



# BARNFIELDS' BULLETIN

Autumn Term Newsletter - Issue 3



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

## A MESSAGE FROM MR BALL:

Wow, what a half-term this has been! Sometimes in education things seem to tick along slowly and other times they go at full-steam ahead- this half-term has certainly been the second of the two! We always look back at the end of every half term to reflect on what we've achieved and what could have gone better. This one has been a genuine whirlwind and we've achieved so much as a school.

The new behaviour policy has been successfully implemented: the children are responding very well to the rewards and have spoken highly of how they feel it supports their learning. In one of our assemblies this week, the behaviour policy was mentioned by lots of children as the one thing that has helped them to achieve. By the time you read this, the children will have had their first reward afternoon and we hope they had a fantastic time, despite having to reduce the activities down to phase bubbles instead of whole school. Our new school signage is now completed around the school, the EYFS and Year 1 playgrounds have been reconfigured and the decoration/ development of the learning environment continues to progress.

Over the past fortnight, Mrs Darlington and I have visited every classroom during our Learning Conferences. We've watched a total of 80 lessons, looked through 216 books and spoken to 40 children to assess the way our curriculum development is impacting on the children's learning. We have been really pleased with the progress that the children have been making and the pride that so many are taking in their work.

Perhaps the biggest change has been the move of Reception back over to the main school site. The library has been moved and further developed to accommodate the Reception classrooms and we have knocked walls down to ensure a lovely EYFS unit where the children can enjoy a stimulating and engaging learning environment. We are now looking forward to developing the outside provision so that it matches the offer indoors. Despite the mammoth undertaking, everyone has commented about how lovely it is to have Reception classes with us and how it feels like a complete school again.

We have also been able to welcome visitors back to supplement the school curriculum; trips have been back on the cards too. The Reception children have welcomed The Animal Man into school and the Year 6 will have returned this afternoon from an amazing week away at Laches Wood. We are really looking forward to more visitors and more visits over the next few terms and the staff are busy looking for educational visits that will support our curriculum and that the children will really enjoy.

Thank you for all your support during the past half term and we look forward to another exciting, enjoyable and busy half term leading up to Christmas.

Take care and stay safe. Mr Ball

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



During Black History Month, we recognise, value and celebrate important and inspirational individuals from both past and present who have contributed to and help our society today. This week at Barnfields, each class has had an individual to study and have produced some wonderful pieces of learning.

- Year 1** – Nelson Mandela
- Year 2** – Alice Coachman
- Year 3** – Barack Obama
- Year 4** – Mary Seacole
- Year 5** – Mary Seacole
- Year 6** – Jesse Owens

**BAGS 4 SCHOOLS**

We would like to sincerely thank our PTFA for organising the pre-loved clothes and toys event last month. We received countless donations, which will provide additional funding to support our Barnfields children.



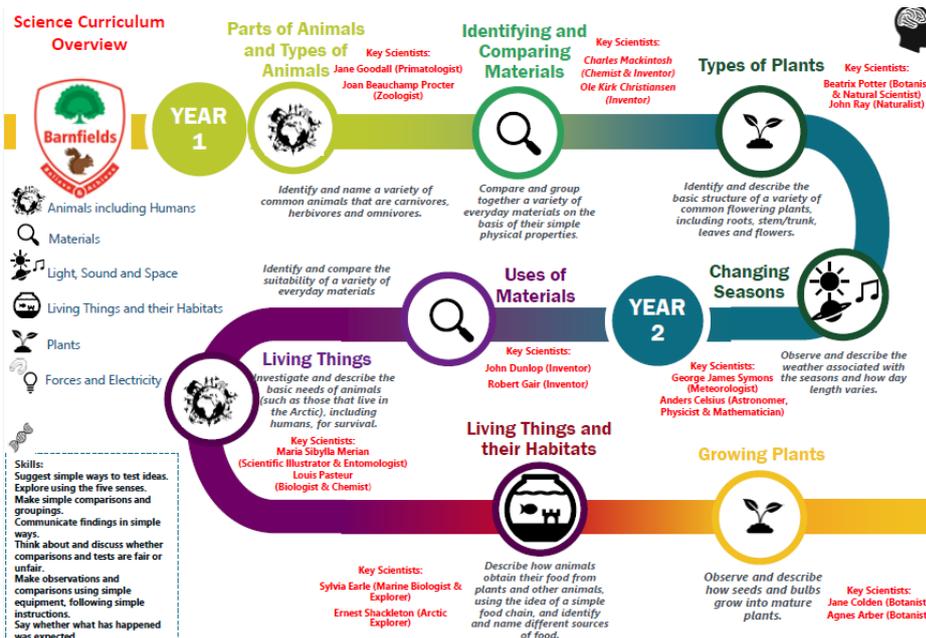
**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you meet the low income criteria. To find out more, please visit:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

**SCIENCE CURRICULUM**

As recognised by our **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)**, our rigorous, knowledge-led Science curriculum has been designed to enable children at Barnfields Primary School to become scientific experts in the concepts being taught throughout their time at school. We actively promote enquiry-led learning, one of our Curriculum Drivers. Therefore, the five types of scientific enquiry (identifying, classifying and grouping; pattern seeking; observing over time; research using secondary sources; comparative and fair testing) underpin the sequencing of our science lessons at Barnfields.



