

NEWSLETTER

↑ 96.6% Attendance

No 5: 9th Oct 2020

Stars of the Week

2nd October 2020



Autumn Term 2020

Y6 Reilly Parker

Liam Plumb

Evie Hughes

Y5 Lillie Motley

Jacob Bowling

James Carter

Y4 Caitlin Henderson

Rosa Ebanks

Jak Hector

Y3 Santiago Johnson

Adriana Teneva

Ollie Cook

BFJS Pupils elect House Captains



Many Y6 children bravely put themselves forward to stand for the posts of House Captain and Vice-Captain this year. They recorded their election speeches by video and these were played throughout every class across the school (as we cannot hold assemblies).

Every child voted and participated in this vital British value of democracy. The results are as follows:

Griffin

House Captain - Evie Hughes

Vice-Captain - Freddie Johnson

Phoenix

House Captain - Hannah Jaworska

Vice-Captain - Zaiba Ahmed

Pegasus

House Captain - Mimi Hodgson

Vice-Captain - Holly Whitehead

Dragon

House Captain - Jack Horncastle Vice-Captain - Sami Mohammed

Thank you to all those who stood for election, listened carefully to the speeches and voted wisely in the election. Your engagement in the democratic process is crucial.

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29 September 2020

Dear Maisie, Keenan, Florence, Toby, Mudil (?), Alfie, Sonny, Nicholas, Maisy, Chloe, Chloe 2, Lucy, Ryan, Spencer, Shanya, Jacob, Will, Liam, Ava, Grace, Emellia, William, Zara, Beth and anyone else I've missed!

I have just received a huge batch of letters from you in two envelopes and you may be wondering why it's taken so long when you wrote them back in July. Well, unfortunately, I was in Crete for the entire summer, writing a new book – so I'm afraid I only got them yesterday! I hope you didn't think I couldn't be bothered to reply as I try to get back to everyone who writes to me.

I loved reading your letters and also enjoyed the brochures for different gadgets. I'd love to buy a jet-pack rucksack although I already have a deadly deodorant (my wife gave it to me). Your stories were great too. You all seem to have a fantastic imagination.

You have asked me too many questions to answer in this letter – but I'll pick five at random.

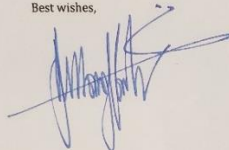
- Alex Rider was inspired by the James Bond films. One day I had the thought that Bond was getting too old and thought it would be fun to invent a teenaged spy.
- It took me about seven months to write Stormbreaker. I write two or three drafts of every book I write – and it takes about five months for the publishers actually to produce the book, so a year in total.
- My ideas come from everywhere! Alex Rider stories often begin with an article in a newspaper but I'm also inspired by conversations I overhear, people I meet, dreams (and nightmares) and even the view!
- My favourite Alex Rider book is Stormbreaker because it was the first. But I really liked Nightshade – the most recent – and I think Russian Roulette may be the best.
- My advice for anyone who wants to be an author is, first, to read as much as possible! Plan your work before you start. And the most important thing is to enjoy your writing and to believe in yourself.

Anyway, thanks again for writing to me. These are very difficult and challenging times but reading will always be the best way to escape so do keep exploring new books.

I hope you are all safe at school and enjoying being back with your friends (and teachers).

Stay safe!

Best wishes,



Anthony Horowitz

Anthony Horowitz Writes Back!

Top children's author Anthony Horowitz wrote back to a number of Y6 pupils who sent him letters in the Summer term as part of their Spycatcher project. He took the time to answer all of their questions and gave some really personalised advice. His main guidance was **“Read as much as possible!”**

We have displayed this letter in Library Lane to hopefully inspire other children at the school.

‘Spooks and Sparks’ - Essex Fire Service Assembly

On Monday we had a virtual assembly led by Neil Soanes, an Education Officer from the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service. He presented a ‘Spooks and Sparks’ (Hallowe’en and Bonfire Night) assembly, sharing safety information and guidance with the children about these two upcoming events. The presentation can be downloaded here: http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/_img/pics/pdf_1585553141.pdf. Further fire safety information can be found on the Fire Service Education Hub: http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/Home_Fire_Safety/education_hub/Key_Stage_2_Age_7_to_11/

Do these photos look familiar to you?



If these images are jogging your memory, then we need your help. This September will be the 40th anniversary of Barnes Farm School. We are hoping to celebrate this anniversary during the course of 2020-2021, by sharing memories and photographs from alumni to our current cohort. If you are happy to help, please contact Mrs Jordan via Eschools or the school at admin@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk.

Help the School - Park at Asda!



An increasing amount of time at both Barnes Farm Schools is being spent responding to complaints from local residents regarding parking by parents in narrow roads or blocked driveways close to school. The awful congestion witnessed tonight after school is upsetting many residents and road users. School staff are also bearing the brunt of this displeasure. We would rather be spending time focussing on other areas of school improvement. Please help us to help your child, by parking responsibly. Our strong advice is to use the **free** and **ample** parking at Asda. It is a short 5 mins walk (or 400m) away from the school entrance (see map above).

PE Days

Children may attend school already changed into their PE kit on the following days. Children may wish to bring an extra change of shoes to use at lunchtime when they are allowed to play on the field.



Year 3	Mondays + Thursdays
Year 4	Tuesdays + Wednesdays
Year 5	Tuesdays, Wednesdays + every other Friday (6 th Nov)
Year 6	Mondays, Thursdays + every other Friday (16 nd Oct)