



# NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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**Be Caring**

**Be Confident**

**Be Cooperative**

## HEADS' CORNER

Hi everyone,

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine that appeared towards the end of the holidays. We have been back a week now and we are in full swing here at Underhill. It has been amazing to see Years 2, 4 and 6 return to the swimming pool and we know that Years 1, 3 and 5 are already counting down the days until their turn next half term.

We would like to thank all our families for embracing the FRED (Families Reading Every Day) bookmarks with such enthusiasm. Reading everyday at home for 10 minutes supports your children in so many ways and it really will impact their progress in all areas of the curriculum. If you are finding it hard to help your children with their daily reading, please come and see us on the gates either before or after school to arrange a meeting so we can support you with it.

When we introduced the 'Underhill Way' in September, it had a huge impact on all the children; motivating and inspiring them to work hard and enjoy school. We are excited to see this same enthusiasm return now that we are all back together in school. All the staff at Underhill have been making lots of plans for this term and we look forward to sharing these with you soon

We hope you have a great week,

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles

## NOTICES AND NEWS

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**UNDERHILL  
SPORTS  
CENTRE**

Multi-sports coaching for  
children (5 - 11 years)

Every Saturday

10am - 12pm

Only £20 per month

Book a **FREE TRIAL** at

[www.underhillsportscentre.co.uk](http://www.underhillsportscentre.co.uk)



### UNDERHILL SPORTS CENTRE

Underhill Sports Centre is dedicated to providing affordable, fun multi-sports coaching for 5-11 year olds. Your monthly membership allows us to provide new sports equipment for Underhill School and work experience for young, aspiring sports coaches.



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# NOTICES AND NEWS

## UNSUNG HEROES: SPRING 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 Spring term 2021 were

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Great news! We have provisionally booked for the photographer to come in to school on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> to take individual school photos. They will then use these individual photo to make up a class photos. Unfortunately there will be no sibling photos available on this occasion.



## NEWS FROM THE SWIMMING POOL

Year 2 were the first year group to use the pool this week and it was a fantastic first lesson. They were very, very excited and it was a real joy to watch them all moving around enjoying the water and gaining water confidence. We are extremely lucky to have a pool at Underhill and it is an excellent addition to our PE provision this term.

Conker Am	Amin
Conker Pm	Victoria
Beech	Riley
Maple	Henry
1 Oak	Ianis
1 Willow	Melinda
2 Chestnut	Arthur
2 Palm	Jude
3 Cedar	Lewis
3 Hornbeam	Andrei
3 Yew	Eli
4 Cherry	Nadeem
4 Larch	Matthew
4 Pine	Zaheer
5 Holly	Sani
5 Laurel	Samuel
5 Sycamore	Saba
6 Elm	Norhane
6 Hawthorn	Jack



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## FREE SUNFLOWER SEEDS

If you shop in Morrisons please could you ask for the free packet of sunflower seeds that they are offering with every shop. We would welcome any donations of seeds to plant at school. Thank you.



## YEAR 4

This week, Y4 were embracing Spring time and explored the natural environment to create 'woodland figures'. We had to decide on materials and evaluate how they could construct their figures, before using their technical skills to put it together. Here are some amazing examples!



## A MASSIVE THANK YOU

Our School grounds are starting to look amazing . We would still like donations of pots, plants and soil.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and staff for their generous donations and we would like to give a massive shout out to the local businesses that have donated so far.



Thank you to The Flower Bank for their generous donation of plants that have brightened up the front of the school  
Visit them at 45a Leicester Road, New Barnet EN5 5EW or view their website at [theflowerbank.org.uk](http://theflowerbank.org.uk)

Aylett Nurseries for their donation of seeds  
Visit them south of St Albans: North Orbital Rd, St Albans Herts, AL2 1DH or view their website at [aylettnurseries.co.uk](http://aylettnurseries.co.uk)



Finchley nurseries for their donation of pots. Visit them at Burton Hole Lane, Mill Hill or view their website at [finchleynurseries.net](http://finchleynurseries.net)



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## CLUB CORNER

From today, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, we are very happy and excited that our internal clubs-lunchtime, before and after school are able to restart in their Year group bubbles. We would like to thank our amazing staff for giving up their time to run these clubs for free.

Please remember you can send your child in with a healthy snack and extra water if you would like. Please also remember though to collect your child promptly at the end of the session.

## EXTERNAL CLUBS

This last week saw the welcome return of our external clubs. These were a huge hit with the children who joined. We are offering:

### Express yourself Drama

We still have a few places available for Year 1 (lunchtime club) and Year 2 (After school Tuesdays 3.20pm - 4.05pm).

