



# NEWSLETTER



20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Be Curious**

**Be Caring**

**Be Confident**

**Be Cooperative**

## HEADS' CORNER

Hi everyone,

It was another busy week at Underhill last week; Ready, set, go September is in full swing. The children have settled well into their learning and are already producing fantastic pieces of work that they can be proud of.

Over the weekend we hit our goal of 30,000 FRED (Families Reading Every Day) reads, which means that we can celebrate this Friday by having a 'Yes Day'. The children are already putting plans in place with their teachers about what they would like to happen in their classes on Friday. We are so proud of the children for completing so much reading at home over the past few months and would like to thank everyone at home for supporting them with this. 10 minutes of reading everyday has a huge positive impact on all aspects of your children's education. We will be starting the count again and our next whole school reading reward will be achieved when we collectively complete 10,000 reads. Keep ticking those FRED bookmarks!

We are looking to reinstate our hugely successful Underhill Reading Army now that we can have parents back in school. Please see the information about this below.

If you have a child in Key Stage Two, your child may have told you that they have been put into new groups for Maths and English. Following our initial two weeks of assessment, we have grouped the children so that they can be supported, challenged and extended appropriately to ensure every child has the best opportunity to make excellent progress. If you have any questions about this, please see your child's class teacher.

Our focus this month has been on Be Confident and it is clear that the children have been working hard to earn green stickers for confidence in school. We have been very impressed!

Now that all the Meet the Teacher meetings have been held, we would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who were able to come. We had a brilliant turn out and we hope you found them useful. We talked in the meetings about parents as partners and we are really looking forward to continue to build on this throughout the school year.

We hope everyone has a great week,

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles



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## Year 6 - Science

Year 6 Have begun their study of the science of light and have been conducting lots of practical experiments to discover how light travels and how it can be manipulated. Mirrors allowed us to change the direction of a beam of light, and we were able to split white light into a spectrum of colours by using prisms. We have also been exploring how light can help us in our day to day lives, using shadow to create puppets and building our own periscopes to do some spying!

## PE DAYS

On PE days- children to arrive at school in their PE kit

Monday- Reception

Tuesday-Yr1 & Yr2

Wednesday- Yr3 & Yr4

Thursday- Yr 5 & Yr 6

We are aware that you may not yet have received your new Underhill PE kit please wear your old PE kit until your new one arrives or if you don't have an old kit please wear a plain yellow or white top with black jogging bottoms or black shorts.

Please can your child/ren wear trainers on PE days, not pimsles, as they offer little support and can slip off easily when doing PE activities. Thank you



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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**.

**Cygnnet 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.

<b>Where:</b>	<b>When: Wednesdays on the following dates:</b>
<b>Online</b>	<b>03/11/21, 10/11/21, 17,11,21, 24/11/21, 01/12/21, 08/12/21</b>

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

Please use this link to register: <https://forms.office.com/r/9PqPMHAerM>

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

If you are unable to attend this course but would like information about courses later in the year, please let us know by clicking on the link below. |

<https://forms.office.com/r/r4FfmrJXMC>



## WELL DONE

Well done to Jake in Year 5 for representing Underhill in the Barnet district football team!



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## JOIN THE UNDERHILL READING ARMY!

Can you spare any time in the week to come and support with reading in school? We are looking for volunteers to come and read with children once or twice a week to help them become fluent readers. Reading is a vital life skill and helping a child to become a confident reader is a really rewarding experience. If you are interested, please contact Nicola Hayles or Jennie Reed on [head@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:head@underhill.barnetmail.net).

Thank you!



### Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> Sept

Conker	Every child
1 Oak	Ivan
1 Willow	Emily
2 Chestnut	Riley
2 Palm	Sophia
3 Cedar	Kenzo
3 Hornbeam	Praise
3 Yew	Zehra
4 Cherry	Ruma
4 Larch	Zara
4 Pine	Xavia
5 Holly	Norah
5 Laurel	Tara
5 Sycamore	Destiny
6 Ash	Millie
6 Elm	Zak
6 Hawthorn	Bella

### Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September

Conker Am	Logan
Conker Pm	Harry
Beech	Era
Maple	Louis
1 Oak	Nilly
1 Willow	Roan
2 Chestnut	Liliana
2 Palm	Mykita
3 Cedar	Belinay
3 Hornbeam	Natasha
3 Yew	Rekai & Oscar
4 Cherry	Oleksandr
4 Larch	Melissa
4 Pine	Edmond
5 Holly	Iustin
5 Laurel	Hollie
5 Sycamore	Harper
6 Ash	Alex
6 Elm	Charlie
6 Hawthorn	Igor



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## CLUBS

External clubs have started at Underhill and there are many to choose from please check your emails for club flyers on how to enrol.

A letter will be coming out in the next few weeks regarding staff led clubs and how to sign up. Staff led clubs will start after October half term.

Mrs Sidney is looking for a netball team in Year 5&6 if you'd like to join her club with the hope to be picked for Underhill's netball squad please come along and train every Thursday starting from Thursday 30th September 3:30pm- 4:15pm.

## SECONDARY TRANSFER INFORMATION – YEAR 6

Please read the email and information you have been sent regarding how to apply for a secondary school place.

Barnet advise

Before you begin your application, to visit the website at [www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further guidance and to download the booklet 'A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet', which will give you all the information you need to know about the secondary transfer process.

Parents of children in Year 6 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will have received information about their arrangements for secondary transfer from the SEN Team and will complete a different form.

When you are deciding which schools to apply for, do take time to look at the admissions criteria for each school, as these are the rules that will be used to decide how places will be allocated. If you think that your application will be considered under a distance criterion, you should check to see if your home address falls within the usual allocation area to determine the likelihood of an offer. Further information about our schools, or schools outside Barnet, can be found on the individual school's website. We recommend that you attend the open events for the schools you are interested in to help you decide which schools you prefer. A schedule of open evenings has been published in the Guide to Secondary Education, but you should check individual school websites for further information and last-minute changes.

You must submit **one** application to your home council to apply to all schools (except private schools) whether the school is within or outside Barnet. The application must be made at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk).

**Very important:**

The deadline for submitting your application is **Sunday 31 October 2021**.



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## BIKEABILITY

The Year 5 and 6 students greatly enjoyed their Bikeability cycling lessons throughout last week. If you are aged 9 or up and you would love to partake in some cycling lessons, the Cycle Confident organisation is offering free 1:1 and group sessions to children around Barnet and some other boroughs. Create an account, sign up and get cycling!!

## AMAZON SMILE

Our school is registered on Amazon Smile which allows us to raise funds for the school while you shop on Amazon. It's a win win situation! Please see some of the questions and answers below to see how the scheme works. It would be great if you could share this with any friends and family who shop online too as this will help our cause..

How do I shop at Amazon Smile?

To shop at Amazon Smile simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at Amazon Smile.

Which products on Amazon Smile are eligible for charitable donations?

Millions of products on Amazon Smile are eligible for donations to charities by Amazon. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for smile. amazon.co.uk donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.co.uk account on Amazon Smile?

Yes, you use the same account on amazon.co.uk and Amazon Smile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organisation to support when shopping on Amazon Smile?

On your first visit to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) you need to select a charitable organisation to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the programme.

How much of my purchase does Amazon.co.uk donate?

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, VAT, and service charges, and less any rebates, returns, and bad debt. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organisations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.



