



Ladywood

Primary School



Ladywood Weekly News

Issue 1

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer with your children and enjoyed special family time.

We were delighted to see all the children back in school on Tuesday looking smart and ready to learn. All the children have settled well into their new classes and we had a super assembly this morning celebrating pupil successes this week. The children have also impressed me with their kindness when welcoming new pupils and new/returning members of staff, (Mrs Longbottom is new in Year 2, Mrs Wilson has joined Year 1 and Mrs Lassu has returned from Maternity Leave to Year 3). Well done boys and girls, I am very proud of you all.

On Thursday afternoon we took the Key Stage 2 children to watch the Tour of Britain cycle race as it passed our village. The children were a credit to the school walking sensibly through the community and offering support and encouragement to the riders as they came past. They all thoroughly enjoying being part of the event.

Please read on and discover all the other things that your child has been doing this week in their class sections. You will also find other important information within our newsletter each week and I would like to encourage you all to view it every Friday. Many thanks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs CL Grainger-Roystone

Headteacher

Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%. Each week the class with the highest attendance receives an award and £5 credit towards an end of year treat. On the last week of term, **Year 3** achieved the highest attendance of 95.6%. **WELL DONE!**

Polite reminder that the Attendance Newsletter and incentives have been shared, please can we kindly ask that you read and sign that you understand the changes.

Class Weekly Attendance

Classes with the best weekly attendance receive a £5 credit in the attendance 'pot' to spend how the class chooses at the end of the year

Week Ending: 19th July 2024

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
Nursery	84.9%	Year 3	95.6%
Reception	90.3%	Year 4	92.8%
Year 1	89%	Year 5	95.3%
Year 2	92%	Year 6	91.1%

Below the table, there are eight jars labeled Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6, each containing a £5 credit.

Awards



Special Mentions	
★ Reception	- Evie & Rodney
★ Year 1	- Ivy & Jack
★ Year 2	- Amelia & Oscar
★ Year 3	- <u>Esmae</u> & Mihai
★ Year 4	- <u>Kyren</u> & Oscar
★ Year 5	- Ryley & Maja
★ Year 6	- <u>Nataniel</u> & Autumn



Always Awards

Reception	-	Colby
Year 1	-	George
Year 2	-	Kailum
Year 3	-	Nicolle
Year 4	-	Cadence
Year 5	-	Louie
Year 6	-	Amelia



Behaviour Raffle

Reception	-	Holden Munford
Year 1	-	Jack
Year 2	-	George
Year 3	-	Molly
Year 4	-	Jacob
Year 5	-	Harvey
Year 6	-	Sophia

Nursery

What a super first week back! This week in Nursery, we have been making new friends. We have been learning all about our classroom rules and talking about how to be a good friend to the new children. We have also been singing lots of lovely songs and trying to complete the actions for these songs.

Next week, we will be talking about ourselves. We will be discussing what we look like and how we compare to others. We will also be looking at our own history. Please could you bring in photos of your child from when they were younger and a more recent photo so we can compare the differences. Photos can be brought in or emailed to r.wilding@ecmtrust.co.uk. In Maths, we will be practicing our counting and trying to count in the correct order.

Reception

We have all had a fabulous first week in Reception class. I have been so impressed with how well all the children have settled into full time school.

This week we have been talking about our school rules and routines. We have been finding out about all the different areas in our classroom and how to play with the different resources. We have been learning how to share and take turns with others.

We have started our RWInc lessons and are learning to say the letter sounds and how to write each letter correctly.

Please read the parent information booklet which I have sent home this week. I will also be holding a RWInc meeting for parents and will confirm the date with you shortly.

We have enjoyed listening to our class story each day and have also been sharing lots of books in our reading areas.

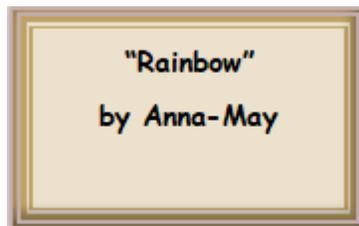
Next week we will be talking about the places we have visited. We will also be focusing on the artist Wassily Kandinsky and will create our own work in this style.

An enormous well done to all our reception children. It has been great getting to know all of you.

Have a good weekend.

Love from Mrs McQuillan

Picture of the week



Year 1

A huge welcome back to our new Year One children. What a great first week we have had!

