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### **A Strange Discovery at BBS...**

A strange surprise awaited the children when they arrived at school on Thursday last week. A time travelling craft had crash landed in the wildlife area over night! Historic artefacts were scattered around the crash site and a forensic scientist explained that they were from many different eras ranging from the Egyptians to the Romans. This exciting discovery led to a great deal of enthusiastic conversations and theories that had the whole school thinking and problem solving. This thrilling event has also allowed us to launch into our History topic- the children are now eager to investigate these different time periods in more depth back in their classrooms!



### **Statutory Assessments (SATS)**

The children in Year 6 will complete their SATS tests next Monday- Thursday. The children have all been working hard and are very well prepared for the assessments. They are a wonderful group of individuals who are such assets to Barlby Bridge; always bringing positivity to their learning and showing kindness and care to all. These assessments are just a small part of their learning journey through school and in no way represent their many wonderful achievements throughout their time at Barlby Bridge. We wish all of the children well and know they will do their best. The children in Year 2 will also complete their SATS assessments this month. The children will work in small groups led by Miss Ellis and Miss Ledger. The assessments will be completed in this way to ensure the children work in a familiar way to their usual classroom practise. The assessments in Year 2 are used to inform the teacher judgements made and are just one part of the evidence collection that takes place.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Over the next term, children in Venus, Earth and Mars will take part in Forest Schools lessons led by Mr Wood, our Level 3 Qualified Forest Schools Teacher. Children will develop a number of skills through the sessions through learning in an open outdoor space. Forest Schools has been shown to develop confidence and improve self-esteem which has a positive impact on children's emotional and mental well-being. In addition, the sessions will promote resilience, independence, resourcefulness and collaboration.

Parents of these classes are invited to experience the sessions themselves.

Dates to follow shortly.



We hope you will be able to join the class for their outdoor session!



### **Summer Weather**

I write this post in hope of warmer weather following the wet Bank Holiday weekend! Over the warmer months, please could children bring a hat and water bottle to school every day. If bringing sun cream in, it is useful to label the bottle to ensure no mix ups in school. Children can wear shoe sandals to school in the summer months but these must be mostly covered and still safe for outdoor use. The other usual uniform expectations remain the same. Only plain, navy or black shows are allowed to be worn in school; items with white or coloured logos or soles are not part of the school uniform.



## School Fundraising

What an amazing response we have to the recent fundraising for the school reading resources, thank you so much for the support you have given- we are extremely grateful. In total, £375 was raised from the Bring and Buy sale in April. The refreshments and raffle held at the Mini-Mudder raised £175 and we have £788 in sponsorship money so far. This brings the reading fundraiser to an impressive £2035 so far which includes £105 raised from the non-uniform before the holidays and a £250 donation from Whitworth Mills- thank you to Mrs Gibson who applied for this grant. We would be grateful if all other sponsorship monies could be returned to school by Friday. We will then notify the winners and distribute prizes.

## Parent Forum

Our half termly parent forum will meet this Thursday at 9am. All are welcome and it would be excellent to have representation from different year groups. Topics for discussion will include summer term events, curriculum changes and developing a learning entitlement at Barlby Bridge. Please do come along if you are able to spare half an hour. The ideas and views shared contribute to school actions and developments.

## Tour de Yorkshire



Last Friday, the children had the opportunity to take part in learning activities related to the Tour de Yorkshire. This included learning about the race itself, making flags and studying maps of the cyclist's routes. In addition, the children had the opportunity to take part in our very own Tour de Barlby Bridge; as Cameron in Year 5 reports:

'On Friday, we celebrated the Tour de Yorkshire by bringing in our own Bikes and Scooter to take part in the Tour de Barlby Bridge. We rode around the playground following our course. It was lots of fun with all children in the school taking part. We also checked our pulse rate to see how hard our heart was working.'

Well done to all of the children who took part in this special event.



## Important Dates for your Diary

<b>WC Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 2 SATS week
<b>WC Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS week
<b>WC Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 2 SATS week
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School closes for half term holiday
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School opens
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5 visit to Woodmeadow Trust
<b>WC Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class Photographs
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Summer Fair
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports' Day
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Reports Home
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School closes at 2pm for Summer Holidays
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	School opens

## Curriculum Update

You may have heard the news related to the Ofsted consultation on a new Inspection Framework to be implemented from September 2019. From September, school inspections will focus more upon the curriculum being at the heart of the framework. This is a move away from more outcome focused inspections towards an expectation that schools develop a broader curriculum, allowing children to acquire wider curriculum knowledge. We are extremely proud of our curriculum at Barlby Bridge and feel that this is something we have prioritised in recent years. Always aware of developing further as a school, this will be a focus area that will be prioritised through the summer term and in school development planning next year. As a school, we are eager to develop a learning entitlement for children which will include different experiences that all learners will take part in through their time at Barlby Bridge. Emphasis will also be placed upon ensuring all subjects, including humanities, art and PSHE receive appropriate focus.

The parent forum meeting tomorrow will be the first opportunity to share the next steps for our school curriculum; please do come along to this meeting and share your thoughts, views and ideas.