

# NEWSLETTER

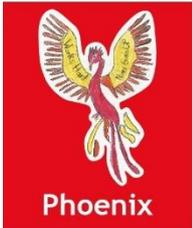
↓ 96.0% Attendance

No 5: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

## House Election Results

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, all the children took part in house hustings to elect their house captain. There were lots of candidates who bravely put themselves forward and all delivered a speech to their peers. Not only do we get to elect a great set of responsible pupils, but all the children get to further their understanding of 'democracy' - one of our key British values. Thank you to all the candidates who took part. Here are the results:



Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
			
<b>Griffin</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Pegasus</b>	<b>Dragon</b>
<b>Captain</b>	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Captain</b>
Zoe	Abigail	Anna-Rose	Maisie
<b>Vice-Captains</b>	<b>Vice-Captains</b>	<b>Vice-Captains</b>	<b>Vice-Captains</b>
Sienna Daniel	Amelia Orla	James Anesu	Nicholas Jamie



## Stars of the Week

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Y6 Orla Farrell  
Y5 Archie Wheel  
Y4 Lucy Poulson  
Y3 Oliver Cowcher

Lejla Besic  
Rosa Ebanks  
Amar Besic  
Annalise Leonard

Sienna Tucker  
Lila Wain  
Jack Richards  
Leighton-Lei Chittock

# We are recruiting for a Parent Governor – see attachment!

## PSHE-Themed Day - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September



On Monday, the whole school enjoyed an off-timetable day of health and wellbeing related activities. Despite the soggy start to the day, each year group was able to participate in a different physical activity such as yoga, soldier fitness or a tactical team game. The children also learnt more about healthy eating and enjoyed tasting a variety of different fruits and vegetables; Year 3 and 4 learnt how to eat their

food mindfully and Year 5 and 6 pupils tried seven fruits, and some even found a new favourite! During the afternoon, 'Mindful Monday' made a return and children participated in a variety of activities which help to look after our mental health. Many classes made the



most of our beautiful garden and other outside spaces, and others spent time thinking about what they are grateful for.



It was wonderful to see an excited buzz around the school throughout the day and hear lots of children eagerly tell their parents what they had done in school when they were collected at the end of the day. We hope all the pupils continue to follow any health 'pledges' they made on Monday over the coming weeks and months at home.

*Miss Stanley - PSHE Lead Teacher*



## Football Victory!

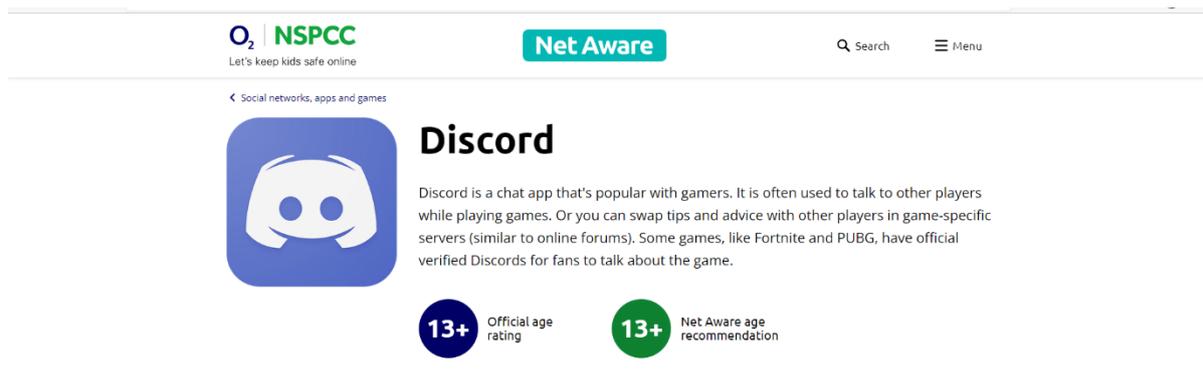
Our Y6 boys football team won the first school competition we have entered for 18 months this week. Well done to all those who took part against 6 other local schools.



## Covid-19

It is a public health duty for us to communicate with parents when there is a Covid-19 case in the school. However, we are also obliged to protect important confidentiality rights too. If you receive a general notification from us, it is simply for your information only and to ensure you are aware of what to do if you are contacted by Public Health England as a close contact. Please do not add to unnecessary stress for those directly involved by asking for more specific information either to the school or in closed WhatsApp or other social media groups.

## Keeping Children Safe Online - Use of 'Discord'



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### Discord

Discord is a chat app that's popular with gamers. It is often used to talk to other players while playing games. Or you can swap tips and advice with other players in game-specific servers (similar to online forums). Some games, like Fortnite and PUBG, have official verified Discords for fans to talk about the game.

13+ Official age rating

13+ Net Aware age recommendation

As part of our regular Essex safeguarding updates, staff were made aware of some of the risks (and benefits) to children of using in-game chat apps such as Discord. This is an app which allows in-game chat (once installed) and can be great fun when used safely with friends. Please read [this link](#) from the Net-Aware website which describes some of the features. Concerns have been raised that some adult players in games such as Minecraft etc are putting in links to Discord so that children then appear to be playing Minecraft but are actually then chatting to a stranger at the same time. A helpsheet for parents linked to gaming is also attached.

### PE Reminders - Remember no earrings!

Monday Y3    Tuesday Y4    Wednesday Y5    Thursday Y6

In addition, every Friday there is an additional Sports afternoon for one year group in rotation. Dates for the diary are:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct Y3    Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Y4    Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Y5

### Contacting both Barnes Farm Schools - JUST 1 NUMBER!



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The two Barnes Farm schools are working ever more closely together to aim to deliver as seamless an experience for you and your family as possible.

All general enquiries for either Barnes Farm School can be made by phoning 01245 467973 or dropping by the Junior school office. Mrs Jukes and Mrs Harris will be ready to help you. If your enquiry is finance-related, then Mrs Mason and Mrs Godfrey will be based at the Infants but can be reached through the same number - 01245 467973.

**Reminder - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> /Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
are non-pupil days!**