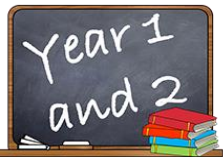


Thanks for another great week and all the activities taking place, parent workshops, sports relief events, school council work and football matches. An update regarding Covid-19: Until any changes are made the situation regarding our school policy is to be guided by Public Health England and Barlow Hall remains open as usual. We are following Public Health advice. The following link is to support children in washing their hands properly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg>

Following the scientific/medical advice issued yesterday there is no need to keep children off school unless they were presenting with symptoms which include fever and persistent cough. Jayne Kennedy



Learning about World War 2

KS1 would like to thank the families who turned up for our special topic celebration assembly on World War Two. The children loved showing what they had learnt and performing in front of an audience. The children

found it very thought provoking to become wartime evacuees for a day and to briefly experience how it felt to travel miles from home and arrive in a strange place where you knew no-one and then have to wait to be chosen by strangers and then to live with them until the war ended and you were allowed home. The children thoroughly enjoyed the topic and have learnt lots about life in the war.



Antarctica



Following on from this topic, Year 1 and 2 have started their new unit of work this half term which is all about Antarctica and Captain Scott's voyage there. The children have started the topic by learning the 7 continents and 5 oceans on earth. They have also looked at what it would be like to stay in Antarctica as a

scientist. In addition, the children are producing a non-chronological report all about penguins as part of their research linked to their '6 month stay' in Antarctica!



Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our two KS1 SATs workshops this week, we hope you found them very useful. If you weren't able to attend but would like a copy of the parents pack, please see either Mrs Arrevillagas or Mrs Kay.

Over the next couple of months we will be running additional phonics workshops for parents/ families in both Year 1 and 2. Please check the website for details and dates.



We currently have a number of volunteers working across the school to support the children in their learning. They include trainee teachers and teaching assistants, college and high school work experience students and parents. Our volunteers enjoy hearing children read, support with maths skills and working with children on their individual spellings as well as helping with cutting, sticking and photocopying. If you are interested in volunteering within school, please contact Mrs Kay for further information.

Fun in our forest



On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February, Lily Horseman from Kindling Play and training came to support us in developing the fantastic outdoor space we have at Barlow Hall. The children spent time in our forest playing, doing activities and having fun round the fire. The pouring rain didn't seem to put anyone off!

Improving our outdoor provision even more!

EYFS and KS1 will be trialing using the forest as part of their lunchtime play which will extend KS1's current Forest School Provision and introduce EYFS to its benefits earlier in school whilst at the same time expanding their already substantial outdoor play facilities.

Wellies in school for EYFS and KS1 Children



Please can we ask all EYFS and KS1 parents to ensure that they leave a pair of wellies in school, clearly marked with their child's name during term time as EYFS children wear them for playing out when it's raining, for the mud kitchen and in the digging area and KS1 children will need them to play on the forest.



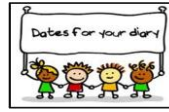
Thank you to all those parents and families who were able to sponsor our Sports Relief Daily mile Obstacle Race. We will let you know how much we have raised when we have all the money in. The children have enjoyed their week of extra sporting activities and the phase competitions each day. The Winning Team overall will be announced next week.



Week Commencing 16 March

Next Week (please see our website

for more events and changes)



MARCH

Mon 16 Celebration Assembly 9:10

Tues 17 Reception Parents Evening 1 with Mr George

Wed 18 Parents Evening

City Cooks with Sharon Drinkwater

Wild Crew

Thurs 19: Forest School MJ/KF

Debate Team Competition St Lukes Longsight 2:30 – 5:30 pm

Fri 20 Swimming 3KF/3/4AC

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 23 Easter Experience Christ Church - 3/4 AC

Tues 24 Easter Experience Christ Church - 3KF/5AV

Wed 25 Easter Experience Christ Church – 4AM, 5/6 EH, 6SP

April

Thur 2 World Autism Awareness day

Fri 3 Yellow Day/Easter Eggstravaganza

Break up 2 pm – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Mon 20 Return to school

Thur 23 9am - Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop. October session repeat)



Well done to those children who have received certificates this week for demonstrating excellent behaviours that are supporting their learning and helping them to achieve well.

**Andre, Ruba, Yakub, Denisha,
Noah, Manel, NoorB, Violet, Dylan, Sophia A**

If your child is to receive a certificate in our Celebration Assembly on Monday at 9:10 am we will send out a message on School Cal to let you know

Attendance overview from 2/3/20 to 6/3/20

Attendance 96.4% Unauthorised Absence 1.3%

Nur B 93.8%	Nur R 98.3%	Rec O 96.9%
1MJ 92.9%	2NA 96.5%	2SK 94.5%
3KF 94.1%	¾ AC 97.9%	4AM 97.7%
5AV 97.3%	5/6EH 97.0%	6SP 97.9%

Attendance during one school year	Days Absent...	Weeks Absent...	Lessons Missed...
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	230 Lessons
60%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	270 Lessons

How does your child's attendance compare with this target? Please remember that children who miss a lot of school achieve less.

Manchester Art Gallery Open Doors

Autism Friendly sessions



From April Manchester Art Gallery will hold an autism friendly session every school holiday and on a Sunday morning at 10-12, when the art gallery is quieter.

The Art gallery is developing a new exciting creative space that will be ready in May which will be used as well as exploring other areas of the Gallery. The next open doors session will take place this weekend on

Saturday 14th March 9-15-11.15

This will be followed by dates on Saturday 14th March – 9:15-11:15 -

Thursday 16th April – 10:30 -12;00

Monday 25th May - 10:30 -12;00

Sunday 25th June – 10-12;00

Thursday 23rd July - 10:30 -12;00

Thursday 20th August - 10:30 -12;00

Sunday 20th September – 10-12;00

Thursday 29th October - 10:30 -12;00

Sunday 22nd November - 10-12;00



Fri 3 April - Break-up Easter – 2 pm

Mon 20 April – Return to school

Thurs May 7 - School Closed Polling station

Fri 8 May – School closed VE Day

celebrations Bank Holiday

Fri 22 May – Break-up 3 pm

Mon 1 June – Return to school

Friday 17 July – Break-up for summer

2pm

Mon 20 July – School closed INSET DAY



Barlow Hall Blogs

Don't forget to check out our Blogs to find out more about what has been happening in school by pressing (Ctrl) and clicking on our home page link below or your child's class/phase page.

Checkout our Glaramara pictures on the Home Page

EYFS (Nursery and Reception Class)

KS1 (Year 1 and 2)

LKS2 (Year 3 and 4)

UKS2 (Year 5 and 6)