



Barrow Hedgelines

Autumn (2) 2021

Nursery – Celebrations

In Autumn 2 we learnt about celebrations, like Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas. We talked about how we celebrate in different ways for example, we learn about the special clothes people wear to celebrate Diwali and listened to the story of Diwali.

Some of us have sparklers for Diwali because Diwali is the Festival of Lights and some of us have sparklers for Bonfire Night too. We compared the different festivals and had lots of fun making firework pictures in different ways with different media.

We talked about birthday celebrations. Our friend, Sophie (a puppet), came to Nursery and told us about her birthday. We planned a special birthday celebration for her. We worked together to write a list of all the ways people celebrate birthdays and the things we would need to prepare for Sophie's party. We practiced singing 'Happy Birthday' using instruments and made birthday cakes!

We learnt that people often celebrate with special food. On party day we wrote birthday cards for Sophie and presented her with her cards and cakes. We had lots of fun playing party games.

Finally, we learnt about the celebration of Christmas. We began by decorating our own Christmas tree in Nursery and enjoyed making our own decorations too!

It was so much fun on 'Elf Day' we were all very busy elves and we even went shopping to buy our own presents for our families. We wrote letters to Santa and even posted them!



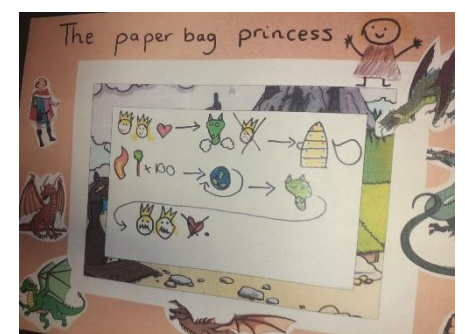
What a big surprise we had when we heard bells at Nursery! IT WAS SANTA!

He said that he had received our letters and couldn't believe what super writers we were becoming! He bought us a present for Nursery. It was a new goal for our garden. We can't wait to use it! Thank you Santa.

Now we know all about Celebrations!

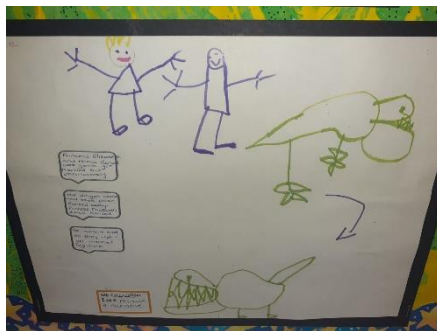
Reception – Do Dragons Exist?

We read the story of 'The Paper Bag Princess'.



The story is about a princess who has her castle and clothes burnt by a fierce dragon. The children learnt to use a story map to sequence the events in the story and to

use words and actions to retell the story. We asked the question, 'Do Dragons Exist?' Some of the children thought that dragons are real whilst some thought that they were not real and that they only exist in stories. The children found a magical book called 'Dragonology' which looked real because it had emeralds on the front and 'real' scales inside. We used the book to find out more about dragons and to write dragon facts. Then something very exciting happened. We came to school and found mysterious eggs and a letter from Dorothy Dragon! We looked after her eggs which was very exciting. Whilst we waited for the baby dragons to hatch, we thought of ways we could train our dragon to keep Barrow Hedges safe. We decided that we would teach the dragon to fly, to eat fish, to rescue princesses and to breathe fire at baddies. We thought about our own dragon stories and learnt about story settings as we decided where to have our dragon adventures. Sadly, Dorothy Dragon came and collected her eggs before they had time to hatch. She took them back to her dragon world. Finally, we learnt all about dragons that do exist today called Bearded Dragons and learnt how to look after them. We really enjoyed learning about dragons and thinking if they do exist. What do you think?



Year 1 – Bright Lights, Big City

This half term, Year 1 have been so busy learning all about London, in our 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic! 'The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse' story helped us to learn the difference between the town and the countryside. We were even lucky enough to have a special visit from the Country Mouse, who was very lovely and told us all about her home in the countryside.

