

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
96.8%

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Stars of the Week

25th January 2019



Spring Term 2019



Y6 Inehra Kistapur

Lucy Cassetari

Harry Edwards

Y5 Jack Heptinstall-Bolton

Ben Byott

Owen Wheal

Y4 Zahra Hussain

David Popescu

Jake Ellis

Y3 George Shea

Dylan Charles

Zoe Rudd

Key Dates

Tues 5th Feb Y5 Braintree Museum trip

Fri 15th Feb Y5 Victorian Day and 5V Class Assembly

Week beginning 18th Feb - Half Term

FOBFS Spring Ball Saturday 9th March 2019

Thurs 14th Mar Class 4RS Assembly

Thurs 21st Mar Class 3M Assembly

Fri 5th Apr **Healthy Schools Morning** + Last day of Spring Term

Mon 22nd Apr Bank Holiday

Tues 23rd Apr Return to school for Summer Term



Year 5 have been getting inspired by the Victorian artist, William Morris. Well done Tyler on this design.



MP Congratulates BFJS

Vicky Ford MP has written to us to congratulate the school on its KS2 outcomes in July 2018. In particular, she was impressed with the proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard or higher in English and Maths combined (this increased from 74% to 77% - that's 13% above the national average).

School Council-led Design Competition New 'Star of the week' certificate

The school council has designed a competition to select four new 'Star of the Week' certificates. Each year group will have its own design and the winners will receive a £10 book voucher. The last 'Star of the Week' certificate was created back in 2012 so it was time to design a replacement. All children can enter with the closing date being Monday 25th February after half term. Thank you, in advance, to the school council for organising this.



Y3 Stone Age Art



This week year 3 have been experiencing what it may have been like as a Stone Age cave painter. Cave paintings were historically used to communicate and tell stories. Year 3 enjoyed painting historically accurate subjects using earth tone colours.



Y4 Still Dominate TT Rockstars Hall of Fame – 01/02/2019



Position	Pupil	Yeargroup	Current Speed
1st	Dylan McGarrigle	4	0.52 secs
2 nd	Luv Goel	5	0.84 secs
3 rd	Luca Peters	4	0.88 secs
4 th	Jack Horncastle	4	0.89 secs
5th	Thomas Ing	4	0.93 secs

SchoolGames Update



Our Y3 Football team stormed through to the finals after finishing 2nd at their tournament on Monday afternoon. Their behaviour and attitude were superb.

Our Hi-5 Netball team beat Newlands Spring last night 4-1 in their league meeting. Well done to them too!

Internet Safety - WhatsApp groups

The school has received a number of concerns from parents regarding their children's use of WhatsApp groups. Some children have felt very uncomfortable regarding the content of the messaging within these groups. Although this is happening outside of school and on personal devices, some groups are being created which reference the school such as "Y6 Group" for example.

The school will follow up any behaviour which damages the school's reputation or is then continued within school in the form of bullying. So far, these concerns have been general in nature and have not identified specific children. Therefore, the school has not seen it fit to speak to all children about something which appears to be being carried out by a minority.

However, the school's advice is for parents to consider the advice of main e-safety providers such as Net-Aware <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/whatsapp/>. If parents still wish their child to use this chat function (or similar apps such as messenger etc) then to monitor their child's use of this group chat facility very carefully.



WhatsApp says

This is from WhatsApp's own guidelines and is accurate as of July 2018.



Our panel of parents say

Based on our independent panel of 2,049 parents, surveyed through YouGov in January 2018.

FOBFS Spring Ball Cancelled



Unfortunately, due to very low ticket sales, the Friends of Barnes Farm Schools have decided to cancel the planned Spring Ball. All those who purchased tickets will receive a full refund which will be processed in the early part of next week.