



NEWSLETTER



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Friday 25th February 2022

Be Curious

Be Caring

Be Confident

Be Cooperative

HEADS' CORNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really great start to the second half of the Spring term and it has been lovely hearing about all the fun everyone had over the holiday, despite the weather!

Yesterday, Nicola and Mrs Sidney took a group of KS2 children to Oakhill Park to take part in a borough-run cross country event with other Barnet schools. The weather was not very kind but the children were absolutely fantastic and persevered in all their races. You have never seen a muddier group of children on their return to school; all with big smiles on their faces! We are so proud of everyone that took part. Thank you to the parents who came along to support!

Year 3 have all been up to Barnet Museum this week to support their learning about the Battle of Barnet. We are so lucky to be able to learn about history that happened right where we live!

Thank you to all the families who placed orders for CGP books to support their children's learning at home. These should be arriving in school next week and will be sent home with your children. They are a fantastic resource to use to reinforce learning at home.

'Yes Day' today has been lots of fun and the children have all enjoyed a really fun afternoon, celebrating all the fantastic reading they have done at home over the past few months. Keep up your FRED reading so that we can get to the next celebration even quicker!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed



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NOTICES AND NEWS

WORLD BOOK DAY

It is World Book Day 2022 on 3rd March. This year the theme is **'You are a reader'** and we will take part in many fun activities to celebrate reading and our love of books.

Book Bingo

We will be giving all the children a 'Book Bingo' card with age appropriate book suggestions. When your child has read all the books they will receive a special Head Teachers' certificate.

Booktastic Potatoes

To celebrate our love of reading, we would like all families to transform a potato into their favourite book character. Please bring these to school in the morning of World Book Day. The potatoes will be displayed in our library for all the classes to come and see.

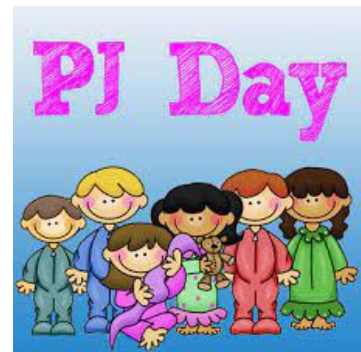
Book exchange

To make sure every child has the opportunity to be a reader, we are setting up a **free** book fair in the playground. The books are 'previously loved' but have been in quarantine. If you are able to make a donation for us to buy new books for the library, we would be very grateful!

Your child will also receive a £1 Book voucher to use in a bookshop.

Bedtime = Storytime

To celebrate bedtime reading, your child can come dressed in their pyjamas on World Book Day. They may also bring a special teddy or comfy slippers to wear indoors.



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FIND OUR VOICE!

Last year we were successful in our bid for funding from the LA Reset, Recovery and Renaissance Project. The RRR project was set up by the LA to support recovery projects in schools across Barnet.

Our project is called: **I can; You can; We can; Find Our Voice!** The main focus of the project is to build our children's oracy and performance skills through drama. Whilst being lots of fun, there is also a wealth of evidence to support the project, highlighting the positive impact of drama and oracy in supporting children with the verbal and non-verbal expression of ideas, and in improving attainment in reading, writing and maths and all subjects across the curriculum. With support from Orion and Goldbeaters, we will be working together to continue to bring fun and confidence back into learning and recover from the impact of the pandemic.

The project will be delivered in phases, each building on the previous:

1. Introductory drama workshops where techniques will be modelled to teaching staff to be used in teaching across the curriculum.
2. A Drama scheme of work will be developed which will enrich the existing curriculum and inspire children with a clear progression of skills.
3. A whole school drama and performance week involving the whole school community will take place during the Summer term.
4. Selected pupils will be given the opportunity to join the Orion theatre school and be part of their summer production.

We are really excited about the project and will be keeping you updated each step of the way. If you are interested in supporting us with the whole school performance in any way, please do let us know!

YEAR 3 AND THE BATTLE OF BARNET

In the last week before half term, Year 3 re-enacted the Battle of Barnet. They made their own weapons in Art, as well as learning about the Battle in History. They really enjoyed it!



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UNDERHILL ART COMPETITION FOR AGES 4 UPWARDS

Are you a budding young artist? Would you like your work on display?

We are looking for as many children as possible to enter the **Royal Academy of Arts annual Art competition** which is currently open to all young artists aged 4-19.

About the competition

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4 - 19 years studying in the UK. . These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Registration and submission open

10 January - 30 March 2022

Judging

May 2022

Online exhibition opens

19 July 2022

Display at the RA open

19 July - 14 August 2022



To enter,

- Follow the link: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>
- Create an account for your child
- Select Underhill School and submit the chosen piece of artwork for your child

Once children have submitted their work, we will be picking winners from each Key Stage at Underhill.

Good luck to everyone!

Mr. Dale



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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

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.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES



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



LET'S MAKE MUSIC!

BEAT's Saturday Music Academies have exciting ensemble opportunities for brass, woodwind, percussion, string players & singers!



BEAT
MUSIC ACADEMY *West*
St. Mary's and St. John's School
Bennett House Campus
Sunningfields Road
Hendon NW4 4QR

COME AND MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER!

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MUSIC ACADEMY *East*
East Barnet School
Chestnut Grove
East Barnet EN4 8PU



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ATTENDANCE

Beech	84.98
Maple	92.24
1 Oak	95.12
1 Willow	95.85
2 Chestnut	87.15
2 Palm	96.58
3 Cedar	91.70
3 Hornbeam	93.28
3 Yew	95.88
4 Cherry	92.11
4 Larch	94.63
4 Pine	82.99
5 Holly	91.97
5 Laurel	93.20
5 Sycamore	80.16
6 Ash	92.89
6 Elm	96.40
6 Hawthorn	99.23

House attendance

	Balmoral – 92.25
	Windsor – 91.11
	Holyrood – 90.87
	Sandringham – 92.54

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 rd March	World Book day
31 st March	Last day of the term for Nursery
1 st April	Last day of term - school finishes at 2pm



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



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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 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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