



Barrow Hedgelines

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STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Karla Auker who has returned from maternity leave (on Tuesday 9th February). She will be working one day per week; teaching Year 5 PPA on a Tuesday afternoon, and covering various classes on a Tuesday morning, as appropriate.

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Lucas Joshua David, Miss Jamaine Kellie's baby, who was born on 16th February weighing 5lb 12oz. Congratulations!

Since the last Hedgelines, we have welcomed the following new members of staff to our team: Mrs Chrys Smith (Year 4 TA) and Mrs Sarah Wheel (Year 2 TA).

WELL DONE BARROW HEDGES!

Attached with this month's Hedgelines is a letter received from Sam Gyimah MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Childcare and Education. This is a fantastic recognition for the school.

WEBSITE UPDATE



As you know, we are currently in the process of updating our website; thank you to everybody who gave suggestions regarding the information you would like to see provided on the new website. As I am sure you are aware the design process takes some time but we are in constant touch with the web developers and providing feedback regarding the set up so far.

We will of course let you know when it goes live and welcome feedback on your initial thoughts.

BHPS NUMBER DAY

Mrs Kate Duncan (Maths Subject Leader)



On Friday 5th February, we spent the day thinking about numbers. We thought about special numbers, where we use numbers in our everyday lives and how the jobs our parents do all rely on numbers.



We came to the conclusion that a world without numbers would be very confusing: none of us would know what day of the month it was or even how old we were!



Throughout the day classes solved number problems, puzzled over Sudoku and took part in the Teacher Number Challenge! All the teachers dressed up as numbers which children had to record in order to solve a selection of tricky sums.

For example:

(Mr Buckingham+Miss Whittlesea) x Mrs Paull =?



There was a real number buzz around the school all day as children identified teachers' numbers and calculated with them.



In Key Stage One there were lots of correct entries for the competition and the winner was picked at random, well done Marina from Kingfisher class.

However, from the whole of Key Stage Two there were only five entirely correct entries! We were so impressed that we decided to award all five children with a prize. Well done to Harrison in Oak class; Sourinney in Lime class; Danny in Rowan Class; Vicky in Cedar class and Charitha in Sycamore class!



YEAR 4 - ROAD TRIP USA! *Written by Siyuan Lin & Olivia Prawdzik*



For our "Innovate Phase" last half term, Year 4 planned an amazing American party. In maths, we had a £100 budget, which we needed to use to buy enough food and drink for 90 people. In topic, we designed some Native American headdresses that looked really wonderful!



At the beginning of the party, we listened to some soothing Native American music and danced to it in the style of a Native American dance. Then we had delicious American food. Near the end, we had a modern dance around the classroom - even our teachers joined in! Year 4 really enjoyed this part of the project very much!

YEAR 3 – SAINSBURY'S TRIP *Shayna Ambani (Ash class)*

On Tuesday 23rd February, we went to Sainsbury's in Wallington to begin our

topic 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'. It took us a while to walk there but it was worth it! All the groups went off and found out lots about different foods.

My group found out that water is really healthy. We also looked at where different fruits originate from. After that, we walked back to school talking about what we had learned on the way. We got back just in time for lunch!



Finley Campbell (Ash class)



At Sainsbury's, we learned all about what foods are healthy or unhealthy.

We found that pizza, butter, Easter eggs, some ready meals and salami contain a lot of fat and sugar so are therefore unhealthy. Some healthy foods include sweetcorn, tomatoes and turkey as they do not contain too much fat or sugar. Surprisingly, we found out that a chocolate fudge brownie milkshake has more sugar than a can of Coke! We found some mangoes which came from Peru and some carrots that came from Nottingham, too. We thoroughly enjoyed our fantastic trip to Sainsburys!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms Kelly Wallis

Please remember Physical Education lessons are part of the national curriculum requirement. Therefore if you consider your child to be healthy enough to come to school then they

should also be taking part in PE lessons. Obviously there are some exceptions to this rule; such as broken limbs etc but children with 'runny noses' and the like should be taking part in the lessons and wearing suitable sports attire to keep them warm while participating.

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

In order to alleviate the number of children on the playground at any one time we have staggered lunchtime outdoor time. We trialled this (the week before Half Term holidays) before informing you of these arrangements. We felt it was very successful and since we have been advised not to use the field whilst wet weather (it was getting too churned up) this seems the best way to ensure children have enough space to run around. Please rest assured the children are not having a shorter lunchtime.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

We held our annual School Improvement Conference (SIP) on Friday 12th February. It was great to have many stakeholders involved in evaluating the year we have just had, looking at a summary of the questionnaires from children, parents and staff and setting the new priorities for next year.

THINKING DAY

It was lovely to see so many children come to school in their different uniforms to mark Thinking Day.

CHARITIES

Miss Marianne Wilson



A reminder that on **Friday 4th March**, it is '*Bandanas for Brain Tumours Day*'

or *#WearItOut!* This is a day to show support for The Brain Tumour Charity and Louis Ackers and his family. Children can either purchase an official bandana from the website below or wear their own from home and make a voluntary contribution which will be sent to this charity.



For more information on this charity and the *#WearItOut* event please follow the link below:
<https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/wearitout/>



THE GIVING MACHINE

A reminder please to use 'The Giving Machine' when you spend online to raise money for Barrow Hedges, at no cost to you. It is a website with links to all the best-known shopping sites: Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis and hundreds of others including supermarkets such as Tesco and Sainsbury's (and even eBay). Just register at: www.thegivingmachine.co.uk



TWITTER



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DATES UPCOMING:

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day (Maths themed) *N.B. This year this does not involve costumes.*

Monday 7th March – Y6 Cycling Workshop

Monday 21st March – Odd Sock Day

21st – 23rd March - Y4 Residential to Hooke Court

Wednesday 23rd March – Easter Hat Parade 2:40pm & Full Governing Body Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 24th March – School finishes at 2pm for Easter Holidays

Please note that some dates are published in The Year 1-6 Home School Liaison Books. All have also been posted on the school website (Events Diary for the academic year).