



Firstly, I would like to say **thank you** to all of the parents, carers and children that I have spoken to this term for making me feel so welcome. Whether it has been on the telephone or in person, it has been great to meet so many of the school community already, especially under the circumstances. I wish you all a wonderful, restful weekend (and maybe we will see some snow!).



Mrs Walker  
Deputy Headteacher

## National Storytelling Day



Thank you to all the children and families who joined me to celebrate National Storytelling Week on Thursday afternoon! I was so impressed by how many of you came to hear a story, and was very excited to see you had brought along siblings, parents, cuddly toys or pets! I hope you enjoyed hearing the tale of Nessie's Treasure, and that you had a blast imagining your own stories to share at home! Storytelling is such an important part of our lives and it helps us learn more about our world and our cultures. Keep telling stories, sharing your spectacular ideas, and having bold adventures! Who knows...Maybe one day our great-great-grandchildren will tell a magnificent legend that started with YOU!



Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Crumlish



Maisie Year 3

## Mindful Monday Activities, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021



Alice Year 5

Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> February is our next Mindful Monday. We will start the day with a short assembly at 9:05 and then the rest of the day is yours to enjoy. The next Mindful Monday poster is attached with the newsletter. Don't forget to send in your photos to [remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk) or tweet them to us.

We had some great photos sent in last time!



## Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb there will be a virtual assembly to explore Safer Internet Day and the theme of 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.' Each class will have this on their timetable on Tuesday. Please support your child when watching this assembly to answer questions they might have when exploring the online world.

### ★ Stars of the Week ★

5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Y6	Zack Hewstone Riley Mitchell	Gracie-Mae Burgess	George Parker
Y5	Mia Robinson Maddy Bushnell	Oliver Leonard Abigail McElroy	Fiona Abraham Ellie Williams
Y4	Iva Omolade Rosa Ebanks	Joshua Simon Jay Tyson	Emmeline Savage
Y3	William Kirby Macy Holmes	Dylan Crowther Gracie Power-Maunders	Rohan Chhabra Lucie Poulson

### Y5 Drawings of the Titanic



## Artistic Accomplishments by Lilli B in Year 5



### Remote Learning Reminders

Please support your child in attending the 9:00am Registration and Early Morning Sessions. These are in place to support the well-being of the children and to help set them up for the day ahead.

Thank you for your patience this week. We know that there have been many issues with Microsoft Teams and unfortunately these have been causing problems around the country! Please continue to use [remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:remotesupport@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk) to highlight any issues you are facing with the provision but also for any questions relating to work set to enable our teachers to focus on delivering the lessons.

### Onsite Learning Reminders

Please can you ensure that earrings are taken out on P.E. days if children cannot take them out themselves, thank you. Could also make sure that children are bringing in a water bottle and healthy snack, thank you.

### Big Parent Survey

Our school has been selected to participate in a national survey, linked with the Education Endowment Fund about how children are learning at home and the impact lockdown-learning is having on family life. To help us do this, we would like you to download and use a free survey app called Parent Ping: <https://bit.ly/parentping> They will ask you a few questions each day to help build a national picture.

When you first sign in to the app it will ask you the school name (Barnes Farm Junior School) and for the first part of the postcode (CM2). Please do this carefully so we can make sure all your answers are included!



The benefits to you:

- See how other parents answer the questions
- A chance to win a Chromebooks in the national weekly draw
- A chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher in our school's weekly draw

The benefits to the school:

- When at least 60 parents are answering the survey questions each day, we will be sent a set of results that compares what you think to what all parents in the country think. This will help us better understand your needs and challenges around home-learning.

You don't have to join in if you don't want to, it's completely voluntary, but this is a great time to share your opinions, not just with us but with other parents and with the people who make decisions about education in England.

If you would like to know more about the project, please see <https://parentping.co.uk/bigsurvey/>

## Wellbeing Bingo

Miss Stanley provided a whole range of fantastic Wellbeing resources for the children as part of Children's Mental Health week, this week. Year 6 in particular enjoyed reflecting on their wellbeing using the 'bingo' sheet below. Looking after our wellbeing is more important than ever right now, I certainly need to tick more of these off!

You will also find a wellbeing booklet attached so you can continue to explore ways to support your family's wellbeing.



**Have a fantastic weekend Everyone!**  
**Mrs Walker**