



Barrow Hedgelines

Autumn (2) 2022

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 toy v tech computer! 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!

We are very proud of all of the children for putting on a fantastic Christmas production at the end of term. You all had so much energy and enthusiasm and we loved watching you sparkle on stage! You are all superstars! Well done for another busy, fun-filled half term. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year!

Year 2 – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

Year 2 have enjoyed an excellent Autumn 2 and we couldn't be prouder of the progress the children have made. We kicked off our newest theme, Towers, Tunnels and Turrets with knights training on day 1. This saw the children hone the skills of a knight as they prepared to join the King at his round table. A jousting competition sealed the deal for a lucky few, who brought great pride to their family houses.



In the classroom we have looked at castles in more detail, exploring timelines, castle types and the sorts of people who would live in one. This was of course brought to life on our visit to the Tower of London, which was a real highlight of the year so far! In English, the children have looked at traditional stories that might use castles as a setting. This has included the creation of a book of dragons with some fearsome description as well as a reimagining of the story of Rapunzel. In maths, the children's developing knowledge of addition and subtraction has enabled them to solve the mystery of the missing Crown Jewels from the Tower of London.



However, the biggest success has come in the form of the KS1 Christmas production, where the children shone in their Lights,

Camel, Action 2
performance.



It has certainly been a busy half term and the children have earned a well deserved break!

Year 3 – Forceful Pharaohs

This half term, Year Three have been learning all about the ancient Egyptians in our 'Forceful Pharaohs' unit. One of the most interesting parts was finding out about the River Nile and how important it was to the Egyptians (and still is!) in our History and Geography lessons. Did you know that the ancient Egyptians grew a plant called papyrus that they used as paper, as well as flax which they made into linen for clothes?!

We also researched, designed, created and

evaluated mummy puppets in DT. There are five different types of puppets: finger; glove; rod; marionette and shadow. Making the articulated limbs (this means the parts that move!) was definitely the hardest part. We were lucky enough this half term to take part in a workshop run by 3 Discovery, during which we were able to show off everything we had learnt about Egypt by creating our own digital media on iPads.



We had so much fun and especially loved recording ourselves and our friends!

Finally, Year 3 finished off the term with our 'Carols by Candlelight' performance. We sang carols and read festive poems while our parents enjoyed hot chocolate and mince pies in

the candlelight! Our parents and teachers were extremely proud of us, and we had a fantastic evening!



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: solids, liquids and gases. 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 – Hampton Court

At the start of the term, we visited Hampton Court Palace to learn about Henry VIII. The day started with a workshop where we examined artefacts from the Tudor period. We then explored the magnificent grounds and impressive palace, admiring the architecture. We loved

learning about the fascinating history of Henry's six wives: Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr. After our visit, we used our new knowledge to write a biography on Henry VIII. There is a rhyme to help remember their fates: divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived.

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Year 6 – Frozen

This half term, Year 6 have been learning about the importance of frozen water. We kicked off the topic with our engage day where we made posters about different aspects of the Polar climate and practised our presenting skills as we shared our findings.



We have also learned about the importance of saving water, making catchy adverts to help promote awareness.



and a fun time was had by all.



Christmas Hamper Raffle Winners

A huge congratulations to our Christmas Hamper raffle winners, Sanjana (Year 2 Kingfisher class) and Sophie (Ash class).



A big thank you to those of you who bought a raffle ticket.

Christmas Dinner

The children enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner on Wednesday accompanied by Christmas songs, staff wearing Christmas jumpers



A big thank you to the Barrow Hedges kitchen staff for putting on such a yummy feast!

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!





Teacher Christmas Panto

The teachers treated the children to a West End worthy performance of 'Cinderella' in our last assembly of the term!



Barrow Hedges Instagram

Remember to give us a follow on Instagram! We post pictures weekly.



[@barrowhedgesprimary](https://www.instagram.com/barrowhedgesprimary)

Leadership Lines

I am delighted to inform parents of a new newsletter, 'Leadership Lines', which has been introduced with the aim of sharing our strategic work – school improvement and self evaluation. I ask that parents click [here](#) to view this.

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for collecting for Sutton Foodbank as part of your recent Harvest appeal and for your kind donation of 502.2 kg of food which means that we will be able to help 25 more local families in crisis.

Thank you



Barrow Hedges Primary School



for donating 502.2kg of food—that's enough to feed 25 families. Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.



