



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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**Be Confident**

**Be Cooperative**

## HEADS' CORNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is finally shining! After a very wet Wednesday, we are so pleased to see the return of the sunshine; outdoor learning is certainly more fun in the sun!

Over the past few weeks, several of our governors have been in school to meet with subject leaders and to complete learning walks around the school. After two years of not being able to have these meetings, it has been fantastic for governors to be back in school and seeing all the achievements of the children.

Whenever we walk around the school, we are always such proud headteachers. The children show excellent behaviour for learning and they are all so excited to tell us about their lessons.

This week, we have been focusing on writing around the school and we have been so impressed with the progress the children have made since September. We have seen huge improvements in handwriting and presentation, the content of the writing is imaginative and interesting and the children's stamina for writing is great!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed



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# NOTICES AND NEWS

## DANCE FESTIVAL

Our Year 5&6 dazzled us with an outstanding performance at the Arts Depot of Underhill's mash up of West Side Story songs. The children displayed great dance technique and performance skills. We are so super proud of them, they were simply incredible- all the rehearsals paid off! Congratulations to: Deleane, Zahara, Hollie, Kelly, Tiniya, Amelia, Georgie, Emily P, Divine, Mya, Kayla, Lola, Poppy A-L, Arina, Maggie, Natalia, Eddie, Jack WS, Igor, Harry, Diana and Amelie.

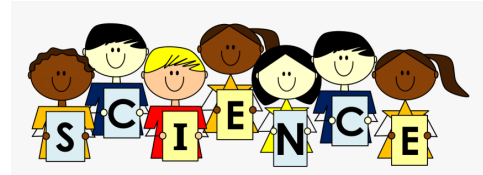
## SCIENCE WEEK

Underhill will be celebrating Science Week from 28th March to 1st April.

Be on the lookout for some at home science experiments which we will be sending out via google classroom and seesaw.

Pupils can get creative and enter the British Science Association's annual, UK-wide poster competition on the theme of growth! They can make a poster about any version of 'Growth' that they like and be in with the chance of winning an array of prizes. Bring your entry into school any time from now to 1st April.

The last day of term will be 'Dress Like a Scientist Day'. Children have been exploring different types of scientist in school and we would love to see as many of these as possible represented, from snorkel wearing marine biologists to paleontologists with brushes and trowels. Not all scientists wear lab coats!



## SCIENCE TALK AND LEARNING WALK

Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a wonderful talk on careers in STEM from our science governor, Sarah Westcott on Wednesday. It was so lovely to be able to welcome a speaker into the school in person again and the children clearly enjoyed the opportunity and were bursting with questions for Sarah on a whole variety of science topics. Their enthusiasm for the subject was plainly on display and there was some excellent scientific discussion. We thank Sarah enormously for her engaging and inspiring talk.

Following this, a learning walk was conducted looking at science across the whole school. From Nursery right through to Year 6, there was superb science being done by children as they demonstrated their growing skills of enquiry and reasoning. Something which was particularly apparent was the happiness and confidence with which they spoke about their learning. In every class, children wanted to share their discoveries and predictions with Sarah and myself and did so eloquently and eagerly. They were a credit to the Underhill community.

Jack Hayward  
Science Lead



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## FRED READING

I would love to have some pictures of children enjoying FRED reading time at home for our library display . Please could you send a picture of your child reading to the school office.

Thank you,  
Anniina Limbrick  
English Lead



## SUMMER TERM CLUBS

Keep a look out for our club letter coming out next week for staff led clubs, Parents will need to sign up their children by Thursday 31st March.

Summer term staff led clubs will start from the week commencing Monday 25th April. Please note there will be no clubs on the first week back to school (week commencing 18th April).

Please be aware this terms staff led clubs will end next week.  
No staff led clubs will run on our last week of term 28th March-1st April.



## SCHOOL DONATIONS

We would be very grateful for any **large** girls tights black or grey and **large** black tracksuit bottoms age 10-15 years for us to keep as spares for the children.

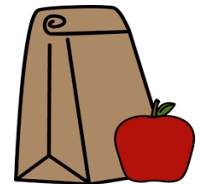
## PARKING

Polite reminder to please park sensibly when coming to school, We have seen parents parking on the double yellow lines directly outside and some parents blocking the pavement completely.

You will be aware of how frustrating it is to try and get passed with a buggy from when your children were very little and how dangerous it is to have to walk in the road as a result of inconsiderate parking. Please also consider wheelchair users and how this also affects them. Thank you for your co-operation.

## SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember you can only change meal options by giving the office 1 weeks notice.  
School meals are £2.34 a day payable on school money.



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## Instrumental & Vocal Lessons Available Now!

Learning a musical instrument can help ease anxiety and boost mental wellbeing.

Playing music helps boost confidence and improve concentration, all whilst having fun!

