

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
96.7%

[Winter Menu Week 2 beginning 25th March 2019](#)

No 25 Thurs 21st Mar 2019

Stars of the Week

15th March 2019



Spring Term 2019



- Y6 Oliver Dixon
Thanasis Karamitsios
Abby Wainwright
- Y5 Florence Rose
Benjamin McIntosh
George Yelverton
- Y4 Bella Coles
Max Illinessi
Zack Hewstone
- Y3 Harry Francis
Keira Carter
Emily Wilson

Key Dates

- Thurs 21st Mar Class 3M Assembly
- Fri 5th Apr Healthy Schools Morning
- Mon 22nd Apr Bank Holiday
- Tues 23rd Apr Return to school for Summer Term
- Thurs 2nd May School OPEN but used for Polling
- Tues 30th Apr + Thurs 9th May Parent Consultations
- Mon 6th May Bank Holiday
- W/b Mon 13th May KS2 SATs week
- Mon 20th – Weds 22nd May Y5 Mersea Residential
- Fri 24th May Non-Pupil Day 5
- Fri 7th June Sports Day
- Weds 24th July End of term



Martha and Jacob in 6G have been busy being inspired by their studying of Claude Monet's landscape painting.

3M Walk like an Egyptian!



3M performed an informative and humorous class assembly packed full of fascinating facts about life during Ancient Egypt. We even got to see the process of mummification live on stage! Well done to Miss Maure and 3M for presenting so well.

Attendance Matters

If your child is unwell for more than one day, please ensure that you contact the school every day to inform us of the absence. Also, please remember that the day is split into a morning and an afternoon session, so if your child is feeling better for 1:20pm, please bring them in.

Garden Volunteers urgently needed!



The school urgently needs more volunteers to help work on our beautiful garden area by supporting Gardening club on a Monday after school. Alternatively, there is also the option of working on our Garden every fortnight from 1:20pm to 3:15 on a Monday as well.

We have lots of ideas on how to transform our green spaces but just need the volunteers to make it happen. We will supply tools and tea!

Nut-Free school

We have a number of children at the school with severe nut allergies and as a result, encourage everyone to ensure that any snacks brought into school are **nut-free**. Please ensure that you consider this when preparing your child's packed lunch.



STEM Biology Specialist works with Y6



Gareth Girling, a senior research assistant at the Wellcome Trust Sangar Institute in Cambridge, spent a session with each Y6 class helping them to investigate hereditary characteristics and DNA. The work, commissioned as part of our school improvement plan to encourage more engineers in the future, enabled the children to investigate whether having freckles, dimples and even sticky ear wax gave us clues about our inherited characteristics. Thank you to the STEM ambassador scheme for supporting this and to Miss Cavanagh, our Science Lead teacher, for organising.

BFJS After-School Club Proposal and Survey

We sent out an email last week to all parents with details of our proposed after-school provision to be effective from September 2019 at the latest. This proposal has been formulated in conjunction with the Infant school. Governors have requested that the school seeks feedback from parents about this proposed provision before we commit to setting it up. There is a quick survey which is open until Monday 25th March to capture this. Please respond with your views!

Keeping Children Safe Online - Parents' Meeting

Mrs Hollick, our E-Safety Lead teacher, led an insightful and engaging workshop for parents last night all about providing up-to-date information on keeping our children safe online. This presentation and many other useful resources for parents are available on our website under **Teaching and Learning/Keeping Children Safe at BFJS** https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/keeping_safe_online/90000

School Games Update

Y6 Football Victory!

The Y6 Girls' football team dug deep to produce a hard-fought 4-2 victory at Lawford Mead on Wednesday. The team showed grit and determination to play without any substitutes for the entire game to run out eventual winners. Thank you to Mr White, Mrs Vickers and all the parents who supported.