



# NEWSLETTER



22nd July 2021

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## HEADS' CORNER

Hi everyone,

Well, we have made it to the end of the year, admittedly with a few scrapes and bumps but we think we can say that this year has demonstrated what a fantastic community this is, and we feel really privileged to work alongside you all. Your children are a credit to you.

This is also a sad time of year as while we celebrate our successes, we have to say goodbye to those members of staff, who are leaving us.

Kay Rossington has worked at Underhill for 18 years and her contribution as Junior School Office Manager and then Underhill School Business Manager is immense. She has been an integral part of Underhill's success and we will really miss her.

Lucy Timbrell has been a Learning Mentor for 7 years and has helped countless children to feel better able to be happy learners. She is a very valued member of staff.

Vanessa Pearce has been a brilliant teaching assistant and has worked both as a general and 1:1 TA, supporting many children during her time here.

Jaime Johal has been a brilliant class teacher and phase leader in both year 5 and year 4 and has made a wonderful contribution across the whole school.

Anthony Stockton, while only being here for a short time, has supported lots of children and has had a big impact from EYFS to Y6.

Elise Jones joined us as a sports apprentice before becoming a PE and Sports assistant, helping to deliver high quality PE across the school. She has been an integral part of the improvement of the PE at Underhill.

Smita Dangui came to us as a volunteer and leaves us after over 2 years as a really skilled 1:1 teaching assistant.

Billy Strong has only been with us for short time working as a 1:1 Teaching assistant and has shown himself to be a brilliant practitioner.

We can't thank you all enough for everything that you have done for children, families and staff at Underhill. You will be really missed by us all. We are sure you join us in wishing them the very best of luck as they embark on their next adventures!

Thank you so much for all your kind words and gifts. We are very excited to be continuing as Co-Headteachers in the next exciting chapter at Underhill.

We wish you all a wonderful, wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all back here on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.40am!

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles



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# NOTICES AND NEWS

## SCHOOL DINNERS FOR YEAR 3-6

Please remember that from September 2021, the price of school dinners will be increasing in line with the London Borough of Barnet recommended price. The cost per week will be £11.70 (daily rate £2.34).

All dinners need to be paid for in advance on School Money.

If you feel you are entitled to free school meals, and are not currently receiving them please complete the form you were sent earlier this week as soon as possible with your National Insurance details, full name and date of birth so we can run a check



## UNIFORM

Thank you to all the parents who have already ordered the new uniform. It is great to see so many orders being placed already. If you haven't ordered yet please log into your School Money account. If you have any trouble accessing it, please email the office at [office@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@underhill.barnetmail.net) and we can send you your password again. We are due to receive the orders over the summer holidays. We will contact you to come and collect it when they are ready.

## DEBTS



Thank you to all the parents who have cleared any monies owing on school money.

Unfortunately we still have a lot of overdue debts. As a school this is not sustainable for us. Please can you make sure you log onto school money and clear what is overdue.

## SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2021 IS THE DATE SCHOOL RESTARTS FOR YEARS 1- 6

The Barnet Education Welfare Team have asked us to remind parents that all children in Years 1-6 are expected to return on the 2nd September or expect a fixed penalty notice.

For children going into **reception** please see the individual emails you have been sent with their individual start dates.

For existing Nursery children who are staying in nursery they will return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

New nursery starters have individual emails with their start dates, please check your emails for this.



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## MEET THE TEACHER DATES

In September you will have the opportunity to come in and meet your child's new teacher. Meetings will be held in the big hall. Please see the dates below:

7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	9.00am Year 1
	2.50pm Year 2
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	9.00am Year 3
	2.50pm Year 4
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	9.00am Year 5
	2.50pm Year 6
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	9.00am Nursery
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	2.50pm Reception

## COVID PROTOCOLS OVER SUMMER

If your child gets a positive PCR test over the summer holidays, please email us on [head@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:head@underhill.barnetmail.net). We will be monitoring this email address over the summer. Please be aware that we may not reply to your email immediately. Schools are no longer required to carry out contact tracing. This will be done by NHS Test and Trace, who will be in touch with you to let you know about isolation periods for your household.

## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Schools have been given an extra bank holiday next year to take when they please. We have made the decision to take this on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022. January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 will now be an INSET day and children will return to school on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## DROP OFF AND COLLECTION TIMINGS IN SEPTEMBER

The government have informed us that we are no longer required to have staggered drop off and pick up times from September. Please see below for the new timings:

Nursery AM: 8:45am-11:45am

Nursery PM: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Reception: 8:40am – 3:10pm

Year 1- Year 6: 8:40am – 3:20pm

EYFS and KS1: Staff will continue to meet the children in the small playground in the morning and take them to their classes. You will collect at the end of the day from the small playground.

Children in KS2 should arrive in the big playground and head straight to their classrooms in the morning. You will collect at the end of the day from the big playground.

If you have children in different key stages, your child will stay with their teacher while you collect siblings.

On the first day of term, Year 3 should go to the big hall, where they will meet their teachers.



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## UNSUNG HEROES: SUMMER TERM 2021

Each term, our teachers choose one child from their class who always meets our Golden Expectations. They demonstrate an 'I can, you can, we can' attitude as well as embodying our 4 Be words;

Be Caring \* Be Confident \* Be Curious \* Be Cooperative

Our unsung Heroes for Summer term 2021 were

Conker Am	Terrence
Conker Pm	Aurora
Beech	Anda
Maple	Aayan
1 Oak	Mykita
1 Willow	Erdem
2 Chestnut	Victoria T
2 Palm	Aalia
3 Cedar	Lara
3 Hornbeam	Sopjie
3 Yew	Cameron
4 Cherry	Dexter
4 Larch	Rebecca
4 Pine	Ludwik
5 Holly	Amelia
5 Laurel	Igor
5 Sycamore	Kayla
6 Elm	Alina
6 Hawthorn	Irmak



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## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 6

It is that time again when we need to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 students who are leaving us to start their next stage of education in their respective secondary schools. We wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to them coming back to visit us on the 9<sup>th</sup> September when hopefully we can say a proper goodbye and celebrate with them. They will also be able to collect their school photos on this date.

## BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

As schools are no longer required to work in bubbles in September, we are able to welcome more children into our fantastic breakfast and after school clubs. If you would like any information about these, please contact the school office. Please note that there is going to be a slight change in the pricing structure of these clubs to bring them in line with other local schools. Further information will follow in September.

## FREE MATHS AND ENGLISH LESSONS FROM INVICTA ACADEMY

The Invicta Summer Academy, [www.invictaacademy.com](http://www.invictaacademy.com) returns this summer to help children catch-up on the core subjects of maths and English.

Invicta Summer Academy offers FREE daily, live and interactive teaching, delivered online by fully qualified teachers. Your children don't have to sign up to all the lessons – they can choose to attend lessons covering just the areas they know they have missed or that they find tricky – and during the lessons they can ask questions anonymously and have them answered by qualified teaching staff.

Invicta also provides free daily fitness sessions at 9.30 am and a weekly “Wellbeing Wednesday” programme of health and happiness lessons to help your children’s mental health.

Each weekday morning from Monday 26 July until Friday 27 August there will be 5 maths lessons at 10am and 5 English lessons at 11am. Lessons are divided into key stage 1, lower key stage 2, upper key stage 2, key stage 3 and key stage 4. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes, is fun and interactive, and taught live on ZOOM.

With two teaching professionals in every webinar the model is safe and engaging. There is no limit to how many of your children can participate in these free lessons as pupils can access the lessons using any device.

There is also an Invicta Summer Competition - **‘Inspire us to be good to the environment’** with £750 of cash prizes. To book your FREE lessons go to:

[www.invictaacademy.com](http://www.invictaacademy.com)



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## House attendance

-  Balmoral – 90.71%
-  Windsor – 96.04%
-  Holyrood – 93.84%
-  Sandringham – 93.82%



Beech	98.88%
Maple	91.02%
1 Oak	99.07%
1 Willow	96.17%
2 Chestnut	90.71%
2 Palm	94.74%
3 Cedar	99.17%
3 Hornbeam	92.04%
3 Yew	87.01%
4 Cherry	89.02%
4 Larch	94.17%
4 Pine	92.61%
5 Holly	96.26%
5 Laurel	97.55%
5 Sycamore	91.55%
6 Elm	96.83%
6 Hawthorn	94.57%