DATES FOR THE DIARY	
3 rd January 2023	INSET DAY
4 th January	Children return to school
6 th January	Year 2 Nautical Day (Dress up)
w/c 9 th January	Clubs start
10 th February	Children break up for half term
20 th February	Children return to school
2 nd March	World Book Day (dress up)
8 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation
9 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation
10 th March	INSET DAY
w/c 20 th March	Clubs finish
24 th March	Odd Sock Day
31 st March	Children break up for Easter holidays

Video games, consoles & platforms

If your child is a keen gamer and uses a range of consoles or devices to play the latest games, make sure to set them up safe. Take a look at our list of parental control how-to guides to get up to speed on how to set the right level of protection to give them a fun and safe experience while playing video games.

How do device controls work?

Pre-installed parental controls are available for most smartphones, tablets, laptops and game consoles, and are part of the system when you buy them. You can often download additional parental control apps and software to supplement these controls. But the most important thing is to set the controls on the device itself.

Device controls can cover a variety of functions, however, usually, they restrict access to specific features and functions that exist on the device. You might also be able to control whether your child can download new apps or prevent them from purchasing something in the app store.

In general, device controls won't filter out specific types of content through the internet. You'll also need to set these controls separately on any entertainment site or apps they use (such as YouTube, Chrome or Netflix) and on the network, they are connected to.

Click on this link for step-by-step instructions to set controls on popular devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>





This half term, our wonderful Eco Warriors led an assembly on Road Safety to raise awareness for Road Safety Week 2022. Road Safety Week inspires thousands of communities to take action on road safety to help ensure that everyone can make safe and healthy journeys every day. This year, the theme was *Safe Roads for All*, which celebrates the heroic work of road safety professionals. The event aimed to thank the people who have helped to reduce injuries and care for people affected by crashes; speak up for everyone's right to make safe and healthy journeys where we live and join together a community of safe roads for all. Great job, Eco Warriors.



Barrow Hedges then ran a competition to write a catchy jingle or poem to help the children at our school remember how to be safe on and around roads. We had so many amazing entries, and it was extremely difficult for the Eco Warriors to choose a winner, but they eventually decided on an amazing, engaging poem by Bea in Sycamore Class. Bea's poem will be on display around the school for the rest of the children to read and remember. Well done, Bea!



Finally, to get into the Christmas spirit, in their last meeting of the half term, the Eco Warriors created eco-friendly Christmas decorations out of leftover fruit! This is done by simply dehydrating sliced fruit in the oven or air fryer, then making a hole and threading string through it. It's such a simple yet effective way to use up any leftover fruit from the festive period and prevent the waste from going to landfill, while filling the house with beautiful looking (and smelling!) decorations.



Sporting Hedge

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Y3/4 Multi-Skills

A group of Year 3 and 4 children were selected to take part in a multi-skills festival. Throughout the afternoon, they took part in non-competitive netball, squash, hockey and tennis activities with great enthusiasm and displayed great sportsmanship. During our hockey activity, one of the coaches asked if any of the children had played hockey before and it was great to see every child from our school raise their hand. All of the children were keen to impress the coaches showing resilience in the face of new sports, a high level of respect to other schools and overall, each individual really got stuck into the activities despite some rainy weather. They should be very proud of themselves.

Y3 Netball

On 7th November, girls from Year 3 were invited to take part in a 'Netball Festival' at

Sutton High School. Whilst having never played before, the children who took part had a fabulous time and developed lots of new skills - they even won a game! Unfortunately, the weather was not our friend on the day and our final games were rained off. This didn't dampen the girl's spirit and despite the torrential downpours, everyone got to play and learn about the sport. Wonderful team spirit was displayed and the girls are looking forward to playing more netball in the future.

Skipping

On Tuesday 1st November, a selection of Y5&6 children attended a Skipping Festival through Sutton Sports Partnership at Rushy Meadow Primary School. Children from several different local primary schools took part in a range of different events to encourage a love of skipping. All the children took part in three different skipping activities: group

jump rope, French skipping and individual skipping. Then, anyone who wanted to share was given the chance to showcase some of the skills they had learned with the other schools. We had a fantastic time and the children were excited to share their new skills with their friends!

Cross Country

On Thursday 13th October, a group of children from Years 4 to 6 attended the annual Sutton Primary Schools' Cross Country Competition where they competed against other schools in the borough. All the children did really well and should be extremely proud of themselves! It was lovely to see the children cheering on their peers! We had 2 runners who came in the top 3 in their category, Bea from Yr 6 won the bronze medal and Catherine in Yr 4 won the silver medal and have been invited to attend the London Youth Games at Parliament Hill.



a fantastic day with great sportsmanship, so many positive attitudes and a real drive for doing their best. We are looking forward to more athletic events in the summer term.