We have recently published our Science Road Map on our school website. This provides an overview of the teaching sequence in this subject from Year 1 to Year 6. Please follow the link for further information:

[Science Subject Page](#)

## GOODBYE MRS HEATH



After 22 years at Barnfields and 35 years in the teaching profession, Mrs Heath has decided that it is time for her to enjoy retirement. We will be incredibly sad to see her go at

Christmas as she has been part of the family here at Barnfields for a long time and has got to know so many of you over. She will have been the first face that many of you and your children will have seen when you first came to Barnfields and the care that she has given to so many children during her 22 years has been second to none. She really does see every child in her class as her own child. The foundation stage is key to a child's academic development and we are really going to miss Mrs Heath's expertise in getting the best out of every single child.



I know that she is going to miss seeing the children grow both academically and emotionally through their time in school and seeing them leave primary onto their next stage of their journey. We are all going to miss her at school, but I'm sure that you will all join me in wishing her a very happy and well-deserved retirement. We are determined to make her last half term with us as happy and memorable as it can be and send her off with all the love and care that she has offered to so many of us during her time at Barnfields.

### REWARD AFTERNOON AT BARNFIELDS

**READY**  
*Respectful*  
**SAFE**

This afternoon marked our first reward afternoon as part of our new Barnfields Behaviour Policy; it has certainly been a hive of excitement here! Those children who have consistently demonstrated positive and respectful behaviour have enjoyed a range of activities. These have included multiple sporting activities, party games, making biscuits, a drawing masterclass, book club and making puppets. It has been wonderful to celebrate those children who demonstrate our school values and our three behaviour principles: Ready, Respectful, Safe. We are very proud of them.

### OPEN DAY

On **Thursday 25th November**, we will be holding an open day for September 2022 admissions.

We are inviting new, prospective parents to visit our wonderful school and to find out more about our commitment to providing an education where academic excellence runs alongside sporting and artistic excellence.

After half term, we will be advertising the open day and inviting individuals to book a place. **Please note, this is for prospective parents only.**





### JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



At Barnfields, we believe that offering genuine leadership opportunities can help build a stronger school community and empower the children. Over the past couple of weeks, children across KS2 delivered a one minute presentation to their class to persuade their peers on why they should be selected for JLT. Promoting the British Value of Democracy, all classes voted on their chosen member. The selected JLT members are as follows:

**Yr3: Ruben A-P and Lily N**

**Yr4: Seb M-W and Eva LC**

**Yr5: Katelyn J and Savneet K**

**Yr6: Tom H and Junior T**

Part of their role this year, our JLT will be meeting with their classes to discuss ideas around improvements to the school. These will then be raised at meetings with either myself or Mrs Darlington.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES

At Barnfields, we strongly believe in providing children with the opportunity to thrive in many aspects of their school life.

This year, we have appointed a Health and Safety Representative from each class (Yr2—Yr6). Over the coming year, they will work with Mr Shenton and Mr Ball to support the monitoring of health and safety across the school. The following children that have selected are:



**Deepshika S, Oliver M-C, Henry B, Ella R, Milliana R, Finley B, Enya P, Ernie H, Harry R and Suzie L**

Well done to all of the children!

### SCHOOL CAR PARK

If you are collecting/dropping your child off at school, please refrain from using the main school car park as these spaces are designated to staff members. On a number of occasions, staff have struggled to park in the morning, especially on a Friday. We encourage the use of the Co-Op car park as this is a much safer option. Thank you for your understanding.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

The school office is temporarily closed to visitors due to current restrictions but there are other ways to contact us! **WEBSITE:** [www.barnfields.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.barnfields.staffs.sch.uk) **TELEPHONE:** 01785 337320

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# Rugby Union Half Term Camp 2021

## Our Mission

'To Support the development and sustainability of Rugby and growth of the game in the Staffordshire area'

**All booking is subject to COVID Security**



**Stay active and stay Safe**

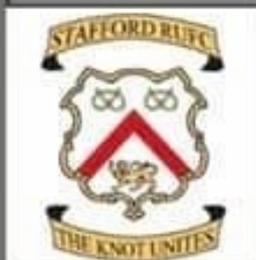
**All sessions will follow RFU Covid secure guidance**

Book your place today by scanning the above QR code Booking deadline 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021



**Monday 25th October**  
**Tuesday 26th October**  
**Wednesday 27th October**

**9:30am - 12pm U7-U11**  
**12:30pm- 3:30pm U12-U16**  
**Cost £10 per session.**



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