

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.4%

[Winter Menu Week 3 this week](#)

No 23 March 8th 2018

Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 2nd March 2018



6MS Aston Cox
6C Hannah Everett
6S Anahera Dzimati
5M Jackson Lonsdale
5V Charlotte Darnell-Green
5C Mylee-Jade White
4P Billy Hanson
4S Leah Blackie
4CK Milly Curtis
3SG Harry Milton
3HM Esther Lau
3B Oscar Pallant
Mid-day Star – Eloise Cass

Key Dates

Mon 12th Mar Rescheduled Class 4CK assembly 9.15am
Rescheduled World Book Day

Tues 13th Mar Y6 Maths morning

Weds 14th Mar Y5 Maths morning

Thurs 15th Mar 3HM class assembly

Tues 20th Mar Y3 Maths morning

Weds 21st Mar Y4 Maths morning

Weds 28th Mar Y5-led Easter Concert

Thurs 29th Mar Sponsored walk + Last day of Spring Term

Mon 16th Apr First day of Summer term

Wed 18th Apr Y5 Mersea trip FAQ meeting 3.30pm

Mon 7th May Bank Holiday Monday

Tues 8th May Y3-Y5 assessment week

Mon 14th May KS2 SATs week

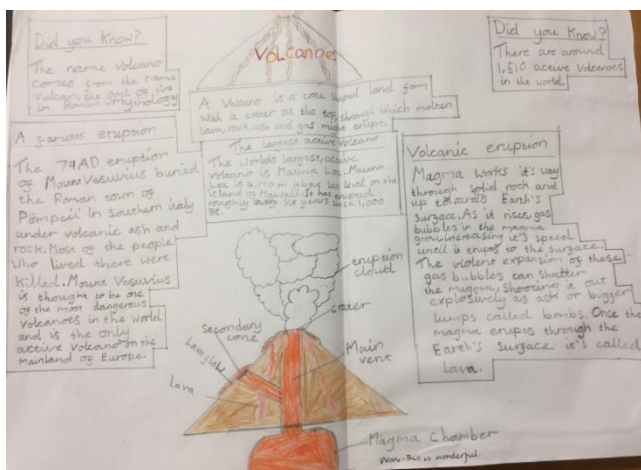
21st-23rd May Y5 Mersea visit

Fri 25th May Non-pupil Day 5

28/5 – 1/6 Half term holiday

Wed 6th June Y6 IOW trip FAQ meeting 3.30pm

Fri 15th June Sports Day



Great in-flight menu
homework from
William Radford Y4



MP visits Barnes Farm Junior School

We were delighted to welcome Vicky Ford (Member of Parliament for Chelmsford) to school today to mark International Women's Day, part of our commemoration of the centenary of women in the UK winning the right to vote.

Mrs Ford met the school in assembly and was pleased to answer some questions from pupils about her role as an MP, her thoughts about Chelmsford and today's focus on women.

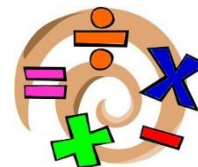
Following the assembly, Vicky spent a few moments with the school council, encouraging them in their important role in influencing school improvement. She also took the opportunity to have a tour of the school before leaving to attend parliament in London.

Thank you to all the children who proposed questions to be asked, even though there wasn't time for many of them. We are also grateful to have had the support of two of our governors, Mr Steve Andrews and Mrs Carol Mason, who came along to our assembly this morning. A full report with more photos is available on our website:
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Single Plan Maths Focus

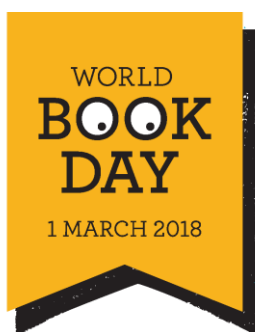


Would you like to work alongside your child in a Maths lesson? Would you also like to develop your understanding of how we teach fractions?