If any Year 5's are still interested please call as soon as possible as Kat will run a session on a Thursday if enough children are interested.  
3.30pm-5.00pm

Please call Kat on 07908 638827 to book or for more information, or email [info@expressyourselftheatre.com](mailto:info@expressyourselftheatre.com)



### Karate

We still have some places left for any Year 4's interested in Karate. Lessons will be on a Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and cost £4.50 a session. Please call Kevin on 07830 073414 or email on [giftmartialarts@gmail.net](mailto:giftmartialarts@gmail.net) if you are interested or take a look website [www.giftmartialarts.net](http://www.giftmartialarts.net)



### Woodys

Woodys also still have some spaces for Year 3 and 4 for this term. Please call on 07961 437202 to avoid disappointment or email [info@woodyssportsacademy.com](mailto:info@woodyssportsacademy.com).

Sessions cost £6.50 or £62.00 for the term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April-16<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 3 Friday 3.10pm-4.30pm and Year 4 Friday 3.30pm-4.45pm





## LEARNING FROM THE LAND

This week, 15 Year 5 children started a very exciting Learning from the Land project with Totteridge Academy and GROW. This has been sponsored by the John Lyons charity Schools Partnership Fund.

This week we started by clearing up our garden (between the KS2 building and the swimming pool) and putting some perennial herbs in our first of eight raised beds. We got to try all the herbs as they are all edible - even the yellow petals of the calendula!

We can't wait to see our garden take shape and to add more wonderful plants!

**For more information please look at Grow's website <https://wearegrow.org/>**

### ***The Totteridge Academy and GROW are delighted to announce the launch of the Learning from the Land project***

*Learning from the Land* is The Totteridge Academy's 3-year project delivered by GROW, in partnership with 4 primary schools in Barnet: Underhill School and Children's Centre, Whittings Hill Primary School, Foulds Primary School, and Grasvenor Avenue Infant School.

This project is focused on the delivery of outdoor learning and wellbeing activities, connecting schools, and supporting pupils to flourish as they transition from primary to secondary.

**GROW** works in schools and communities to promote mental well-being, physical health, and a more hands-on relationship with nature. We deliver curriculum, extra-curricular, and outreach-based programmes centered around food, nature, and well-being. Since launching our pilot scheme at The Totteridge Academy, North London two years ago, we have built a community farm, started a Forest School, and rolled out our unique curriculum to 300 students per week as part of the school timetable.

We are very excited to be delivering this very special project to all of your schools. We will send out a monthly *Learning from the Land* newsletter with updates, photos, and developments on the project.



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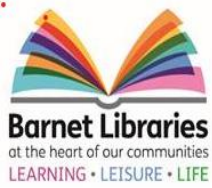


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## BARNET LIBRARIES



Libraries for *Learning*  
Libraries for *Leisure*  
Libraries for *Life*  
#LearningLeisureLife




Our libraries are looking forward to welcoming you back very soon.

The libraries now have a new and exciting resource which they would like to let you know about - **Medici.tv** – it's also free.

Medici.tv, is a classical music streaming service that offers free concerts, operas & ballets & more from across the world.

If you're looking for Peter and the Wolf or Sleeping Beauty or The Nutcracker, or just some gentle classical music to soothe a baby or toddler, check out our [Playlist for children](#)

Access is free with a Barnet library card via [ow.ly/q55350E1LIE](http://ow.ly/q55350E1LIE) 24/7. Log on today and find your inner Rachmaninoff, Swan Lake and much, much more! Join Barnet libraries at <http://ow.ly/2cCR50ErR3N> for instant access today.

Finally, get the latest Barnet libraries news on our upcoming events & activities directly to your mailbox . Register for our newsletters at the following links. For the adult version at [ow.ly/qDvB50ErWl2](http://ow.ly/qDvB50ErWl2) & the children & families edition at [ow.ly/wj8X50ErWl4](http://ow.ly/wj8X50ErWl4)

## NURSERY

Do you have a child who will be 3 before the end of August 2021?  
If you do, We are currently accepting applications for our nursery to start this September. Children are entitle from the term after they turn 3 to 15 free hours of childcare so could have 5 morning or 5 afternoon sessions.

If you are interested in a place please complete the registration of interest <https://forms.gle/PptG1qQuktsF6iXt7>



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## LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET AUTISM COURSE

The Autism Advisory Team are pleased to announced the next two Cygnets autism courses for parents and carers. We have had a fantastic response to the courses so far, and we would particularly like parents who have children who have recently been diagnosed with autism to be able to book.

The next two courses take place either during the day online 10-11.30 am on June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>

Or in the evening online from home 6.30-8pm on June 15<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>

### Cygnets Parent / Carer Autism Training



A comprehensive training and support program for parents/ carers of children aged 6-19, with a **diagnosis of autism**.