We went on a virtual tour of London and enjoyed visiting all the different landmarks and seeing the tall skyscrapers! We learnt many facts, which we later included in our writing, when we recounted Barney's special trip to London.



He saw so many wonderful things and loved telling us all about it! In History, we have learnt all about the Great Fire of London that happened a very long time ago in 1666. We enjoyed learning about where and how the fire started, and researched Samuel Pepys who kept a very interesting diary at this time. In Geography, we have been looking at maps and seeing where it is that we all live. We know that we live in the United Kingdom, in a country called England. Our capital city is London, and we are very lucky to live so close to the city! Towards the end of the term, we had so much fun writing a recipe for making bread and then as part of our Design and Technology project got to make our very own bread roll, using our own ideas and design; they smelt and tasted delicious!

Year 2 – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

Year 2 have had an awesome half term learning about their theme, 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. Sadly, our trip to the Tower of London couldn't happen but it didn't stop us having lots of fun at school. In particular, we enjoyed a special knight's day where we brought lots of our learning about castles and knights together to become knights of

King Charlie's special, round table. Here we created a family coat of arms, played a game of Duke Joseph says and even took part in a jousting tournament - it was a lot of fun! In English, in keeping with our theme, we have written a narrative on Rapunzel and fact files on some of the most fearsome creatures in the world - dragons! It really has been a great half term, with loads of great castle-based activities and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January!



Year 3 – Forceful Pharaohs

This half term, Year Three have been busy learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. We've had lots of fun learning all about mummification, the Egyptian gods and the often gruesome and grizzly reign of different pharaohs - for example did you know that

Pharaoh Khufu would often cover his slaves in honey so that insects would be drawn to them instead of him!

We undertook our first Design Technology unit this half term and enjoyed creating our own puppets. During the process we got to use different materials and tools such as saws to produce our final pieces. We had to be very resilient as screwing the tiny eye-screws into dowelling was often very frustrating and a little painful on the fingertips! The final puppets however were worth it and we were very proud of them.



During our computing lessons this half term we created PowerPoint presentations to show off all our knowledge of the ancient Egyptians. We were able to include pictures, different fonts and even animations! The final pieces looked really professional and you can find them on Teams!

We've had lots of fun this half term and can't wait to see what our next theme, 'Tremors' has in store for us!

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new

year from the Year Three Team.

Year 4 – Potions

Year 4 have had a great time studying our 'Potions' theme for this half term. Our learning has focused around the three main states of matter in Science. We've applied our knowledge of particles of matter to understand the processes of freezing, melting, evaporation and condensation and their role within the water cycle. We explored (through slime!) how matter can show properties of more than one state and experimented with liquid density to create 'rainbow towers'. In English, the children enjoyed writing fantasy narratives based on 'The Dream Giver' and latterly writing play scripts of a scene from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis.

Year 5 – Tudors

In Year 5 this half term we have been learning about the Tudors. We had a special engage day where we learned all about Henry VII and his family. First, we learned about the way that the Tudors came to the throne, and then we got a special message from Henry's son (Henry the eighth)

asking us to prepare for the arrival of his new wife! She was coming all the way from Germany, so we made a map for her to help her understand the counties of England. We organised entertainments by learning how to play Greensleeves on a glockenspiel and we practised a play that was performed at the court of Henry VIII. We also designed an emblem for the new couple to display in their palaces. In the afternoon, we heard that Henry was very cross and did not like his new wife at all! We looked into who was responsible and wrote Henry letters telling him who he should blame. We soon heard that Henry had chosen to blame his old friend and advisor, Thomas Cromwell. We were very relieved it wasn't us that got in trouble.

This half term we have also learned about a local man who was a close friend of Henry's (until he was beheaded) called Sir Nicholas Carew. We have learned what it was like to be a Tudor person, living in our local area and the rest of England, and even learned some embroidery, just like Catherine of Aragon would have done when she was married to the King.