Conker AM	Whole class
Conker PM	Whole class
Beech	Whole class
Maple	Whole class
1 Oak	Riyannah
1 Willow	Everyone
2 Chestnut	Charlie and Darcie Ola, Charlie, Jude, EJ, Seira ,Nethul, Kenzo and Fred
2 Palm	
3 Cedar	Omer
3 Hornbeam	Lara
3 Yew	Amina
4 Cherry	Charlie
4 Larch	Dev and Andrei
4 Pine	Lexi
5 Holly	Millie and ChiChi
5 Laurel	Jager
5 Sycamore	Whole Class
6 Elm	Whole class
6 Hawthorn	Whole Class

If your child has had a Covid test, please email results to: [attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net)



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup> School returns for Years 1-6**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September School returns for nursery children staying in nursery**

**Please see individual emails for reception children start dates and new nursery children start dates.**

**Please see individual meet the teacher dates for September above.**

## **PUNCTUALITY**

Please can you ensure your child is at school on time each day. If a child is repeatedly late they miss crucial learning. Also you run the risk of incurring a fine from the London Borough of Barnet.



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**Welfare advice**

Get help free confidential help and support with Council tax benefits, Child tax credits, Working family tax credits, Child benefit, Housing benefit, Disability living allowance, Maternity benefits and application forms/appeals

**Locality Housing Navigator advice**

Struggling with rent arrears, been served a notice by a landlord, not sure about claiming Discretionary housing payments

**Email [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net) or call 020 8449 2423 to book a telephone appointment for Welfare or Locality Housing Navigator advice  
Telephone Counselling text 07718 648305 to arrange sessions**

The East/Central Summer Holiday timetable is on the website please view at:

[https://be801be7-27ae-403d-b550-25d9901a126c.filesusr.com/ugd/9779ab\\_59ff7dd15964433a85387e00fa04bcfa.pdf](https://be801be7-27ae-403d-b550-25d9901a126c.filesusr.com/ugd/9779ab_59ff7dd15964433a85387e00fa04bcfa.pdf)

If you are interested in the following adult courses for the Autumn term, please contact Children's Centre via email: [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net) or text 07511 273 564

Paediatric First Aid - Resuscitation procedures, Preparing for and dealing with emergencies (Creche spaces available)

ESOL - English course for Speakers of other Languages for those who would like to improve their English (Creche spaces available)

Art for Wellbeing - Come and join a therapeutic session of art for adults well being Drawing skills with simple colour theory exercises. Learn about colour relationships through developing paintbrush skills. (No creche)



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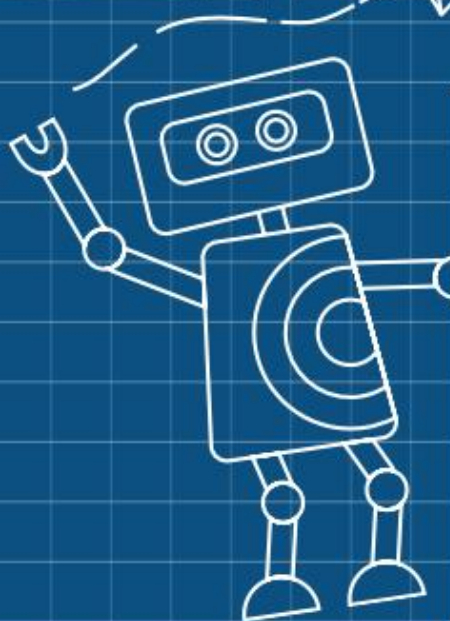


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# FAMILY FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

31 July and 1 August, 10.30am – 4.00pm

Two days of free family fun with a mixture of drop in and timed activities set around our fantastic London Museum site.

**CODING WITH ROLLING ROBOTS • ROCKET CHALLENGE • SCIENCE SHOW •  
STORYTELLING • ART STATION • MUSEUM EXPLORER TRAILS**



Come along to take part in our great family-friendly activities suitable for all ages and experience our amazing Museum.

**See you there!**

To attend our Family Festival of Flight, book your free ticket for the RAF Museum London.

[rafmuseum.org.uk/london](http://rafmuseum.org.uk/london)



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