

# NEWSLETTER

Attendance  
97.4%

[Winter Menu Week 3 this week](#)

No 23 March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

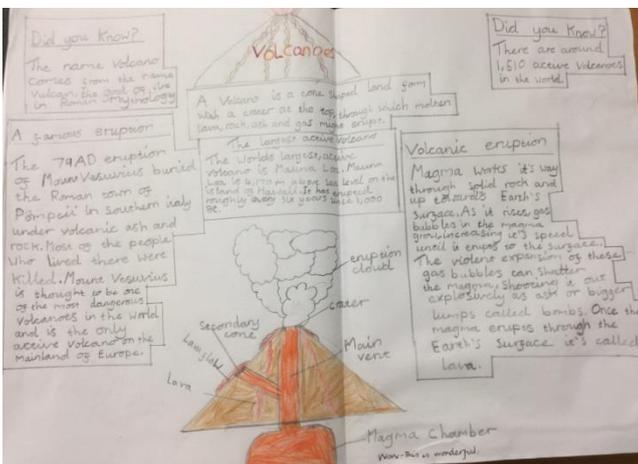
## Star of the Week Hall of Fame



- 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 12<sup>th</sup> Mar** Rescheduled Class 4CK assembly 9.15am  
Rescheduled World Book Day
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Mar** Y6 Maths morning
- Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Mar** Y5 Maths morning
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Mar** 3HM class assembly
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Mar** Y3 Maths morning
- Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Mar** Y4 Maths morning
- Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** Y5-led Easter Concert
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar** Sponsored walk + Last day of Spring Term
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Apr** First day of Summer term
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Apr** Y5 Mersea trip FAQ meeting 3.30pm
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday Monday
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> May** Y3-Y5 assessment week
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May** KS2 SATs week
- 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May** Y5 Mersea visit
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May** Non-pupil Day 5
- 28/5 – 1/6** Half term holiday
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June** Y6 IOW trip FAQ meeting 3.30pm
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

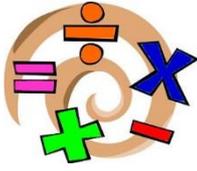
Following the assembly, Vicky spent a few moments with the school council, encouraging them in their important role in influencing school improvement. She also took the opportunity to have a tour of the school before leaving to attend parliament in London.

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:  
**News > March 2018 > Vicky Ford MP visit report 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

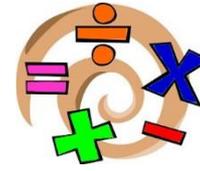


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## Single Plan Maths Focus

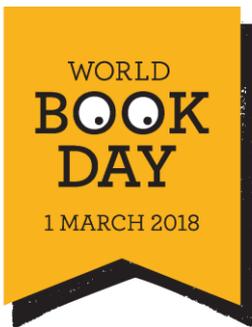


Would you like to work alongside your child in a Maths lesson? Would you also like to develop your understanding of how we teach fractions?

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

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 6
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March Year 5
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Year 3
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for the season - a tremendous result!



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## 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

O<sub>2</sub> 😊 NSPCC Net Aware )))



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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](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 12<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 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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