



Barrow Hedgelines

Summer (1) 2023

Nursery – Storytelling

Nursery have been learning how to tell stories and to join in with repetitive text. We have loved linking this to our planting of seeds which we did before the Easter holidays. This prompted us to read 'Jasper's Beanstalk', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Enormous Turnip'.



It's been so much fun retelling the stories ourselves and being the characters too. We even made our own beanstalk in Nursery and thought of how to get up to the top and who may be there.



We enjoyed looking at 'Traditional Stories', especially 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Goldilocks' and 'The 3 Little Pigs'.



Goldilocks even came to Nursery looking for porridge. We helped her to not be too sad because she was lost and thought of ways to make her happy again. Some of us decided that she would like some of our porridge to eat to make her happy. Thank goodness we had some left!



Look out for Goldilocks in case she comes to your house the next time you have porridge.

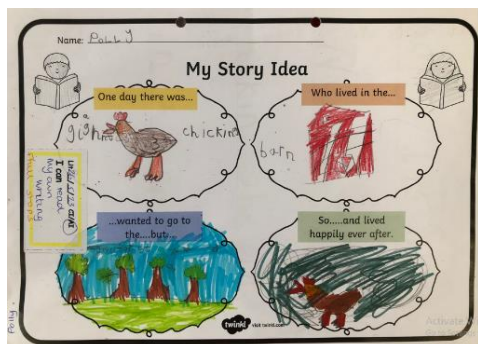
We are such fantastic storytellers now in Nursery!

Reception – Can I be an Author?

This term in Reception, we have been answering the question 'Can I be an Author?' We began our learning by researching what authors and illustrators are. We now know that authors are someone who writes the book, and an illustrator is someone who draws the pictures.

We looked at a wide range of different stories and looked carefully at the characters, key events, problems and resolutions that occur. We learnt to retell 'Cinderella' and 'Hansel and Gretel' off by heart by using our 'talk for writing' actions to help us remember the stories. We know fairy tales and traditional tales use story language like 'once upon a time' and 'they lived happily ever after'.

We had lots of fun writing our own stories using our imagination, making sure our stories had a beginning, middle and end.



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to go to the Magicu
florist.

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was a funder
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Your child will bring their story home to share with you! We even used 'Kung Fu' punctuation to help us to know where our sentences start and finish, trying hard to remember to use finger spaces and the tricky words we know to help to make our writing even better. The children learnt to link their ideas using different sentence starters. What super authors we are!

Year 1 – Enchanted Woodland

This half term we have had so much fun with our 'Enchanted Woodland' theme. We got to look after our very own caterpillars and watch them form their chrysalis. They then started their clever process of transforming into a butterfly! We learnt that this process is called metamorphosis. Eventually, we discovered we had beautiful butterflies in our butterfly garden, and later went to release them on the field next to lots of nettles and flowers; it was so much fun! We knew they were 'Painted Ladies' because we had done lots of research on the

computers about different types of butterflies - most of us decided our favourite was the 'Blue Morpho', because it's such a bright colour! Did you know it is one of the largest butterflies in the world and lives in tropical climates?



In Science, we have been exploring trees. We know there are different types of trees - some are deciduous, and some are evergreen. We also went on a tree hunt and collected different types of leaves. We used our magnifying glasses to observe them and identified what trees they had come from. This half term we have also loved growing our very own

sunflowers and have learnt about the different parts of a plant and the jobs that they do. We now have them at home and can't wait to see how tall they grow!

In Geography, we have been exploring maps and looking at the different symbols we might find on a map and why they are useful. It was so exciting to create our own fantasy map with a key!

In English, we have enjoyed getting very creative and being story tellers. We made up our very own fantasy stories using our imaginations. We explored mythical characters and magical settings, and 'magpied' ideas that we wanted to use, to make our stories exciting. Our teachers were so impressed and lots of us have said we would love to be authors when we grow up!

We were also very lucky this half term and got to go on a special school trip to Tilgate Park. Here, we explored the Nature Centre and got to meet lots of different animals. Lots of us said the meerkats were our favourites because they were very cheeky and looked funny sunbathing in the sand! Our workshop about different types of animals taught us lots of interesting facts, and some of us were lucky enough to hold some of the reptiles! We even got to see two pancake

tortoises, maple and syrup, race each other. They were both very slow! We then had lots of fun getting lost in the giant maze with all of our friends and later had a chance to explore the walled garden, where we used all of our scientific knowledge that we had recently learnt in school to discuss what we could see. It was a busy day, and we all had such a lovely time! 😊

Year 2 – Wriggle and Crawl

It's been a busy half term for Year 2 this Summer 1. Of course, we must begin by congratulating them for their enormous efforts in their SATs week, where they showed a new level of maturity to overcome the challenge. We are so proud of them! Beyond this, the children have been exploring life cycles in their science unit, whilst comparing the needs of different animals, including humans.

