



Barnes Farm Junior School



NEWSLETTER

Attendance: 94.4%

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Welcomes and Goodbyes

As we approach the end of the academic year and are busy sorting the new arrangements for September 2023, it is the time to share some changes in the staffing team here at BFJS.

Goodbyes

Mrs Cole, one of our Assistant Headteachers, is leaving us to take on some different roles as part of her retirement plan. She has been such an asset to the school since joining in 2015 by not only leading Maths but also driving school improvement more generally.

Mr Williams has gained a promotion nearer to where he lives in Colchester. He has taught at BFJS since 2019 and has had a particular impact on enabling the school to operate successfully in the 'cloud' through lockdown.

Mrs Summers is relocating with her family following maternity leave. She has led on music since 2014 and has upheld our strong choral tradition at the school.

Mrs Armour will be expanding her role as a language assistant at a secondary school and begins teacher training.

All staff will be greatly missed but we wish them well in their ongoing careers.

Welcomes

Mr Loveridge will be replacing Mrs Cole as Assistant Headteacher from September.

Miss Albiston is joining us from another Chelmsford school as a very experienced teacher.

Mr Upshall will permanently join our staffing team from September.

Mrs Rudgewick is also joining our Y3 teaching team permanently following successful teacher training this year.

Miss Betty is joining our school as a teacher trainee having worked at the Infant school.

Details of all the class teaching arrangements will be shared on Wednesday 5th July when the children meet their new teacher for 'Move-Up' morning with the joint Barnes Farm Open Evening following on from 5pm - 6:30pm that same day.

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher

Stars of the Week

30th June 2023

Y6	Spiros	Andrew	Zaeem
Y5	Oakley	Karina	Olly
Y4	Lucas	Isabelle	Krish
Y3	Lucca	Phoebe	Isabelle

Reading
Winners
4RF 87%

PE Next week - Y4



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Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
Points	Points	Points	Points
472	274	444	469

Y5 Gotta Dance!

On the evening of 27th June, 23 girls from Year 5 took part in Chelmsford's Gotta Dance. This was a celebration in which a number of local schools and dance groups took part. The girls had been learning a coronation themed dance to 'Get This Party Started' by Shirley Bassey since May and worked incredibly hard to make it as polished as it was on the night. Despite some nerves, the girls were so confident walking onto the stage and looked like professional dancers! Their performance was amazing- the girls were incredible and did the school, their watching families and themselves so proud. We then watched the second half of the show, during which they were an equally enthusiastic audience! We are so proud of the hard work, dedication, bravery and resilience every single one of our performers demonstrated on the night and look forward to next year's performance.



Mrs Hollick - Y5 Teacher

District Sports Champions!

We are delighted to report that our athletics team recently won the District Sports Track and Field Competition, held at Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre. Children from year 6 competed in the field events on Monday 19th June where all six participants were placed in the top three for their events: throwing, high jump and long jump. On Monday 26th June, children from years 3 to 6 competed in the track events. The opening races provided us some inspiring individual performances from the year 6 pupils who ran the 600m. This was followed by the sprint races. Year 3 and 4 pupils ran 60m sprints, year 5 and 6 ran 80m sprints. Despite the pressure, each sprinter performed with confidence, achieving first or second place in almost all races. The competition closed with the year 6 relays. Both boys and girls came in at second place. After an extremely tense wait, Barnes Farm Junior School were announced as the winners - the team were overjoyed. This was an extremely proud moment for the pupils, parents and teachers. The event was an excellent opportunity for the children to experience competition at a major sporting venue used by elite athletes and in front of a large crowd. Along with the excitement of taking part and winning, the children have made some incredible memories.



Mrs Vickers - Assistant Head



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Junior Engineers Compete at Ford!

This month, eight Year 6 pupils have taken part in the Primary Engineering project which supports young, aspiring engineers. The skills they have developed from designing and constructing their models with woodwork, mechanisms and electrics have really shone through. The pupils have worked exceptionally well in teams and we have been lucky to be partnered with a Ford Engineer to support the children during the whole process. On the 27th of June they were able to take their vehicles to a Celebration Day at the Ford Dunton Technical Campus and take part in several vehicle tests against other schools. Their commitment to the project has been excellent and they have thoroughly enjoyed the culminating event! They even had to discuss their plans with real-life engineers as part of an interview process. Well done to you all!



Mrs Walker - Deputy Headteacher

Essex Police Advice for Parking



Essex Police attended the area outside of school on Wednesday due to reports of dangerous parking. They have stated that **they will be back** along with increased visits from parking enforcement officers.

Our advice remains the same:

- ✓ Please park and stride at Asda if you need to drive your child to school
- ✓ If you have to park by the school, avoid single/double lines and do not park on verges
- ✓ Please be mindful of access arrangements for local residents too

Due to the inconsiderate behaviour of a small minority of drivers, the area was particularly congested and dangerous on Wednesday despite all the measures we have in place. Some pedestrians were crossing from behind parked cars which is dangerous too. Child safety is paramount here so please be responsible and arrive in good time to collect.

We have had reports again of children arriving early onto school site, particularly some riding scooters. Please advise your child, if they travel to school on their own, to arrive as near to 8:45am as possible and to **walk their scooter/bike whilst onsite**. We will be increasing patrols of the playground to monitor this next week.

Essex Teaching Awards – Nominations now open

The Essex Teaching Awards 2023 will be taking place in autumn 2023 to celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding work of the educational workforce in Essex. Anyone can nominate individuals or teams working in educational establishments in the Essex local authority area.

Nominations are open and will close on **Friday 21 July 2023**. Visit the [Essex Teaching Awards](#) page for more information, including the award categories, and details on how to make a nomination.

Community Event Information available [here](#) on our website!



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