Year 6 – Frozen Kingdom

During our Frozen Kingdom topic, we learnt all about the polar regions and the Arctic and Antarctic circles. To help us understand more, we had a zoom meeting with a polar explorer - Antony Jinman. This man has been on around dozen expeditions and has met a penguin and other Arctic creatures! He is the 12th British person to ski on both poles - that's impressive! His last journey to Antarctica was a long and hard one - he went on planes and boats to get to his destination. On Friday the 10th December, Antony set off on another one of his amazing trips to Antarctica for 36 days. He has taken with him a flag (pictured) which has the Barrow Hedges logo on it! Overall, we enjoyed hearing his experience. And enjoyed learning about the freezing islands!



Caitlin & Sophia, Sycamore Class

During Black History Month, Year 6 wrote and performed equality speeches:

My fellow students, I am speaking to you today about some vital and important topics of matter. My main points of discussion will be racism, sexism, and body shaming. I have a question for you guys: why do we have to spend our lives worrying about other people's gender, shade of colour or what they look like? Why do some people feel the need to shame others? I mean, my point of confusion is, don't people feel guilty? Think about the word guilty. Do you really want to be named as a label of a racist person? If you do, I don't understand. What are we doing discriminating people? I know we all have once or twice. You gotta admit...you gotta. However, now it's time to stop. We all have a heart. It's not like one of us only has a heart and the other only has a soul. We are all made the same. Look at me - I am definitely not white. I don't mind saying that I am hairy and brown. Do I care though? No. I am made the same way as everyone else and you can't change the fact that I

am. It's the same with sexism and body shaming. Let me tell you a little story. One time, I went to a swimming pool and a boy in my class said that I was hairy and, I tell you, that hurt. But I didn't let that get in my way. Martin Luther King fell down many times but he marched through the grounds not letting that he was black halt him. In my heart, I know that boys aren't better than girls. White is not better than black. All genders are beautiful and so are shades. It's like a turtle and its shell: you don't care if its shell is black, blue, green or brown; you will still have love, care and respect for it. Something for you to think about before I end this speech is, maybe the world can't change us... but maybe it's time for us to change the world. Thank you very much.

By Ria (Chestnut Class)

Christmas Dinner

The children enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner today accompanied by Christmas songs, staff wearing Christmas jumpers and a fun time was had by all.



Christmas Hoops

We were delighted to be able to carry on the BH Christmas tradition of making Christmas hoops to decorate the hall. I'm sure you'll agree that they turned out fantastic!





Mr Pearce Baby News

We are delighted to announce the safe arrivals of Marco Pearce on Wednesday 17th November.



Mrs Duffin Baby News

We are also delighted to announce the safe arrival of Lily Duffin on Saturday 27th November weighing a healthy 6lbs 8.

Harvest Festival

A message from Sutton Food Bank:

We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the donations from Barrow Hedges Primary School following Harvest. I am delighted to attach a certificate. Your faithful support is making a huge difference to the lives of people in our local community.



Barrow Hedges Primary School

donated an incredible 389.7kg!

This will feed about 21 families



Sutton Community Works registered charity: 1140363



On behalf of all the staff at Barrow Hedges, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Stay Safe



Christmas Hamper

Congratulations to Charlie (Lime Class) who won the first prize hamper:



And Monty (Squirrel Class) who won the second prize hamper:





Parent Zone: Parent Resources



Parent Zone offers advice and support to parents and carers to help children be safer online, develop resilience to cope with online challenges and help educate them for their digital futures. There is a specific parent area of the website where tips and information from experts about parenting in the digital world can be found. The top articles include:

- The six apps and services that every parent should know about. A guide for parents to some of the most popular apps children use online.
- Screen time: everything you need to know
- Low mood - or something else?

