

Thank you for another great week at Barlow Hall. The children have thoroughly enjoyed Science Day today and had visits this week from the rainforest animals brought in by Animals intuition. Thank you to those parents who attended this week's KS1 SATs Workshops, I am sure you found them very useful and informative and have no doubt that they will help to support your children through their SATs tests. Good luck years 1, 5 and 6 in next week's Assessment Week. Jayne Kennedy

Science Day at Barlow Hall

The Barlow Bears, Nursery, and Reception children and parents enjoyed a fantastic stay and play session this week and everyone got really involved in some great hands-on science based learning. Amongst a huge range of activities, we explored our senses with a sensory table, looked at how magnets work, and of course got a bit messy with some colour experiments and foam. Keep a look out on the blog to see the wonderful photos.



Bernard Halford returns to Barlow Hall with the Women's League Cup



All the children in school have been very lucky to receive a visit from Bernard Halford, president of Manchester City football club. With him (and his security men!) Bernard brought the women's league cup to show the children. Everyone listened fantastically well to Bernard as he told tales of his footballing life and the children also asked some wonderful questions. We all had the opportunity to have a class photo taken with Bernard and the cup which will be available to view soon.

Sport Relief Week at Barlow Hall

We are all gearing up for Sports relief week at Barlow Hall (the 17th - 23rd March) and everyone will be asked to bring in £1 donation for taking part in the week's activities to raise money. Alongside our popular daily mile, the children will also take part in lots of other activities such as skipping, ball skills and even Zumba! Please can you ensure your child has appropriate footwear in school to take part in the activities. On Friday 23rd March, children are invited to come to school in sports-wear.



Easter Experience



KS2 will be visiting Christ Church between the 19th - 21st March to take part in the annual 'Experience Easter' event. They will be involved in some great workshops and activities all based around the Easter story. Photos will appear on the website soon. If you have a child in KS2, please ensure you have signed and

returned the consent form to allow your child to take part. There is no charge for this activity.

Scarlet Fever in the local area



There has been a recent national and local increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health England, above seasonal expected levels.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever:

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by Streptococcus pyogenes, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

Infection control advice:

As per the national guidance on 'Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities', children and adults with suspected scarlet fever will be excluded from nursery / school / work for 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

National Football Museum



Autism Friendly opening at the National Football Museum

Starts Sunday 18th March 9, 2018
See school website for more details

Week commencing 12th March

Mon Y6 Boosters

Assessment Week

KS1 PPA – PE kit required

Y6 Flag Football

Tues KS2 PPA - PE Kit required

Wed Y6 Boosters

City Cooks Parent + Child Intervention

Venture Arts in the Communication Centre

Nursery PCI group – parent session only

Y3/4AC to Southern Cemetery to make bird-boxes

Thur 3/4+2EH – Forest School

Time Traveler's Parent Group

Fri – Y6 Boosters

3MJ + 4AM Swimming

child of the week

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.

Natalie, Gabriela, Amina, Tiger-Rose, Reece

Natalia, Ruby G, Maanisha, Zhou Yang, Aadil Mrs Matthews Y4AM Class will receive a whole class certificate in assembly for being great ambassadors for the school and their excellent behaviour on a recent school trip.

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 26/2/18 to 2/3/18

Present: 95.2% Unauthorised Absence 2.4% Lates: 45

Nur B 73.0%	Nur Y 83.8%	
Rec O 96.2%	Rec P 94.3%	
1NA 94.4%	2SK 95.0%	1/2EH 94.6%
3MJ 96.3%	¾ AC 96.2%	4AM 97.0%
5AV 96.5% **	5/6SP 95.9%	6AB. 90.7%

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?



Reading Bus Raffle

Due to the recent spate of bad weather and to raise extra funds for our Reading Bus we have decided to extend our fantastic raffle to the last week of term.

The draw will now take place on Wednesday 27th March and winners will be notified by school-cal message. Tickets cost £1 per strip and can now be purchased from the office only



w/c Mon 19 Sports Relief Week

Easter Experience

Tues 20 Parents Evening Mr Vaughan's class

Wed 21 Downs Syndrome Day

Wed 21 – Parents Evening

Fri 23 – Sports Relief

Y5+6 Drama Workshop

Mon 26 Reception Class Screening

Wed 28 Parent Governor voting deadline

Y4 Science Workshop

Thu 29 – Yellow Day/Easter

Eggstravaganza

Thur 29 Break-up 2 pm –No after school club

Term Dates 2017/18



Thursday 29th March – Break up 2 pm
(No After School Club)

Monday 17th April – Return to School

Thursday 3rd May – INSET Day

Friday 4th May – INSET Day

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 25th May – Break up 3 pm

Monday 4th June - Return to school

Friday 20th June Break up 2 pm

No After School Club



Please ensure your child gets to school on time but if they are late make sure that they are signed in to our fire register