



# BARNFIELDS' BULLETIN



Spring Term Newsletter - Issue 5

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

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers and Children

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a great Christmas holiday period.

Thank you for all your support and understanding in the period prior to the Christmas holidays. The flood came at a challenging time, but the staff were brilliant pulling together to empty the rooms and getting the school ready to be open again on the last Friday and the children have adapted very well to the changes we have had to make. The restoration work has already begun and we are very hopeful that the contractors will begin the redial work very soon and we can have the rooms back in use.

As an antidote to the flood, on Wednesday I was lucky enough to join 30 children from Barnfields at the Young Voices concert at the NEC in Birmingham. It was an incredible experience joining thousands of other children singing and watching amazing acts including Heather Small, Anna Phoebe (rock violinist) and the Beatbox Collective. As always, it was a privilege to be with our children who always show excellent behaviours and manners and who sang and danced their hearts out. It was a very long day and I must say a big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to attend, but particularly Miss Quimby who has been working tirelessly for weeks to prepare the children.

The children have all settled back into school very well and the exciting learning opportunities and experiences are already in full flow. This week the year 4 children have been learning about digestion and carried out some brilliant experiments recreating the gut. On Friday next week they will be experiencing their Anglo Saxon Workshop Day, supporting their learning on the subject

Year 6 have been busy booking in their Kindertransport workshop that compliments their learning on World War 2. This will bring to life the research and work the children have been completing and give them a real understanding of what life was like for the children and their families.

We are also looking forward to our next themed lunch day at school, which is the American Diner and will take place on Thursday 19th January.

Have a great weekend , Mr Ball

### ATTENDANCE AT BARNFIELDS

The target set by SESAT for all children is 96%.

Attendance since September is 95.4%, slightly below our target.

**Reception: 94%**      **Year 1: 95%**

**Year 2: 95%**      **Year 3: 96%**

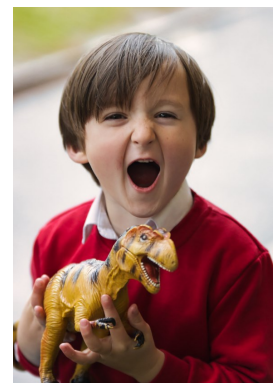
**Year 4: 97%**      **Year 5: 96%**

**Year 6: 94%**

### OUR SCHOOL VISION AT BARNFIELDS

At Barnfields Primary School, our vision is driven by our school motto of 'Believe and Achieve'.

**Academic excellence** runs alongside **sporting and artistic excellence**. The whole child is nurtured as **positive wellbeing is encouraged and supported**, enabling them to make outstanding progress across the curriculum. This learning is underpinned by **strong values** that encourage and guide the children through the rest of their academic journey and as **citizens of the future**.



**YEAR 4 SCIENCE:  
HUMAN NUTRITION**

As part of their unit of work in Science, our Yr4 children have been learning about the digestive system in humans.

They have learnt about the function of the mouth, the oesophagus, the stomach and the intestines.

To cement their knowledge and understanding further, they conducted an investigation into how each organ works.

As you can imagine, not only was it a fantastic learning experience, the children found it very exciting (and gruesome too!).



**REPAIRS AT BARNFIELDS**

Just before Christmas, we unfortunately sustained substantial water damage to the Reception classrooms, library and long room following a burst water pipe. The remedial work has now started and the rooms have been fully stripped. Whilst the rooms are still drying out, we are now in the process of planning their restoration. The learning environment will be even better than before!



**DIARY DATES**

DATE	EVENT
06.01.2023	Yr6 SAT Parent Workshop
20.01.2023	Yr4 Anglo Saxon Day
07.02.2023	Yr6 visit to Walton
15.02.2023 and 16.02.2023	Parents Evening <b>(more information to follow)</b>

**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY**



We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in the position, please contact the school office for an application form.

### BARNFIELDS' TWITTER

We have an active Twitter account at Barnfields. We regularly tweet photographs of learning, events and celebrations that we have in school.



Follow us @BarnfieldsPS

### SAFEGUARDING AT BARNFIELDS

Barnfields Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of our children. We expect all staff, governors, parents and carers, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment. We have four fully trained designated safeguarding leads in school. These are:

**Mr Ball (Headteacher)**

**Mrs Darlington (Deputy Headteacher)**

**Mrs Davies (SENCO)**

**Mrs Walker (EYFS Leader)**

### YOUNG VOICES AT RESORTS WORLD, BIRMINGHAM

On Wednesday, our school choir thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the amazing Young Voices concert, held at Birmingham Resorts World Arena. The Young Voices experience is not simply a children's choir concert, but one of the largest children's choir concert's in the world. It was a great experience for our children, building their confidence and self-belief. We were extremely proud of all of our children; they have shown great determination and hard work to learn all of the songs so fluently. We would also like to thank all the parents for their support and the kind messages that have been sent into school this week.



### KEEPING IN TOUCH

There are many ways to contact us!

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### YEAR 6 SATS MEETING

On Monday 16th January, we are holding a meeting for all parents/carers of Year 6 children. Mrs Turton and Miss Quimby will be outlining the format of the tests and how you can support your child at home.

We are holding a meeting for parents/carers of Year 6 children regarding their KS2 SATS.

We look forward to welcoming you all into school.