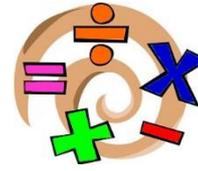


Single Plan Maths Focus



The children and staff held an assembly this week to launch the new focus of our single plan for school improvement for the Spring term. Our focus is 'moving on in Maths' so that we can further improve the next steps provided to the children for them to make rapid progress in Maths. After the success of last year's open maths mornings, we will be repeating these in March. The 'live lessons' are all between 9:00-10:30am and are as follows:

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

There will be opportunities to book up to 10 spaces per classroom for this event where you will be able to work alongside your child as well as gain an insight into how we teach Maths at the school as a whole group.



Free online safety workshop for parents and carers

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult - build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

The workshop will take place on **Monday 26th February from 2-3pm in the school hall or in the Barn**. This is a great opportunity for any parents/carers who can attend at this time that the NSPCC have offered. The organisers would like to know about attendance in advance of the workshop so please RSVP to contact@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk with the subject NSPCC

School games update

Y4 Superstars

Our entire Y4 cohort participated in the Superstars competition at Melbourne Athletics Centre on Tuesday. They finished an excellent 3rd overall with some brilliant individual performances. The children's behaviour was reported as excellent too. Thank you to all the staff who ran the event and for the parents for their financial support too.

Cross Country success



Tel: 01245 467973 <https://barnes-farm-junior.eschools.co.uk>
<https://www.facebook.com/FOBFSPTA> Twitter @barnesfarmjnr



The school took a team of Y5/6 cross country runners over to Melbourne Park on a cold and windy afternoon last Thursday. It was a very successful event with many personal bests set by our runners. In particular, Archie Durham Y6, Jacob Hurrell Y5 and Lexie Mitchell Y5 finished 2nd, 2nd and 3rd respectively out of over 100 athletes in each race. Our Y5 boys team won the 'big' school team challenge too. WE are greatly looking forward to the selection announcement for the county finals where we could be sending a record three athletes to compete on behalf of the school. Thank you to all the parents who braved the cold to cheer on their sons and daughters.

World Book Day

“World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1st March 2018. 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!

Please stay tuned for more information about how BFJS will be celebrating World Book Day on 1st March 2018!”

Our Garden Area gets a new fence



With the appreciated support of Wyevale Garden Centre, our Gardening club have been able to add a new fence to our flourishing Garden area. Many thanks to the pupils, staff, parent volunteers and local businesses who are enabling this area to become a source of real pride to our school.

Staffing Matters

As previously reported, Mrs Shirt is leaving us today as an LSA to work in a new school in the area she has just moved to. We wish her all the best in her new post and thank her for her work at the school supporting pupils since November 2015.

I am pleased to report that Mrs Emma Davis (who currently works as a mid-day assistant) will be replacing her in Y6. Emma comes to the school with lots of experience in working creatively and is very excited about joining the staffing team.

On Wednesday 7th February we wished Mrs Smith farewell as she went on to her maternity leave ahead of the birth of her second child. Mrs Grantham is taking up full-time duties as the sole classteacher for Class 3SG until the end of the summer term.

No more slime!

A number of children have been bringing in slime (often home-made) into school. In addition, others have then been trying to manufacture their own at playtime. We do not expect to find any slime brought in to school in any form after half term.

Play Equipment on the school site

The Infant school is investing in new playground equipment over the half term and would like to reiterate the policy that no children should be using the play equipment from either school **outside of school hours**. Please respect this notice or speak to your children if they travel home on their own.

Community News

The 'Essex Rocks' event takes place at Chelmsford Museum tomorrow and is FREE! Please see the attached letter for more details.



Tel: 01245 467973 <https://barnes-farm-junior.eschools.co.uk>
<https://www.facebook.com/FOBFSPTA> Twitter @barnesfarmjnr

