



NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th March 2022

Be Curious

Be Caring

Be Confident

Be Cooperative

HEADS' CORNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic penultimate week of term here at Underhill. Make it happen March has been a great success; we have seen so many children with orange stickers in their books and on their jumpers. It is so fantastic to see everyone demonstrating such confidence in their learning.

We have been meeting with all our subject leaders over the last two weeks to discuss each area of the Underhill curriculum. We are so lucky to have such passionate advocates for each subject. All leaders have subject action plans to further develop their curriculum area so it is even more exciting and enriching. Next week we will be holding our pupil voice session where all children from year 1 -6 will meet with a subject leader to talk about what they enjoy about that subject and to show off all the brilliant work in their books. It is really important that the children have a say in their curriculum to enable us to continually adapt it to meet their needs.

We are excited that we are able to start to schedule in some school run parent workshops next term. After the past two years, we are really keen to get our parents and carers back in school for events, workshops and celebrations. We are particularly keen to speak to you about the changes we have made over the past two years and about any ideas and aspirations you have for the future of Underhill. Look out for a questionnaire after the holidays.

We are looking forward to Science Week next week as well as our fantastic Easter celebrations. It is looking like the children (and the staff) are going to have a really fun final week of term.

Please remember that school closes at 2pm next Friday.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed



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ATTENDANCE

House attendance

Balmoral – 92.55



Windsor – 90.79



Holyrood – 94.26



Sandringham – 94.08



ABSENCES BEFORE AND AFTER A SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Please remember any absences leading up to the Easter holiday and straight after will be unauthorised unless medical evidence is provided. Failure to provide evidence may result in a Fixed penalty Fine by the local authority.



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| Beech | 90.67 |
| Maple | 95.52 |
| 1 Oak | 92.08 |
| 1 Willow | 97.08 |
| 2 Chestnut | 91.43 |
| 2 Palm | 99.26 |
| 3 Cedar | 90.15 |
| 3 Hornbeam | 88.57 |
| 3 Yew | 93.70 |
| 4 Cherry | 93.70 |
| 4 Larch | 92.46 |
| 4 Pine | 86.67 |
| 5 Holly | 91.72 |
| 5 Laurel | 95.97 |
| 5 Sycamore | 93.33 |
| 6 Ash | 93.93 |
| 6 Elm | 93.33 |
| 6 Hawthorn | 94.00 |

PUNCTUALITY

School starts at 8.40 please ensure you are on time. There are a number of families arriving to school late each day. We understand that there is a lot of traffic congestion in and around the area. However, this seems to be the norm now. Please therefore leave extra time for your your journeys to and from school, in both the morning and in the afternoon when you come to pick up your children. Being late regularly will have an impact on your child's learning and regular late marks may result in a fixed penalty fine from the London Borough of Barnet Education Welfare Team. All the children start the day with reading, phonics or writing at 9am. Missing part or all of this session has a huge impact on their progress.



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NOTICES AND NEWS

SUMMER TERM CLUBS

Our summer term clubs letter was sent out this week, Please remember to submit your child's club choices no later than Friday 1st April to avoid disappointment. The form can be found here -

<https://forms.gle/j7JyBzzqpQ56boU39>



PARENT TRANSLATORS

We are looking for parent translators to help some of our families who are new to English. If you are bilingual and are able to help translate when new families start at Underhill, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office with your details and the language(s) you speak if you can help.

Thank you

Jess Crosby
EAL Lead

PARENT CHAMPION

Could you be a Parent Champion?

If you live in Barnet and have a child under 5, use local services, enjoy talking to other parents and are available to volunteer 2-3 hours per week - you could be a Parent Champion!

Parent Champions make a real difference for their local community by:

- Talking to parents about childcare for under 5's
- Encouraging parents to access services
- Helping shape Barnet's family services



Find out more: www.familyandchildcaretrust.org/parent-champions-volunteer

If you are interested and would like to know more please speak to Jess Crosby



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EASTER CROWN COMPETITION

Underhill's Easter crown competition is back! Time to get creative and have loads of fun, designing an amazing head piece that celebrates Spring!



Please bring your entries to school on **Thursday 31th March**

DRESS LIKE A SCIENTIST DAY FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

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!

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 31 st March | Last day of the term for Nursery Easter crown competition |
| 1 st April | Dress as a Scientist for Science week House Easter egg hunt |
| 1 st April | Last day of term - school finishes at 2pm |
| 19 th April | Staff INSET (School closed for children) |
| 20 th April | Children return to school |



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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

BACE Holidays is back!

BOOK NOW FOR EASTER 2022!

BACE Holidays is back again for the Easter Holidays 2022! Once again, bringing a wide range of free daily activities/camps with a hot healthy lunch included for young people aged 5 - 16, who live in, or attend school in Barnet and are in receipt of free school meals, funded by the Department of Education.

Book now : <https://barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays>

BACE Easter Holidays dates across the Borough of Barnet are:

Monday 04 April - Friday 08 April & Monday 11 - Thursday 14 April*

*Dates and Times are varied depending on location

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.

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 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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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 | |
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| <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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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.

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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

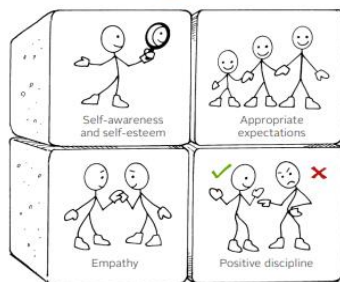
There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

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 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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