other and the environment with respect.

After the assembly, the school council put their MP in the 'hot seat' by asking him lots of questions ranging from how he got into politics and what he thought about Russian Policy towards Britain. Student, Hema Pindoria said that she had found Mr Gardiner's interview with them "inspiring". The event closed with a cake cutting ceremony, to the delight of the children.