Indoor Athletics

On Thursday 17th November, 22 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Indoor Athletics event hosted at Wallington Girls' School. This involved a variety of track and field events including relays, obstacle courses, vertical jump, long jump and javelin. The team worked well together to support each other and praise everyone's achievements as well as working efficiently as part the individual relay teams. Barrow Hedges were hugely successful in the track events with many of our children coming first and second in their heats. It was



Our 2022 Netball season began with our first match against Manor Park. It was a tough game, but our netballers were able to apply the skills they've learnt in training and secure two wins (3-2 and 3-1). Congratulations to everyone who played in that match-you did us proud!

Y6 Netball Festival

All of us were filled with anticipation when we approached the gate at Sutton High School. There were 9 players on our team and many schools to play against. Out of 7 games, we won 4 and drew 1 finishing 5th. We had the most enjoyable, fun time ever. Go Netball! (written by Ana, Flo, Zara, Layla, Bea and Lauren Y6).

Y5 Netball Festival

As we arrived, the air was full of excitement as teams from across Sutton met at Sutton High School for the annual Y5 Netball festival. Nine girls represented Barrow Hedges. Lola, Sienna Knowles and Scarlett scored goals securing us 2 wins. Out of 7 games, we only lost one as we drew in the other 4. We had so much fun, I'm glad I went! (Sienna M, Y5)

Football

Boys

The season has started very promisingly for our U11s and U10s boys' teams. The Year 5s are through to the second rounds of both the U10 Surrey Cup and the U10 Wallington Cup with impressive 13-0 and 6-0 wins against Cheam Fields and Green Wrythe respectively. Having not played together before, we were blown away by how quickly the boys created a positive, attacking style of play and solid team ethic. We're very excited to see how far they go in these cups this year!

Our U11s team have started our league title defence with a 100% winning record which includes 5-1 and 11-0 wins against St Mary's and

Tweeddale. The league is looking very close and competitive this year and we'll be looking to play matches more regularly after Christmas once our field has recovered and is back in full use. They also find themselves in the Semi-Final of the Wallington Cup after a tight but deserved 2-1 win against Stanley Park in our first game of the season. Sadly, our involvement in the U11 Surrey Cup has come to an end after an entertaining and unfortunate 4-3 loss to St Mary's (Oxted). We also reached the final round of the 7-a-side Pokémon Cup where we competed well against the 4 other strongest teams in Sutton. Overall, a very encouraging start to the season.

Girls

Our U10 and U11 girls' teams have started the season with great enthusiasm. We reached the finals of the 7-a-side Pokémon Cup after making it through our group where we competed well against 3 of the strongest girls' teams in Sutton. Our league campaign finally started yesterday (after a series of rain postponements) with a hard fought but ultimately disappointing 2-0 defeat to a strong Stanley Park side. Our Year 5 girls (many of

whom were playing a competitive football match for the first time) also put in an incredibly spirited performance in defeat to a very strong Cleves side in the U10 Surrey Cup. Like with the boys, fixtures will start coming thick and fast after the Christmas break, but I've been very encouraged by the determination and the application of the girls so far this season.

Tag Rugby

On 10th November 14 rugby players from Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to go to John Fisher High School for a rugby tournament and festival. Pupils attending the festival were given additional rugby coaching from the John Fisher team before playing in several friendly matches. Pupils in the tournament played 4 matches against local schools and should all be very proud of themselves. With excellent teamwork and resilience, the teams won three out of their four games and came third within their group. We were extremely proud to walk away with the 'Ref-spect' Award for the children's respectful attitudes towards the rules, referees and coaches. Well done teams!

Achievements



A huge congratulations to Caleb in Walnut Class who beat 23 competitors at the European Championships in Karate to secure third place and win a bronze medal. Caleb travelled to Florence in Italy to take part in this exciting tournament and has made us all so proud with all of his hard work and effort in karate. Caleb, we look forward to hearing all about your future successes!



A massive congratulations to Poppy and Holly who have been working so hard on their gymnastics skills and have both won medals at a recent gymnastics event. Fantastic work, girls! Keep up the good work!



What an amazing achievement from Albert in Kingfisher Class! On 16th October, Albert earned his Black Belt in Kungfu after two years of training. Congratulations, Albert – we can't wait to hear about what the next few years of training brings!

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