



# BARNFIELDS' BULLETIN

Spring Term Newsletter - Week 6 (15.02.2019)

**Our School Values: Reflection, Respect, Positivity, Responsibility, Resilience.**

## MESSAGE FROM MR BALL:

Wow, that's another half term over and I can't believe how quickly time is flying!

This has been such a busy half term, as they all seem to be now, and looking back through my diary, it's incredible to see how much we have managed to fit in. I continue to be impressed with the progress that the children are making and love to see the pride in their faces when they come to see me with their work. The engagement of the children in their learning is very evident when I walk around the school and they all seem to be really enjoying their learning.

It was great to be able to share Parents' Evening with you all over the last two evenings and I have the privilege of being in the hall and seeing the excitement in the children's faces when they get to show you the work in their books. Thank you to all of you who managed to attend, we had a 99.6% attendance rate which is fantastic. If you missed the evening for any reason your child's class teacher will be in touch to try to arrange a meeting with you as we really value the partnership between school and home.

The children have really enjoyed the 'novelty' school meals that the cooks have been preparing for them. It was lovely to see their faces when they were presented with the 'take away' Chinese noodle boxes when we celebrated Chinese New Year- we did however, draw the line at introducing them to chopsticks. Thank you to all the parents who have been able to attend the parent's lunches when we've put them on, if your child's year group haven't had the lunch yet, we will be fitting them in over the next few half-terms.

During the week we had a special visit to one of our assemblies-three Wolverhampton Wanderers players came in to surprise one of our pupils. The football academies run a competition every year in conjunction with the Premier League and academy players are asked to submit a short story as part of the education programme they provide. They then select one story to put forward to compete against all the other Premier League academies and then a national winner is selected. Zac Scutt in Year 6, wrote his story and submitted it and we are so proud to announce that he has become the winner of the national competition. We are incredibly proud of how he manages his football commitments alongside his education- well done.

We are always delighted to be able to celebrate children's success in school, but we really do enjoy finding out about the amazing things that Barnfields' children achieve outside of school. If your child has managed an amazing achievement please contact the school and let us know about it as we would love to find out about them.

It just leaves me to say a big thank you for all your continued support for Barnfields Primary School and to wish you all a happy and healthy half-term holiday.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Last week's winners were:

- |       |                             |       |                   |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| RH -  | Kiki and James              | RM -  | Alfie and Kian    |
| 1DJ - | Hugo and Esmail             | 1T -  | Anderson and Theo |
| 2T -  | Ernie and Caitlin           | 2M -  | Georgia and Henry |
| 3M -  | Emily and Jake              | 3YD - | Tom and Pheobe    |
| 4A -  | Mia, Betsy, Jack and Connor |       |                   |
| 4E -  | Shaun and Dexter            | 4HJ - | Poppy and Ashton  |
| 5A -  | Chloe and Scarlett          | 5S -  | Jamie and Owen    |
| 6T -  | Jake and Simrit             | 6H -  | Ruby and Joe      |

Well done to all the children.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This Half-Term's Squirrel winners were:

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|-------|------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| RH -  | Thomas and Aston James | RM -  | Amaya and Lucas    |
| 1DJ - | Darsha and Beau        | 1T -  | Dexter and Nancy   |
| 2M -  | Olivia and Ashley      | 2T -  | Isla and Emily     |
| 3KD - | Maxwell and Gracie     | 3M -  | Tomas and Matilda  |
| 4A -  | Jack D and Utsav       |       |                    |
| 4E -  | Elsa and Liam          | 4HJ - | Zara and Emily     |
| 5A -  | Alex and Grace         | 5S -  | Oliver and Alannah |
| 6H -  | Lucas and Isla         | 6T -  | Milly and Mia      |

Well done to all the children.



**DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

25/2/19	Children return to school
4-6/3/19	Travelling Book Fayre
6/3/19	Y1 trip to Cannock Chase Toy Museum
7/3/19	World Book Day
7/3/19	Nursery Storytime Café
15/3/19	Comic Relief
22/3/19	Y5 trip to Shugborough
3/4/19	Nursery Easter Craft morning
9/4/19	Farm on Wheels for Early Years
10/4/19	Y3 Pizza making and picnic
12/4/19	Break up for Easter Holidays
29/4/19	Children return to school
6/5/19	May Bank Holiday- school closed

**Attendance:**

***Whole School –this academic year-97.0%***

**By Class**

**Week of: 11.2.19—15.02.19**

RM 82.0%	RH 84.7%	<b>1DJ 99.7%</b>	1T 97.3%
2M 97.0%	2T 95.8%	3YD 91.7%	3M 97.4%
4A 96.4%	4E 98.9%	5S 93.4%	5A 95.9%
	6T 98.0%	6H 93.0%	

Well done to this week to 1DJ for the best attendance. This is the closest we've had to a 100% attendance so far!!

## Zac being presented with his Premier League Writer of the Year trophy



## Grandad's goal in the trenches

My name is Stanley. This year has been different for me and my family as my grandad came to live with us after my granny died. Every night we sit by the fire and drink our hot chocolate and he tells me stories about his time in the war. One of my favourites was when he was in the trenches in northern France; he was hiding in a shell hole. He could hear guns firing, the air was dusty, the ground was trembling and his whole body was filled with fear from the adrenalin pumping through him. Suddenly, a man in a uniform, different from my grandad's, appeared in the dim light. Grandad's heart raced faster than the engine of a spitfire, was this the end? His life over?

To his complete surprise the soldier came up to him and said in his language (German probably) "Be free." This taught my grandad his greatest life lesson: in the midst of evil, good can always come. To this day, he claims that this experience, to overcome bad with good for the rest of his life, makes him a good person. From listening to grandad's stories I have adopted this life goal too, but sometimes (like today for example) it's hard.

Jimmy Borton, who I thought was my friend and ally; who I play football with; walk to school with; who comes to my house for tea on Wednesday and who I tell every secret, copied my essay. Not only did he get me in trouble with Mrs Jones (my kind teacher) but he let her think I copied him and took all the credit for the highest mark in the class!

His goal was to be top of the class and he didn't care if that meant he betrayed his best friend.

I ran home after school and told my grandad the whole story. He said, "Stan, you have a choice here. You can either repay Jimmy with unkindness or you can choose your life goal – to overcome unkindness with kindness. It's the harder path at first because you really want to hurt him back but you will have to be the better person and maybe it will change his heart when he's seen your kindness to him. Just like how the soldier set me free and gave me this life goal to show this gift, you too can spread kindness and make this world a better place."

## Part Time Cleaning Vacancy

**There is a currently a part-time vacancy for a cleaner within the company we use at school. Their advert is below.**

Part-time cleaner required for a school located in Stafford  
(near Radford Bank/ Wildwood estate)

Monday to Friday (15 hours evening) 3:30pm-6:30pm

Rate of pay is £7.83.

Duties include vacuuming, dusting, polishing in classrooms, circulation areas, cleaning of toilets.

Experience preferred but not essential as full training will be provided.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a DBS check.

To apply please call 01583 307003

### Cycling and 'Scooting' to School

Please talk to your children about their safety, and that of others, when they are cycling or coming to school on their scooters. We have to share the roads and footpaths with pedestrians and young children, so it is important we are considerate to all. Thank you.

### Bag2School Collection – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 8:15am - 9:00am

The next **Bag2School** fundraiser to raise funds for school projects will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

This fundraiser is a great activity to get the children involved with during the half-term holiday and helps raise awareness of the benefits of recycling, reuse and reducing landfill. Thanks to you, we were able to raise £202 with our last collection and we hope we can raise even more this time.

### STAYING IN TOUCH

The school office is open from 8.30am until 4pm daily. Please feel free to pop in and see Mrs Duddy about any enquiries that you may have. You can also follow and communicate with the school in a variety of other ways!

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