

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
98.2%

[New Winter Menu Week 3 beginning 12th November](#)

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Stars of the Week

2nd November 2018



Autumn Term 2018



- Y6 Joseph Jacobs
Scarlett Lucia
Lily Harrington
- Y5 Chloe-Marie Armitage
Toby Poulson
Alfie Craven
- Y4 Mimi Hodgson
Ella Buckley
Jack Jennings
- Y3 Lilli Bury
Benjamin Terris
Ethan Hands

Key Dates

- Mon 12th Nov** Joint event with Infants to mark 100 years since the end of WW1
- Weds 14th Nov** Y3 Parent Information Meeting 6pm
- Thurs 15th Nov** Class 5C Assembly 9:00am
- Thurs 22nd Nov** Class 4S Assembly 9:00am
- w/c Mon 26th Nov** Last week of clubs
- Thurs 29th Nov** Class 3H Assembly 9:00am
- Sat 8th Dec** FOBFS PTA Christmas Craft Morning 10am
- Tues 11th Dec** Y3 Christmas production to parents 9.15am and 2pm
- Wed 12th Dec** Y4 Christmas production to parents 9.15am and 2pm
- Weds 19th Dec** End of Autumn Term
- Mon 7th Jan 2019** Pupils return for Spring Term



Years 3 & 4 created Diwali Rangoli patterns in chalk on the playground during RE lessons this week

School Games Update

Tag-Rugby Competition

On Monday, a squad of 12 boys and girls from year 5 and 6 took part in the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership annual tag-rugby competition. The weather was extremely kind to us and we all enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of sportsmanship and competition. Our team eventually placed midway at the end of the competition after a tough round of play-offs. Congratulations to all those that played - there was a great sense of teamwork and encouragement, as well as determination.

Chelmer Roadrunners

Year 3 have now completed their training with Chelmer Roadrunners. This took place during their PE lessons during the first half of the Autumn term. Following some extremely positive feedback from pupils and teachers, we are now continuing a similar programme with the year 4 pupils during their outdoor PE sessions on Monday's. Children reported that the sessions had been great fun and they felt it was helping them get better at running the Daily Mile.

Chelmer Roadrunners also provide a school club on a Thursday 3:15 - 4:15. This has been running since September. The children are making excellent progress with their running and improving their techniques each week. The club will continue until the end of November and restart in the Spring term in January. Keep a look out for details when the new club timetable is released.

The photographs show Year 3 enjoying their running sessions.



Inter House Mixed Team Football Competition

We are all very excited that this Friday has been the launch of our Inter-House football competition. The house captains have been busy since before half term, selecting squads for their houses. The first game today was Upper School Griffin v Upper School Phoenix, with Mr White officiating and refereeing.

Our Bronze Ambassadors and House captains will all be involved in preparing their teams and ensuring a fair squad rotation throughout the competition. It is expected that the competition will continue throughout the Spring term and we aim to give as many pupils as possible the opportunity to represent their house.

If this competition format proves to be successful, we will plan for a similar competition involving another sport to take place later in the year.

There will be a match report in the next newsletter, which will be produced by our Bronze Ambassadors and House Captains, but below are some photos captured from today's game.

Good luck to all those taking part!



Learning from around the school

Year 3 STEM project - Catapults

Year 3 classes participated in a project last week to create mini-catapults, using and practising skills from the STEM subjects - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Here are some examples of their work:



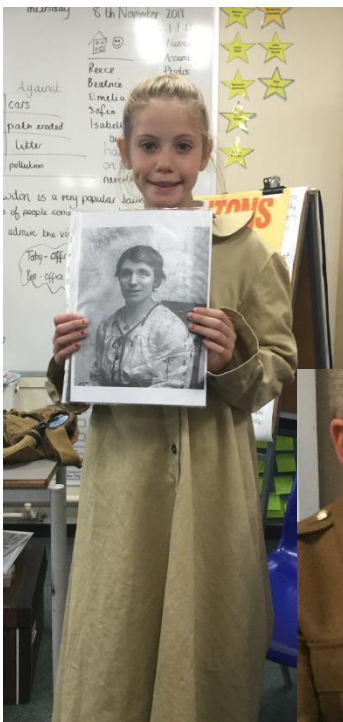
Years 3 and 4 - Diwali Rangoli patterns

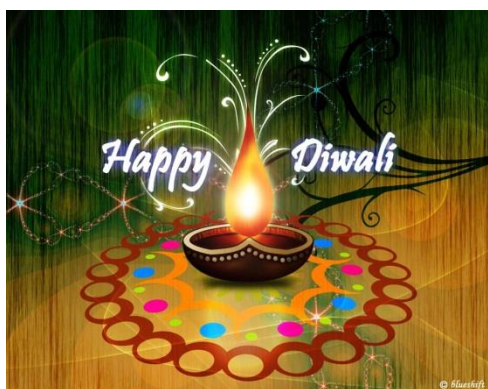
Classes in Years 3 and 4 recognised the Hindu festival of Diwali during RE lessons by creating traditional, colourful Rangoli patterns in chalk on our playgrounds.



Year 5 - World War 1 presentation

Year 5 have begun their new topic with an inspiring and thought provoking visit from Mr Hounsome who has spent his life serving in the forces and is connected to the school through his granddaughter, Isobel. The children learnt about causes and events of the Great War and life in the trenches. Mr Hounsome told much of the story through the fascinating lives of his own ancestors. This really brought the events of the war to life and the children and staff were hooked. In addition, the children were able to see and handle artefacts from the war including early gas masks. We would like to express our thanks to Mr Hounsome and wish him well for his retirement.