- Lessons are available for most instruments and voice for children and young people of all levels and ages 7-18.
- Individual or small group tuition available
- BEAT has been successfully delivering individual tuition during these past few months. This shall continue as before and can be delivered face to face, or online.
- Our specialist tutors work in schools and academies in Barnet and with our evening and weekend Music Academies.
- All tutors are fully DBS checked and their teaching is regularly monitored.



To register for tuition please contact your school or visit our website for more information:

[www.beatrust.org.uk](http://www.beatrust.org.uk)

## MUSIC TUITION

Barnet Educational Art's Trust offer music lessons at our school.

Do you have a child who is interested in learning a musical instrument?

Any budding musicians from Year 3-6?

Bookings for instrumental lessons for the Summer term 2022 are now open. Please book at:

<https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/>

Here you can find details of the music lessons on offer and can log into your online account to pay or, register if new.



**mysportscentre**



**multi-sports coaching**

**Every Saturday**

**10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm (5-11 yrs)**

**Book a Free Trial**

**at Underhill Primary School**

**[www.mysportscentre.co.uk](http://www.mysportscentre.co.uk)**



## PETER PHILLIPS CRICKET EASTER COURSES



### Play cricket this Easter

With Peter Phillips and his super coaching team (All ECB qualified & DBS checked)

**For absolute beginners to established club players - everyone is welcome!**

With fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities it's ...

### NON STOP CRICKET

### WHATEVER THE WEATHER

For all the information you need please visit [www.peterphillipscricket.co.uk](http://www.peterphillipscricket.co.uk) Or call Peter anytime on 07930 44 55 66

**What:** Cricket courses for boys & girls aged 5 - 16

**When:** Week 1: April 4th - 8th  
Week 2: April 11th - 14th

**Time:** 10am - 3pm

**Working Mums and Dads? Early bird drop off (8.30am) and late pick up (4.30pm) available**

**Where:** The Totteridge Academy, Barnet Lane, N20 8AZ



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## ATTENDANCE

Beech	90.00
Maple	91.38
1 Oak	90.63
1 Willow	93.23
2 Chestnut	96.43
2 Palm	92.13
3 Cedar	89.66
3 Hornbeam	95.54
3 Yew	84.82
4 Cherry	94.44
4 Larch	92.86
4 Pine	93.98
5 Holly	91.38
5 Laurel	93.97
5 Sycamore	92.08
6 Ash	95.41
6 Elm	93.98
6 Hawthorn	92.08

## House attendance

Balmoral – 92.30



Windsor – 90.99



Holyrood – 92.49



Sandringham – 93.09



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of the term for Nursery
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Dress as a Scientist for Science week
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term - <b>school finishes at 2pm</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff INSET (School closed for children)
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school



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# BARNET COURSES

Please find attached a flyer for the Autism pre-school programme starting mid- March. This programme is open to all parents with a child who has a **diagnosis of Autism, aged 0-6**. If you have any questions regarding this you can speak to our SENCO Sue York.



Professionals and parents will deliver modules designed increase your knowledge and skills with understanding autism and using practical strategies.

The criteria for accessing the programme:

- Barnet Resident
- Child has a diagnosis of autism.
- Child is 0-6 years old (up to year 1)

To book please go to the link below and complete the form. We will then send weekly emails with details for each session including the opportunity to watch the session as a you tube video and to join a live ZOOM session.

Click on the booking form link below

[BOOKING FORM](#)



## BELS Autism Parent/Carer Programme

Programme Content	
<p><b>1. Promoting Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of speech, language, and communication</li> <li>• Strategies for promoting this in the home.</li> </ul> <p>Professionals: Speech Therapist &amp; BEAM</p> <p>Live ZOOM sessions: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 10am-11:30am and 1pm-2.30pm</p>	<p><b>2. Introduction to Autism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is autism?</li> <li>• Autism and early education.</li> <li>• Autism voice</li> <li>• Strategies for support</li> </ul> <p>Professionals: BEAM</p> <p>Live ZOOM sessions: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 10am-11:30am and 1pm-2.30pm</p>
<p><b>3. Understanding Sensory Processing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of our 5 senses and 3 hidden senses.</li> <li>• Practical strategies to promote alertness and calm.</li> </ul> <p>Professionals: Occupational Therapist</p> <p>Live ZOOM sessions: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 10am-11:30am and 1pm-2.30pm</p>	<p><b>4. Eating and Drinking Difficulties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of development of eating and drinking skills.</li> <li>• Practical strategies to use at home.</li> </ul> <p>Professionals: Occupational Therapist &amp; Speech Therapist</p> <p>Live ZOOM sessions: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 10am-11:30am and 1pm-2.30pm</p>
<p><b>5. Structure, Routine and managing change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of visuals and other strategies for setting up routines in the home and managing changes and transitions.</li> </ul> <p>Professionals: BEAM</p> <p>Live ZOOM sessions: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 10am-11:30am and 1pm-2.30pm</p>	<p><b>6. Sleep</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding how to improve sleep.</li> <li>• Practical strategies to promote good bedtime routines.</li> </ul> <p>Professionals: BEAM</p> <p>Live ZOOM sessions: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10am-11:30am and 1pm-2.30pm</p>
<p><b>7. Toileting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of development of toileting skills.</li> <li>• Strategies for promoting using the toilet at home.</li> </ul> <p>Professionals: BEAM &amp; Parent</p> <p>Live ZOOM sessions: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10am-11:30am and 1pm-2.30pm</p>	<p><b>8. Understanding Education Health and Care Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is an EHCP?</li> <li>• How can an EHCP help my child?</li> <li>• How long this process takes?</li> <li>• Who can help?</li> </ul> <p>Professionals: SENDIASS</p> <p>Live ZOOM sessions: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10am-11:30am and 1pm-2.30pm</p>