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## House attendance

-  Balmoral – 91.45%
-  Windsor – 95.69%
-  Holyrood – 94.34%
-  Sandringham – 94.52%

Beech	92.11%
Maple	92.61%
1 Oak	90.41%
1 Willow	95.35%
2 Chestnut	97.54%
2 Palm	97.22%
3 Cedar	95.42%
3 Hornbeam	99.16%
3 Yew	85.48%
4 Cherry	92.48%
4 Larch	92.31%
4 Pine	87.30%
5 Holly	93.25%
5 Laurel	96.60%
5 Sycamore	94.47%
6 Ash	96.33%
6 Elm	94.02%
6 Hawthorn	94.59%

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**

**Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> Meet the teacher for reception children 2.50pm**

**October Black History Month**

**Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> National day of Spain**

**Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> Just One Tree Day**

**Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY-No children in school**

**Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> Children In Need**

**Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying Week**

**Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> Reception talent show**

**Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity**

**Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> Morning KS2 Carol concert**

**Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Class parties**

**Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> School closes at 2.05pm**

## **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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Our Children's Centre are taking bookings for the following:

**Boogie Mites aged 0-5 years - Face to Face**

Monday 11.30am – 12.15pm  
Text 07511 273 564

**Baby Sensory/Messy Play Non walkers - Face to Face**

Monday 1pm - 1.45pm  
Text 07511 273 564

**Welcome to the World Parent Group - Face to Face  
Antenatal Nurturing Programme**

Monday 10am - 12pm  
Text 07511 273 564

**Baby Self-weighing**

Monday and Thursday 1pm - 3pm  
Text 07511 273 564

**Messy Stay & Play, Face to Face aged 0 - 5 years**

Tuesday 1.15pm- 2pm  
Text 07511 273 564



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**Our Children's Centre are taking bookings for the following:**

**Introduction to Solid Foods Tuesday 1.30pm -2.30pm**

21.09.21- Virtual  
12.10.21 - Face to Face  
19.10.21 - Virtual  
09.11.21 - Face to Face  
16.11.21 - Virtual  
Text - 07950 791287 to book

**Boogie Mites Virtual**

Wednesday 9.15am - 10am  
Text 07718 648305

**Rhyme Time aged 0-5 years**

Thursday 11.30am - 12.15pm  
Text 07511 273 564

**Dance, Move and Regulate aged 2 - 5 years**

Helping children manage their emotions through dance  
Friday 9.45am - 10.45am  
Text 07511 273 564

**For full listings of Autumn Term activities click this link [https://be801be7-27ae-403d-b550-25d9901a126c.filesusr.com/ugd/9779ab\\_ff633518816a43d7a4f0f3262f1a9ae6.pdf](https://be801be7-27ae-403d-b550-25d9901a126c.filesusr.com/ugd/9779ab_ff633518816a43d7a4f0f3262f1a9ae6.pdf) or visit Underhill School & Children's Centre Website**

**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

Call 020 8449 2423 or text 07718 648 305 to book a telephone appointment for Welfare or Locality Housing Navigator advice



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## Love singing?

Come and sing on a Wednesday after school  
in one of BEAT's flagship singing groups

### BMAC Academy Choir – for years 3 - 5

Our **Academy Choir** introduces children to choral singing with songs in a wide range of musical styles. We focus on producing a great sound, singing in 2 part harmony and having a lot of fun, with opportunities to sing solos and regular concerts and performances.

**There is no audition**  
The only requirement is enjoying singing!

**When?** Wednesdays, 4.30-5.15pm

**Where?** Dollis Primary School, Pursley Road, NW7 2BU



Come  
and try  
us out

### One Voice Choir – for years 6 - 13

In **One Voice Choir** our older singers tackle more challenging repertoire in three and four part harmony. We sing all sorts of styles including *a cappella*, pop, jazz and classical, with opportunities to sing solos and regular concerts and performances.

**There is no audition, but we will do an informal voice check to make sure we put you in the right part of the choir.**

**When?** Wednesdays, 5.20-6.50pm

**Where?** Dollis Primary School, Pursley Road, NW7 2BU



Sessions  
start on 15th  
September

To enrol, follow links from <https://beatrust.paritor.com/>

Or you are welcome to come and try us out.

Please contact BEAT with queries or to book yourself in for a session.

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