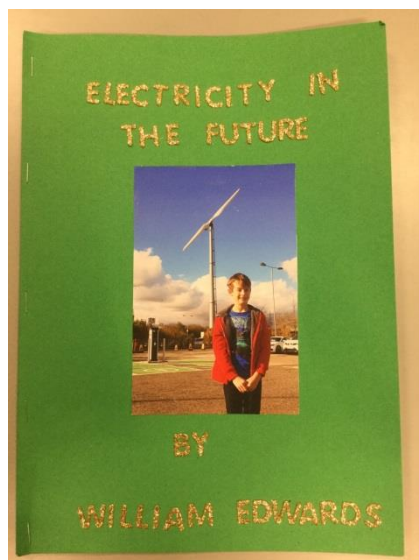
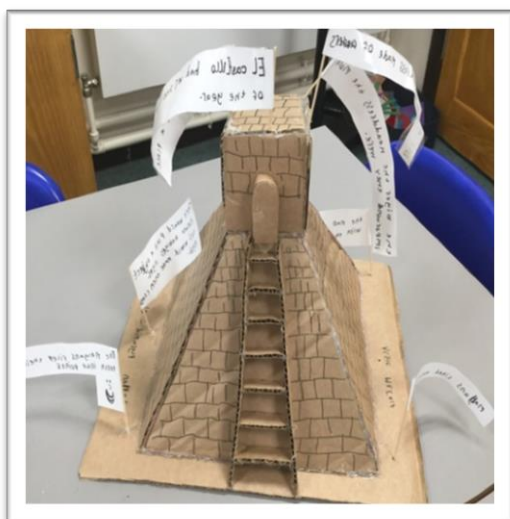


Diwali Assembly

The Hindu festival of Diwali has been celebrated this week and we were delighted to welcome two parents into school to give an informative and interesting assembly on Thursday afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Mittal and Mrs Goel for preparing the presentation and giving up their time to share with the children.

Home Learning Half Term Projects Assemblies

We thoroughly enjoyed special celebration assemblies today that focussed on examples of our half termly home learning projects. Two children from each class were selected to show their projects - a difficult choice for teachers to make due to the quantity of good quality and interesting pieces brought in to every class. The children were able to briefly explain what their projects were and how they made/researched/thought of them. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us at these times.





#Remembrance100 Special Event



We spent some time just before lunch today rehearsing with the Infant School for our special event on Monday 12th November to mark 100 years since the end of World War One. Both Barnes Farm Schools are delighted to be welcoming the Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Yvonne Spence, in the afternoon to a collaborative event between both schools where we will be jointly singing a remembrance song, observing a period of silence, laying wreaths and unveiling a new friendship bench to be used by both schools.



Book Fair

We had great success at the travelling book fair last week with a total of £400 spent which in turn generates £180 of vouchers for the school to spend on books. Thank you to everyone who was able to support this and we hope the children enjoy reading the books that were bought.

Trainers/Outdoor shoes

Now the field is regularly wet and muddy, we would like to remind all parents that children should have a set of trainers in school which they can change into at lunchtime if they wish to go onto the field. We would like to keep the field available as much as possible but don't want to ruin school shoes (or our carpets!) with mud and water.



Pumpkin update

We have been informed that the advice issued last week regarding feeding pumpkins to wildlife has been withdrawn in respect to hedgehogs as it can make them have upset stomachs and diarrhoea and so potentially can be life threatening.

Parent Information Meetings

We have been pleased to offer opportunities in the last two weeks for parents to attend information meetings with the teachers of their child's year group. This has been in addition to the parent consultations planned for January and April 2019 and has enabled us to further improve the communication between home and school. The remaining evening meeting is for **Year 3 and will take place on Wednesday 14th November at 6pm**. This should last for about 30-45 minutes and children are welcome to attend (though this is not necessary).



Christmas Craft Morning

Friends of Barnes Farm Schools PTA are holding their annual Christmas craft morning in the Junior School Hall on Saturday 8th December. There will be lots of lovely crafts to fill the morning, so please come and join in. Tickets cost £2.50 per school child which includes entrance, the first 50p craft plus a drink and a biscuit. Additional crafts are 50p each, with one £1 craft.

This is always a popular event and tickets will go on sale on Monday 26th November via ParentPay from both school on a first come, first serve basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult and tickets will be issued on arrival on the day.



Items available

We have a number of unwanted items at the school which might be useful for someone within our community. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01245 467973 to arrange collection. Any donations welcome as a result:



- We have 5 'heras' fencing panels available to collect which interlock.
- Various sections of wood which may be suitable for landscaping or chopping for firewood (some left!)
- Some trolleys previously used for laptops



Do you have a child in Year 2 or know someone who has?

Year 2-3 admissions for September 2019

The process for Year 2 to 3 transfers has changed for Year 3 admissions into junior schools for September 2019; parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school **need to make a formal application to the Council** and can do so via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The junior admission round opens on **Monday 12 November 2018**, for parents of children to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Community News

Essex Music Piano Tuition

We have some spaces available for keyboard tuition to build on the three confirmed already. If you would like to find out more - please contact the school office.