

# NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:  
97.4%

<http://barnes-farm-junior.eschools.co.uk>

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Learning Updates around our School

## Year 5 Excel Outdoors at Mersea Residential Centre



Y5 travelled to the Essex Outdoors site at Mersea Island to experience two nights and three days away from home. They took part in many adventurous activities and experienced fantastic weather! So many of the pupils particularly worked hard at our 'Secrets of Success' and we aim to see a renewed successful attitude to learning back in the classroom as a result. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents whose combined efforts made the visit such a success.



## **Class 4CK Assembly**

Class 4CK performed an excellent class assembly this morning to their parents and the rest of the school. Thank you!

## **Summer Games Club - Report from Miss Butterworth**

With the Year 5 pupils away in Mersea, the Year 6 hockey players joined Year 3 and 4 for Summer Games where they led and organised a game of cricket for the children. They also carried out a warm up and cool down and kept a very accurate score for the two teams that they arranged! They were really good and worked really well as a team together.

## **Year 2 explore BFJS**

We welcomed all of Year 2 to school on two occasions this week as part of our transition activities with the Infant School. On Monday, they joined us in a whole-school assembly and on Wednesday, they ate their lunch in our hall and played alongside the Year 3s. We can't wait to welcome them to the Junior School in September.

## **BFJS Sporting Achievements**

Our Rounders team and Kwik Cricket teams were both competing this week in local competitions. Thank you to Mr Smart and Mrs Leonard respectively for managing the trips out. Excellent behaviour was noted in both events.

## **Class structure policy**

Further to the letter sent last week about the class structure for next year, your child will be coming home today with a form to complete and return to their class teacher on the first day back after the half term break. This will also be emailed to you in case the original is misplaced. We have also resent the original letter from last week.

## **11am silence observed**

As requested by the government to all public institutions, the whole school participated in a one minute's silence at 11am in the playground today, in remembrance of those who lost their lives and all others that were affected by the attack in Manchester on Monday. Mr McTaggart spoke briefly during assembly about the reason for observing the silence and everyone was respectful of the occasion. A separate email was sent earlier today to inform parents about what was shared with the pupils so you are aware. It can be challenging to strike the right balance between wanting to shield children from finding out too much about incidents such as Monday's attack, with the importance of them being aware of the world around them. Helpful advice for parents and children can be found here:

[https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/?utm\\_source=twitter\\_nspcc&utm\\_medium=nspccsocialmedia&utm\\_campaign=owntwitter\\_tweet](https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/?utm_source=twitter_nspcc&utm_medium=nspccsocialmedia&utm_campaign=owntwitter_tweet)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-40011787>



## Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017



6MS Scarlett Howard  
6C Charlie Medlar-Simmons  
6S Rebecca Ruffell  
5M Nanette Mensah  
5V William Sharp  
5C Mitchell Powell  
4P Sonny Farrell  
4S Jake Brooks  
4CK Thadchaijani Sriharan  
3S Dola Olarewaju  
3HM Shanya Baig  
3B Joseph Mizon  
Mid-day Lilia Eldridge

## Key Dates

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May** Parent Voice 8pm in the Barn

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May** Non-Pupil day 5

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June** HALF TERM

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June** Y6 at Isle of Wight Residential

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June** General Election – School Closed

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June** 9:15pm Y6 Isle of Wight Assembly

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Sports Day

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June** 9:15am 3HM Class Assembly

**Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July – Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July** Book Fair in school

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July** Display Evening

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July** Summer Fete 3:30pm onwards

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July** End of term