There is also a comprehensive parental guide section which gives information and safety advice on many popular games and apps including; Fortnite, Disney+, Clash of Clans and Roblox.



What to do if your child sees something inappropriate online

It is not always possible to prevent children seeing something inappropriate online. Sometimes innocent searches can result in children viewing inappropriate content. O2 and NSPCC have put together a series of suggestions for parents to follow if their child has seen something that upsets or confuses them.

[Netaware – What to do if your child sees something inappropriate online](#)



Eco News

Would you like to be an Eco-Warrior?

We would like to set up an Eco-Warrior team with members from each year group.

If you would like to apply can you speak to your class teacher to let them know. You will need to be able to meet at lunchtime on a Monday.

As we only need two from each year group names will go into a hat and teachers will pick out the names.

For further information please speak to Mrs McGinley

Walk to School is changing!

At Barrow Hedges we recognise the benefits of walking to school as often as we can. Previously children have achieved badges each month, however the environmental impact means that we are no longer using these. Instead, as of January we will have a card each that will be stamped each day that you walk to school.





Sporting Hedge

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Boys Football

The Year 5 and 6 boys have enjoyed a superb first half of the football season. They've shown immense resilience in coming from behind to achieve positive results and incredible collaboration in being unbeaten so far this season.

The boys should be incredibly proud of how they have represented the school and grown together from game to game. We go into the Christmas break top of the B league and joint top with All Saints in the A League.

We'd also like to say a massive thank you to the parents for supporting your children and being a consistently positive and integral part of the boys' success. Merry Christmas and here's to an equally successful second half of the season!

Mr Buckingham and Mr Pearce

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
ALL SAINTS	5	4	1	0	13
BARROW HEDGES	5	4	1	0	13
HOLY TRINITY	4	4	0	0	12
HIGHVIEW	7	3	0	4	9
BANDON HILL WF	4	2	0	2	6
MUSCHAMP	3	1	0	2	3
STANLEY PARK	3	1	0	2	3
ST MARYS	2	1	0	1	3
ST ELPHEGES	2	0	0	2	0
HACKBRIDGE	2	0	0	2	0
BANDON HILL MF	2	0	0	2	0
TWEEDDALE	3	0	0	3	0

Boys 'A' League Table 2021-22

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
BARROW HEDGES	2	2	0	0	6
BANDON HILL WF	2	1	0	1	3
FORESTERS	2	1	0	1	3
GREEN WRYTHE	0	0	0	0	0
HACKBRIDGE	1	0	0	1	0
ALL SAINTS	1	0	0	1	0
ST MARYS	0	0	0	0	0

Boys "B" League Table

For more information about CAFC Soccer schools please go to - <https://www.carshaltonathletics.co.uk/holiday-soccer-schools>

Girls Football

Since half term, the girls have enjoyed success in League and tournament fixtures.

In training sessions, we have worked hard on developing our style of play, practiced attacking the ball and mastered the 'throw in'. The girls have been fantastic taking on board all

the coaching and putting it into practice at matches.

We are top of the League and are yet to concede a goal. What a fantastic achievement!

Results

vs Muschamp 2-0 (Izzy and Pearl)

vs Tweeddale 5-0 (Pearl, Izzy, Lucy and Bea)

vs St Elpheges 5-0 (Summer, Izzy, Becca and Emilia)

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
BARROW HEDGES	3	3	0	0	9
ALL SAINTS	2	2	0	0	6
ST ELPHEGES	3	1	0	2	3
STANLEY PARK	0	1	0	0	3
HACKBRIDGE	1	1	0	0	3
TWEEDDALE	3	0	0	3	0
GREEN WRYTHE	1	0	0	1	0
MUSCHAMP	1	0	0	1	0

CW Girls League Table

Upcoming fixtures – 10th January vs Cheam fields (Y6 only) 3.45ko @ CAFC, 24th January vs Stanley Park Junior 3.45ko @CAFC; 1st March vs All Saints Carshalton 3.45ko @CAFC

We are also in the 2nd round of the Borough Cup and wait to see whether we play All Saints Benhilton or Tweeddale next.