In geography, the children have looked closely at climates in continents and countries and have compared the landscape and climate of Madagascar with that of the UK. There have been many favoured memories, from bug hunts on the field to a King's coronation themed treasure hunt, and we can't wait to make more in Summer 2.

Year 3 – Running Rivers

This half term, Year Three have been learning all about plants and rivers in our science and geography centred theme, 'Running Rivers.' During our Science lessons, we learnt all about plants and how to care for them and in our Geography lessons, we learnt about rivers with a particular focus on our local river, the Wandle. Did you know that during the Victorian Times, the Wandle was deemed one of the hardest working rivers in the world!?

Our first external visit took place this half term where we spent the day in Grove Park. During this trip, we painted pictures of the river using watercolours and explored the plants and wildlife in the park.



We also undertook our first Geography fieldwork project in which we were researching the levels of rubbish in the park. To our great disappointment, there was a lot of discarded rubbish throughout the area despite the many bins provided. The children were so incensed by litter that they insisted that we picked it up - We filled a whole bin bag with rubbish!

Along with our work in class this half term, we have also been very excited to begin our Djembe lessons on a Tuesday. We've been having lots of fun learning rhythms and all about the history of the drums and where they originated from. We can't wait to continue next half term and perform to an audience at the summer fayre.

Year 4 – Burps, Bottoms and Bile

Year 4 had a very exciting half term of learning in Summer 1 around our 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' theme. In Science, we learnt about the human digestive system and how our

food is converted into energy for our bodies. We had an exciting visit (pictured) where the children got nice and messy creating their own models of the entire digestive system! In Geography, we focused on the United Kingdom and learning about how the names and geographical features vary in different parts of our country. In English, the children wrote very engaging science-fiction narratives about a scientist who gets shrunk and lost in the digestive system. Watch out for those at Exhibition Evening!

Year 5 – France Trip

On day 1, we all woke up to a great start since we were going to France. We drove to Dover and got on the ferry (the view of the white cliffs was spectacular). Next, we got on the coach and went to a snail farm! We tried lots of sail themed foods before heading to Poppies Hotel to get some rest. A few of us were too excited to sleep! The next day, we walked around the town to the museum, but not before getting a picture with the Golden Statue. After some yummy lunch (French baguettes) we set off for Belgium. We were lucky enough to stop off at Tyne Cot

memorial (the largest British WW1 cemetery).



After learning the history and locating many fallen soldiers- some even from Carshalton- we headed off to the Menin Gate.



Whilst waiting for the last post ceremony, we visited a Belgium chocolate shop- Yum!

On day 3, we went to Amiens Cathedral where Mr Brooker led a tour on all of the spectacular architecture.



Next, another war memorial before heading to some trenches. It was a true experience to stand where soldiers once did and imagine the battles. We had to cherish the next day as it was our last. We visited a market and bought many things but most importantly, lots of sweets! Then, we crossed the channel again on a turbulent trip. Finally we arrived home for a good night rest, we were exhausted from all the fun!

Bianca and Abi.C Rowan Class

Year 6 – Condover Hall

Well done to all of our Year 6s who have worked so hard

leading up to the SATs. We are so proud of all of them! Following a week of assessments, the children took part in a circulation and heart dissection workshop where they learnt about: the function of the heart; circulation of blood through the heart and lungs; and the anatomy of a heart. All children went on to dissect a lamb's heart and despite some of them initially not wanting to, everybody absolutely loved it (some even commenting that it made them want to become a surgeon!)



We ended the half term on a real high, spending the week at Condover Hall in Shropshire. What an amazing week we had in the sunshine at one of the most outstanding Elizabethan manor houses in England! Children conquered their fears taking part in a range of activities including the zipwire, abseiling, raft building, climbing wall, trapeze

and gladiator wall. The children behaved superbly for the whole trip and were such a credit to the school, but most importantly, they had such a fun week and will, no doubt, remember their final Barrow Hedges residential for many years to come.



Leadership Lines

Please click [here](#) to read our latest edition of Leadership Lines which will provide you with information about our work last half term. We would be grateful if parents take the time to read this.

It can also be accessed via our website under 'News and Events' - 'Leadership Lines'.

Thank you.

Reminders

As we have now moved into warmer weather, please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle and a named sun hat each day and

that sun lotion is applied before school.



Summer Fete – Saturday 1st July

This year, you will be able to purchase Summer Fete raffle tickets by using this QR code:

The cost is £1 per ticket and you are able to purchase as many tickets as you wish.