There are still places left for our upcoming open maths lessons occurring in the next two weeks as follows:

- Tuesday 13th March Year 6
- Wednesday 14th March Year 5
- Tuesday 20th March Year 3
- Wednesday 21st March Year 4

The morning will start at 9am in the hall, where Mr McTaggart will present a short introduction before taking parents to children's classrooms at 9.15am. Lessons should be finished by 10.15am. We are using the parents' evening booking system to reserve places - please see the last newsletter for details/log on to the booking system. The booking window closes at 4pm on the day before the lesson. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



World Book Day

Our rescheduled World Book Day takes place on **Monday 12th March**. Our theme this year is **Bigs & Littles**. On this special day, children are invited to dress up as their favourite **child** character from a book. The school staff will choose their favourite **adult** characters!

School games update



Cross Country Relay

A girl mixed Y5/6 team and a boy mixed Y5/6 team entered the Chelmsford Relay cross country competition at Melbourne

Park today. The children ran fantastically well despite the strong chilly wind. All the competitors did well and our boys managed to finish 1st. Well done to all those who took part and those parents who were able to support and spectate.



County Finalists

As a result of our school's success in the cross country league this year, we have had an unprecedented three athletes selected to go forward to the county finals to be held at Hadleigh in April. Well done to Lexie Mitchell (Y5 Girls), Jacob Hurrell (Y5 Boys) and Archie Durham (Y6 Boys). Our Y5 Boys team also finished 3rd overall for the season - a tremendous result!

Gymnastics

Our two Gymnastics teams represented the school really well at the CSAC (Melbourne Park). Their routine was performed to Little Mix 'Power' and 'Soda Pop'. Mrs Vickers and Mr Noach were both very proud of the pupils' achievements.



Mile-a-day track installation

Work has finally begun on our Mile-A-Day track after the severe weather of last week. The installers have said that they hope to be finished by the end of this week ready for use from Monday. We have planned to hold a big sponsored walk on the last day of term to raise money directly for the school. Please look out for details of this which will be sent out soon and begin to line up friends and family who may be willing to sponsor.



NSPCC E-Safety Workshop

We held an O2 and NSPCC online safety workshop for parents and carers at our school on 26th February where over 40 parents from both schools attended. The hour-long workshop aimed to help parents and carers understand more about their child's online world and build confidence to have conversations with them about it. We discussed tools that were available to support parents as well as some of the risks to be aware of with common apps such as Live.ly, Musical.ly Roblox and Moviestar Planet.

Whether you attended or planned to attend but couldn't, your views are important. They help O2 and the NSPCC improve the experience and impact of the workshops for parents and carers joining them in the future. Please take a few minutes to complete a short online survey about your experience. The survey can be accessed here:

www.nspcc.org.uk/ParentO2feedback

Don't forget this isn't the end of your online safety journey. Children need continual help learning how to navigate the risks and dangers online. Having regular conversations with your child is the most important way to help. And it's never too early to start.

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Parents were pleased to hear that they could use the O2 support service without being an O2 customer. The [net-aware website](#) was also praised for giving clear, common sense guidance to parents about commonly used apps and games.

If you need any further support or guidance, check out the [website pages](#) and [step-by-step guides online](#), call the **O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline on 0808 800 5002**, or pop into your local O2 store for help from a Guru.

We also have lots of links and further information on our website. These can be accessed here https://barnes-farm-junior.eschools.co.uk/website/keeping_children_safe_at_bfjs/89997



Garden volunteers needed

We would be very grateful if any parents could volunteer to help work in our beautiful school garden. This could be on a regular or occasional basis - any help will be gratefully accepted. Our dedicated team of parent helpers usually come on Mondays at about 2pm and stay through until 4.15pm in order to help with the children's after-school gardening club led by Miss Pyne. If you are able to assist in this way, please let the office know of your availability.

Cambridge Science Festival 12th - 25th March

Cambridge Science Festival gives the public the opportunity to explore Cambridge Science. Thanks to the generosity of the University, our sponsors and partners, most of the events are free.

The Science Festival provides the public with opportunities to explore and discuss issues of scientific interest and concern and to raise aspirations by encouraging young people to consider a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Each year, the Festival welcomes visitors to hundreds of events and receives extensive national and local media coverage. Over 170 event coordinators organise talks, interactive demonstrations, hands-on activities, film showings and debates with the assistance of around 1,000 staff and students from departments and organisations across the University and research institutions, charities and industry in the eastern region. In addition, over 150 people volunteer their time to act as stewards to ensure visitors have a safe and enjoyable Festival experience.

<https://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk>



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