Thank you to Mrs McGourty for this fantastic picture

taken during one of Ms Wallis half time team talks.



Also, a huge thank you to everyone who has come to watch the girls matches. Your support has been amazing and appreciated.

On Wednesday 24th November, girls from the football squad took part in the National 7-a-side tournament at Brookfield Primary. The competition included teams from across the borough and is always highly competitive. This was the girls first experience of tournament football, and we faced some tough opposition. We played well, defended well but a lack of chances in the box meant that we didn't score enough goals to proceed to the next round.

It was a great experience and an opportunity for us to take lessons back to training.



For more information regarding local girls football teams, see Beecholme Belles or Metropolitan Police Wildcats who are looking for players this season.

If you are interested or would like any further information, please contact the club directly by following the link.

<https://www.beecholmebellesbanstead.co.uk/>

<https://www.mpyfc.co.uk/girls-football>

Netball

This half term, our Year 5 and 6's have continued to work hard to prepare for the upcoming season. Each week, we practise our footwork, passing and shooting skills, and we've started to consider which netball positions (Goal Attack, Goal Shooter, Wing Attack, Centre, Wing Defence, Goalkeeper and Goal Defence) suit our skills best.

Some of our more experienced Year 6's, who participated in Netball Club last year, attended a High 5 netball festival at Nonsuch High School for Girls where they played their first external matches. The girls did fantastically and

improved game by game, finishing with an impressive 5:0 win.

The girls have developed new friendships across the years and classes and can't wait to play as a team and show off their skills in the New Year!

Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 3rd November selected children from Year 4 took part in their first Rugby tournament. The competition involved schools from across the Borough and was designed to promote competitive rugby, encourage team sport and opportunity to practice skills.

For many this was their first experience of rugby and were excited to get stuck in. The children were GREAT and quickly picked up the rules; scoring some great tries. Although the tournament wasn't competitive, we played some great rugby and secured victories against Dorchester Primary, All Saints Benhilton and Forresters.





The following week, we were back at John Fisher for the Y5 and 6 tag rugby tournament. The rules and format were the same, but with a competitive edge.

The children, all keen members of rugby club, had rehearsed their 'defensive line' tactics, quick feet and weaving in and out to get that ball on the try-line.

It was a great morning of rugby with victories against Cheam Common, St Elpheges and a close 1-1 draw against Cheam Park Farm.

Thank you to Mrs Blewer for her coaching and encouragement from the touchline.



New Equipment - Reception

Children in Fox, Badgers and hedgehog class were excited to have lots of new equipment to play with. Spinning tops, building blocks, hurdles and trampolines encourage the children to be more active and enjoy using the outdoor area.



Daily Mile

This half term we have been super active and many classes have been out doing the Daily Mile. Well done to everyone who has taken part.

This half term our top classes are –

1st – LIME

2nd – OAK

3rd – ASH/WALNUT

Achievements

Well done to Finlay (Walnut) who took part in a Duathlon. Finlay has been training with Westcroft Triathlon Club since April and did his first duathlon (run, bike, run) on Sunday 14th November at the Hillingdon Cycle Circuit. This consisted of a 400m run followed by a 1km cycle and a further 200m run. Finlay came 9th and thoroughly enjoyed the event.



If you have any sporting achievements that you would like us to celebrate please forward a picture and a short paragraph explaining the sporting event/achievement to office@barrowhedges.com

Dates for the Diary

5th January – INSET Day

10TH January – Clubs start

12TH January – Y5/6 indoor athletics

13th January – Y3/4 Handball

19th January – Dance workshop

20th January – 3v3 basketball

26th January – Y3/4 indoor athletics

27th January – Y5/6 handball

Twitter and Website



Remember you can follow all the sporting events and activities on Twitter:



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