The children have settled in really well and have enjoyed their first week of learning in their new class. Boys and girls have been recapping the rules and routines of school and have been able to take part in some free choosing time as well as accessing some focused learning.

To get an understanding of where children are at this week, we have focused lots on our letter and number formation before we dive into our Maths and English learning. This will begin next week.

In Science, we began learning about Animals and have named some familiar pet animals and discussed different animal groups.

In our PD (Personal Development) lesson, the children discussed why it is important to have rules and we will be going over the school rules over the next few weeks as children resettle into school routine.

Myself and Mrs Wilson have loved getting to know the children this week and we look forward to seeing the progress they make over the coming academic year.

A reminder of PE days is on the classroom door, children will need their PE kits on a Tuesday and Thursday. We did have some missing shoes this week, children were putting other children's shoes on, so we will keep reminding them to remember where they have left their shoes as they do need to take them off when in the hall.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, see you on Monday,

Miss Adams and Mrs Wilson

Year 2

A really great first week in Year 2. We have got to know our new classroom and all children have settled in well. This week we have reminded ourselves of the school rules and expectations.

All the children worked really hard to show the adults in Year 2 how well behaved they are.

Please remember to bring book bags everyday.

Our PE day is Tuesday and Friday.

Children will bring library books home every other Monday.

All the adults are really looking forward to getting to know the children over the next few weeks and are very excited about learning together throughout the year.

Polite reminder - please sign parental consent and make payment for the upcoming trip to the Coal Mining Museum which takes place on 19th September 2024.

Year 3

We have had a fabulous first week back at school and the children have settled into Year 3 brilliantly. We have started a new book called Arthur and the Golden Rope in Whole Class reading and we have looked at the meaning of new words in the story to make sure that we are reading for meaning.

In English we have also begun to look at our new book called Leon and the Place in Between. We have written expanded noun phrases to describe some of the things from the story such as 'the stripy, fierce tigers' and 'a flexible, energetic juggler.'

In maths we have been looking at addends and learning that we can add numbers together in any order and still get the same total. We have practised this practically using cubes and part-whole models.

We have begun to look at maps of the UK in Geography and discuss where important cities are and we were so excited to go and see the Tour of Britain race! We all cheered when the bikes raced past us!

Just a reminder that our P.E. days are on Wednesday and Friday so please make sure that your child has their kit in school on these days. Also, children are required to take out earrings before school and ensure that long hair is tied back.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mrs Lassu, Mrs Salter and Mrs Guy.

Year 4

A fantastic first week in year 4 where we have been looking at nouns, noun phrases and conjunctions in English. In Reading we have been using dictionaries and thesauruses accurately. Next week we will continue to write sentences that include conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. In Maths we have recapped how to set out column addition and worked at calling the numbers addends. Next week we will continue to look at column addition. In Geography this week we have been locating countries in Europe using an Atlas. In music we learnt all about the song Mamma Mia and began to perform it. In PE, we started to look at different passing skills linked to our first competition Handball.

Swimming starts for Year 4 on Monday next week. This is a statutory element of the National Curriculum and therefore there is a no opt out option. All children will require swimwear and a towel. Long hair will need to be tied up.

Finally it is important that your child practices their times tables for at least 5 minutes a day in Year 4 in preparation for end of year statutory MTC check. Together we will see massive improvements in rapid recall and accuracy if children do practice at home.

Times table knowledge is essential for mathematics as the children progress through KS2 and then high school. I have given the children heat maps for TT Rockstars which shows your child's current speed for their times tables, please encourage your child to practice and beat their speed. Thank you

Year 5

We have had a fantastic week in Year 5 and the children have been a delight to teach. They have impressed us with their enthusiasm and great contributions during our lessons.

In Maths, we began our unit on Decimal Fractions by identifying tenths as part of a whole. We then shaded in one tenth of different representations. Next week, we will describe and represent tenths as a decimal fraction.

In English, we were introduced to our new topic by exploring our ideas about the universe and discussed the things we were curious about. This will lead to us writing a proposal to NASA to request that they build a rover to explore Mars. Next week, we will write formal labels to describe the features of our own rover designs.

In Geography, we were introduced to our South America topic. We started by using a KWL grid to record what we already know and write questions for what we would like to find out about. Next week, we will label the world zones on a map of the world and explore the varying climate of South America.