1st Prize – £250

2nd Prize – Summer Fun Days Out

3rd Prize – £100 Amazon Voucher

Plus many more exciting prizes!

The raffle winners will be announced at the Summer Fete. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Parking

I am sure you will appreciate that the subject of parents' parking is not something I want to have to mention. While the role of Headteacher is wide ranging, the focus should primarily be on the children's learning and wellbeing. However, more and more frequently I am contacted by parents and our neighbours about the inconsiderate parking of some parents. What is even more worrying is that quite often our children's safety is at risk where cars are parked on pavements or vehicles are being driven without due care when children are coming to and from school. Over the last few months, several different members of our local community have been into school asking to speak to me to report witnessing, or experiencing abusive and intimidating behaviour from Barrow Hedges parents relating to parking/driving. On these occasions this inappropriate conduct has been in front of children which clearly is a concern. I must urge parents to remember that as adults we are role models for our children, and a school, we are part of a wider community. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Mrs Wood,
Headteacher

Wider News

We bumped into Dr Chris and Dr Xand from Operation Ouch on CBBC at Croydon University Hospital last week after Tyler's procedure. They were filming in the corridor and asked if Tyler would like a selfie with them.



and all the support you gave me!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

22nd June	KS2 Sports Day
23rd June	Reception and KS1 Sports Day
1st July	School Fete Day
12th July	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
13th July	Exhibition Evening (4:30pm – 6:30pm) – details to follow
20th July	PTFA Reception Magic Show
20th July	PTFA Year 6 Disco
20th July	PTFA Year 2 Disco
20th July	Year 1 Superhero Day (dress up required)
20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9:30am – 11:00am)
21st July	Children break up for Summer Holidays – 2pm Finish

Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School

Below is the table showing where all our Year 6s will be moving on to in September

Mrs Lacey - Marathon

Last month I took part in the London Marathon and despite the weather (and having to run 26.2 miles) it was the most amazing experience.



I raised an incredible **£2,173** for The Royal Marsden Cancer Trust and want to say a big thank you to all the families that sponsored me

Secondary School Destinations - 2023	Total
Carshalton Boys Sports College	6
Carshalton High School for Girls	2
City of London Freemans	1
Glenthorne High School	5
Greenshaw High School	5
Harris Academy Morden	1
Harris Academy Sutton	12
Nonsuch High School for Girls	2
Oaks Park High	25
Oakwood School	1
Overton Grange School	4
St Andrew's Catholic Secondary School	1
St Bedes	1
Sutton Grammar School	5
Sutton High School	4
The Cedars (Norwood)	1
The John Fisher School	1
Wallington County Grammar School	5
Wallington High School for Girls	7
Wilson's School	2
Woldingham School for Girls	1
Woodcote High School	3

ONLINE SAFETY NEWS

SUMMER 2023

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Ofcom's 2022 research into technology use across the UK has shown that nearly all 13 – 15-year-olds (98%) have their own phone. For most of these young people, they were given their phones around the start of secondary school, between the ages of 9 and 11 (91%). If you are considering getting your child their first phone, there are lots of factors to consider. Childnet's 'First Phone Checklist' is a great, easy to understand resource that takes you through the process of choosing the right time, setting it up and supporting your child. Childnet's 'Moving on Up!' videos are a great place to start conversations around new devices, digital wellbeing and online bullying.



<https://www.childnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/First-phone-checklist.pdf>

Mental Health Awareness Week

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keeping us feeling happy and healthy. We spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world too. This poster has some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.





This half term, the children at Barrow Hedges took part in Walk to School Week 2023! After an assembly from our Eco Warriors, the children tried to walk to school every day from the 15th-19th May in order to stay fit, develop healthy habits and improve the environment around our school. Well done to Ash Class, who all won a prize each for walking the most, with a total of 148 journeys by foot, bicycle, scooter or public transport!

Furthermore, lots of children have been doing outdoor learning in order to find out about and appreciate our local area. Year Three visited Grove Park to create beautiful watercolour pieces of art of the River Wandle, while a group of Year Six children walked to Carshalton Ponds and Honeywood House!



BARROW HEDGES

PONY
RIDES

CAKES &
ICE CREAM

FAIRGROUND
GAMES

DRINKS TENT

BBQ

PIZZAS

CANDY FLOSS

SUMMER

BOUNCY
CASTLES

FETE

REPTILES

JULY 1st 2023

TOMBOLA

12-3pm

BALLOONS

BEAUTY CORNER

ARTS & CRAFTS



Lakeshore Care

EXTREME CLEAN CLEARANCES