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## NEW FAMILY LINKS COURSES

The Children's Centre will be running a 10 week Nurture program called Family Links. This is a 10week course which will run from April 26th - July 12th and this includes an additional taster session to introduce you to the course and check if it's right for you.

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging. The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life. Family Links is a tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

If you are interested please pick up a leaflet from Underhill School front reception and then book your place with Saydie - 07718 648300 or Beverly 07950 791287.

### What is the Nurturing Programme?

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### Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

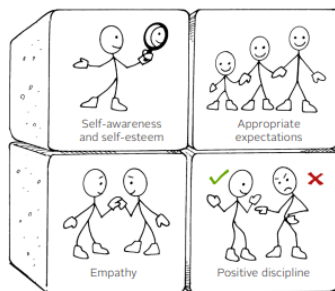
There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

We provide a creche

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle

### The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme



### What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

- Understanding** why children behave as they do
- Recognising** the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Exploring** different approaches to discipline
- Finding** ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learning** the importance of looking after ourselves



## ESOL COURSE

Would you like to improve your English speaking, reading, writing and listening skills? We will be starting ESOL - English for speakers of other languages in January 2022, Wednesday mornings 9.15am - 11.15am. Please contact us at [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net) or text 07511 273 564 to book your place. We are unable to offer creche facilities.

This is the link for the autumn term timetable.

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Are you a Barnet resident over 16?

Do you need help to upskill or obtain employment?

Boost offer free support including:

Career guidance

Job searching

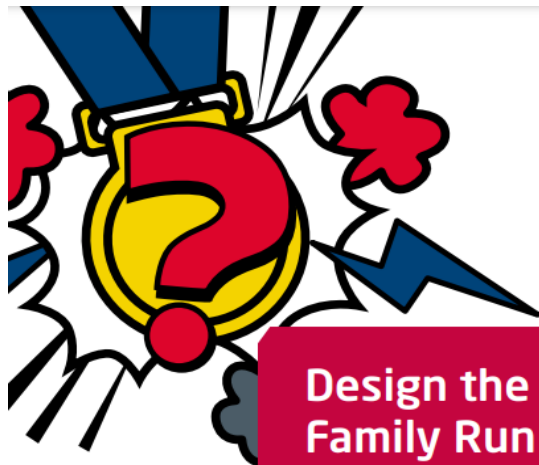
Training

CV writing

Interview skills

Sign up for a free session of employment support with Louise from Boost Employment support on Thursday 25th March 10am-12pm @ Underhill School and Children's Centre Mays Lane, Barnet, EN5 2LZ. Please text Maria on 07718648305 to book a place.

If you can't make this session, please visit [www.boostbarnet.org](http://www.boostbarnet.org) or call 0208 359 2442 to register for free support.



**ROYAL AIR FORCE**  
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## Design the Spitfire Family Run medal

### The Spitfire Family Run will be back in 2022!

Design a medal that showcases the iconic Spitfire, the RAF and those inspiring people who serve!

The winning design will be brought to life and handed out to all our Spitfire Family Run participants.

Check out the [Resource Pack](#) on our website for a template, inspiration and further instructions.

#### Who can take part?

Everyone under 16

#### How do I enter?

Send your medal designs as a photo or scan via email to [whats.on@rafmuseum.org](mailto:whats.on@rafmuseum.org) by 31 March. The winner will be announced by 30 April.

The winners will receive free entry for themselves and five friends or family members in the Spitfire Family Run 2022 and an amazing Spitfire prize bundle.

For more details about the Spitfire 10K, the Spitfire Family Run and other RAF Museum events, visit our website [rafmuseum.org.uk](http://rafmuseum.org.uk). Full terms and conditions can be found on the RAF Museum website.



## Little Swifts

Our fun and lively Little Swifts sessions for children aged 2-5 years are linked to our amazing collection.

Tuesdays include a fun-packed hour of drama, dance and music. A magical session that gets all children participating!

Thursdays include stories, songs and messy play. A lively session that gets children exploring!

#### When

Second Tuesday and last Thursday of each month (term time only). See website for dates

#### Booking

Tickets can be booked via the website [rafmuseum.org.uk](http://rafmuseum.org.uk) (places are limited)

#### Where

Hangar 6

#### Time

10.30am - 11.30am

#### Cost

£3 per child



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