Additional information

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday.

All children have been given a reading diary and must ensure that these are handed in daily. They will be able to choose a new book from the library on Tuesday and will be able to exchange books in our weekly library session on Tuesdays.

Year 6

We have had a fantastic start to Year 6 and are getting to grips with being the oldest in the school!

We started our Year 6 journey with exploring what 'Growth Mindset' is and thinking about having a more positive attitude to our school life. We learned that some of us can have a fixed mindset and tend to give up easily when things get tricky. We are determined to persevere more and aspire to be the best we can be!

We started our Science unit 'Evolution and Inheritance' and discovered what evolution actually meant. We know that it is something that has developed and changed over millions of years to adapt to its surroundings. We explored how fossils are made and how they have informed scientists about evolution over many years. We also discovered how Charles Darwin was a famous biologist and what he did to discover so many living things on earth.

On Wednesday, we started our English unit exploring the book 'The Arrival'. We were excited about this as it is a picture book and has no words at all. We are really enjoying it so far as it allows us to use our imagination and create the story ourselves just by looking at the pictures. We have also completed some grammar work on relative clauses and we really impressed our teachers with our knowledge.

In Maths, we have started a unit on part-part-whole structure to solve additive problems. This has involved a little bit of algebra and Mrs Bradbury thinks we have worked extremely hard. We have found these maths lesson quite fun!

Everyone has had a great first week in Year 6, staff included, and we are looking forward to next week to learn lots more!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Goulding

Useful dates

19/09/2024 - Y2 trip to National Coal Mining Museum

30/11/2024 - Closing date for Secondary school applications

15/01/2025 - Closing date for Primary school applications

Useful contacts:

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School website: www.ladywoodprimary.co.uk

School X/Twitter: @SchoolLadywood

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR
For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (21 Days)	October (19 Days)	November (20 Days)
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 Bank Holidays
 School Holidays

135 days - including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

1 - Term dates 2024 2025

Barnsley Schools Catering

Welcome Back - Autumn 2024 Parent update



Welcome to our Winter term parent update. We circulate these newsletters once a term via your school, here we aim to provide you with information about our healthy nutritious school lunches as well as useful updates from behind the scenes and things to keep an eye out for.

Are you or is someone you know looking for work?

Barnsley schools catering are hiring! No experience is necessary, and all training will be given on the job. Receive competitive rates of pay, term time work and working hours during the school day – perfect for dropping off and picking up children at school! We have various vacancies located across the borough, apply now at <https://barnsley.engageats.co.uk/>

Parents Evenings

Did you know that we attend your children's parents evening to showcase the work we do and support we offer in schools. When Parents evenings take place why not come and say hello.

Did you know

When creating meals and looking at products we use, where possible we obtain these from local butchers and suppliers. Where this is not possible we look to utilise and work with brand names such as Harty Ramadens, Quorn, Birds-eye and Waffelmeister, which are popular household names and tastes children will be familiar with. On our social media pages we share information relating to our meals and the accreditations we hold which is maintained by upholding to such standards.

Social Media

Barnsley Schools Catering provide updates, celebrations and fun food facts each week via our social media platforms. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter (X) and Instagram at the pages below. So why not give us a follow!

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Theme Days

Throughout the Year we like to provide fun theme menus for children to celebrate. Take a look at the calendar below that showcases what's on offer over the next 12 months. Keep your eyes peeled with communications from your school so your child can get involved.



National School Meals Week

In November, all across the country caterers and schools will be celebrating National School Meals Week, during this time each day has a specific theme that is celebrated with fun tasty food and resources so school can take part in activities with the children. Keep an eye on our social media pages where we will be bringing the occasion to life!

Have you checked to see if your child is eligible for free school meals?

Could your child be eligible for free school meals? Applying is important, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and currently gets Universal Infant Free School Meals. When you apply, your school receives extra funding to support your child's education. Check if you are eligible now over at www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals. Free school meals are a great way to ensure your child eats well at lunchtime.

The below highlights some of the wider benefits of accessing school meals:

- Meals are packed full of goodness, with at least 2 of your child's 5- a day
- Helps to develop your children's social skills and table manners
- Evidence demonstrates that regular consumption of school dinners can improve educational attainment
- Saves you time (and money)! No shopping for sandwiches or preparing packed lunches
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