This course is available free of charge to **families living in Barnet**.

**Cygnets is a 6-week training course covering topics including:**

- An overview of autism
- Communication
- Sensory needs
- Understanding behaviour

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to meet to meet each other and share their experiences.

**The course is free, but it is essential that parents/carers register**

Please use this link to register

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uWikGxQUdUa-T1PEeK1Hu4bMfpF8koJOreImIOchY4IUQTc5UFZQTk9VTzIcTVdSNTE3RTJSV1k0Si4u>

For any enquiries please email: [autism.team@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:autism.team@barnet.gov.uk)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 - Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 Half Term

Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 School Photos

# A safe space to play for you and your family!



Barnet Family Services, in partnership with other agencies, invites you to our Open Spaces Scheme to have a chance to play together all year round.

**Book exclusive and safe use of indoor and outdoor spaces within the borough for the whole family to enjoy.**

- Access spaces including playgrounds, sports venues and swimming pools
- Bring your own toys, games and refreshments
- Areas are thoroughly cleaned and sanitised before and after each play session
- Transport can be arranged on request

- Venues are unsupervised and parents or guardians are responsible for their children at all times

The scheme is open to families in Barnet who don't have access to a safe open space or leisure facilities for their children to play and where they have a child/ren with special educational needs, learning difficulties or other challenging behaviour which prevents them from using public venues.

This is free for families of children with SEND.

To book a 90 minute session, email [OutdoorSpaces@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:OutdoorSpaces@barnet.gov.uk)



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## ATTENDANCE



Beech	96.7%
Maple	98.2%
1 Oak	94.9%
1 Willow	100%
2 Chestnut	93.4%
2 Palm	90.8%
3 Cedar	97.8%
3 Hornbeam	92.6%
3 Yew	93.8%
4 Cherry	97.0%
4 Larch	97.9%
4 Pine	94.9%
5 Holly	97.5%
5 Laurel	92.9%
5 Sycamore	98.3%
6 Elm	91.1%
6 Hawthorn	95.0%





Total  
95.3%

Conker AM	Amelia T-J
Conker PM	Miguel
Beech	Emily
Maple	Archer
1 Oak	Tyler
1 Willow	Senudi
2 Chestnut	Darcie
2 Palm	Lily
3 Cedar	Lara
3 Hornbeam	Freddie
3 Yew	Ciara
4 Cherry	Kacper
4 Larch	Norah
4 Pine	Tiffany
5 Holly	Diana
5 Laurel	Rene
5 Sycamore	Haley
6 Elm	Jade
6 Hawthorn	Khalid



Well done to 9 classes who achieved the government target of 95.8% and a big congratulations to 1 Willow for 100% attendance!

### House attendance

-  Balmoral – 92.42%
-  Windsor – 97.14%
-  Holyrood – 97.5%
-  Sandringham – 94.21%

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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### **Adult Learning Courses:**

We will be resuming face-to-face sessions for our adult learning courses in partnership with Barnet & Southgate College starting mid-April. We cannot offer a crèche at this time and limited spaces are available. If you are interested and would like to join these courses, please email [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net) or contact 07511 273 564

- **ESOL** - 6 week course. English for speakers of other languages. Improve your English speaking, reading, writing and listening skills.

### **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**

**Our Children's Centre are running face to face and virtual sessions which you must book in advance:**

### **Boogie Mites for 0-5 years old**

Face to face – Tuesdays starting 20<sup>th</sup> April, 9.15am -10am. Contact: 07511 273 564

Virtual - Wednesdays starting 21<sup>st</sup> April, 9.15am -10am. Contact: 07718 648305

### **Rhyme Time for 0-5 years old**

Face to face - Mondays starting 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30pm -2.15pm. Contact: 07511 273 564

Virtual session Fridays 10.30am - 11.15am. Text 07718 648305

**Please also find attached the East/Central Locality timetable**

**Summer Term: [https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/east\\_central\\_locality\\_timetable\\_-\\_summer\\_term\\_2021.pdf](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/east_central_locality_timetable_-_summer_term_2021.pdf)**



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# ART FOR WELLBEING

## Barnet Southgate College

Adult Community Learning *parent & child only* online class

**NEW TERM STARTING THURSDAY,  
APRIL 22ND, 4.15 PM – 5.15 PM**

*How does Art improve your wellbeing? Come & find out!*



During this *online* Art class, Parent & child will be learning to use art materials and make personal sketchbooks *together*. Come and connect with other parents and children online [#selfcare](#) [#staysafe](#) [#wellbeing](#)

The class is facilitated by professional artist & teacher Rebekah Dean

Enquiries for online enrollment email:

[rebekah.dean@barnetsouthgate.ac.uk](mailto:rebekah.dean@barnetsouthgate.ac.uk)



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