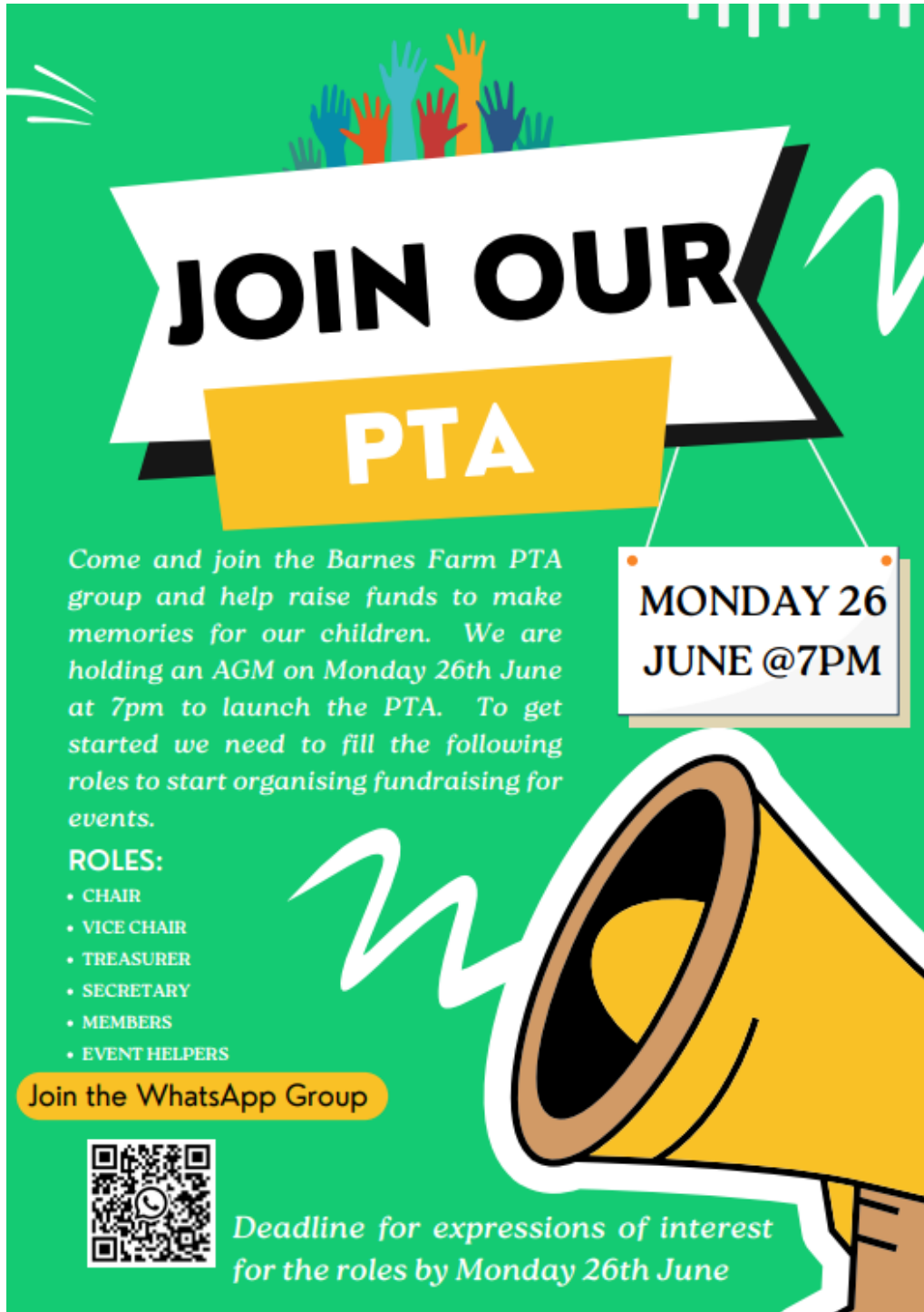


NEWSLETTER

Attendance: 94.4%

No 34: 26th June 2023




**JOIN OUR
PTA**

Come and join the Barnes Farm PTA group and help raise funds to make memories for our children. We are holding an AGM on Monday 26th June at 7pm to launch the PTA. To get started we need to fill the following roles to start organising fundraising for events.

ROLES:

- CHAIR
- VICE CHAIR
- TREASURER
- SECRETARY
- MEMBERS
- EVENT HELPERS

Join the WhatsApp Group



Deadline for expressions of interest for the roles by Monday 26th June

**MONDAY 26
JUNE @7PM**

PE This week (Friday 30th June) - Y5



Sports day Friday 23rd June 2023



Sports Day was a great success with warm, dry weather and lots of action throughout the day.

In the morning, we hosted two competitive events with classes racing against one another. These events were open to be supported by family members and the field was packed! Sprints, relays and the traditional egg and spoon were held with lots of brilliant achievement across all the yeargroups.

Results

1 st 3C	1 st 4RF	1 st 5L	1 st 6V
2 nd 3CG	2 nd 4C	2 nd 5H	2 nd 6S
3 rd 3J	3 rd 4U	3 rd 5W	3 rd 6D



In the afternoon, all the children divided into mixed House groups and competed against one another to earn points towards the House Cup. Netball throws, hurdles, hockey dribbling were just some of the events that took place. Each team was led by a Captain or Vice-Captain from Y6 with lots of chanting and cheering!



Dragon the Winners!


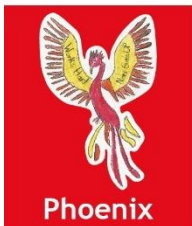










When all the Sports Day points were added up it was Dragon House which came out triumphant.

Griffin	1084
Phoenix	1096
Pegasus	1090
Dragon	1170



In the individual team events the following teams were in the top 3: 1st Dragon 2, 2nd Phoenix 1 and 3rd Griffin 2.

Well done to everyone for competing and trying so hard across the whole day!

Griffin  Griffin	Phoenix  Phoenix	Pegasus  Pegasus	Dragon  Dragon
Points	Points	Points	Points
505	432	582	600
		   	 

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.



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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.

Junior Music Festival



Barnes Farm Junior choir have been working hard since Christmas, learning repertoire for the Junior Music Festival. This annual event has running for many, many years but hasn't happened for the last 4 years due to the pandemic so it was a long-anticipated return which the children were excited to be a part of. The children had a long list of songs to learn, ranging from classical pieces to pop songs through the ages and included classic staples such as: Lambeth Walk, Rocket Man, Mr Blue Sky, Rainy Days and Mondays, We don't talk about Bruno and Don't stop, to name but a few! There was some British Sign Language to learn for one of the classical pieces too. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend the rehearsal for this event due to the prohibitive cost of coach bookings, so the children's first experience of the brilliant choir mistress, Natalie, was on the day of the concert itself. The children joined 5 other schools to fully rehearse each song with piano accompaniment in the morning and a 'band' in the afternoon. The band consisted of electric guitar and drums alongside the piano. The children had a full 'run-through' in the afternoon so they would know the

running order of the evening's performance and could get a feel for the lighting on the stage too! It was exciting for them to see the workings of the backstage area and to walk through the 'wings' to get to their places. They rehearsed walking on and off the stage and lining up outside before a syncopated walk-on to get them where they needed to be on the rostrum.

After a few hours off to rest we were back at the theatre and lining up again back-stage ready for the actual concert. The children's behaviour throughout the day can only be described as impeccable and they really did Barnes Farm and themselves proud. They gave their all throughout out the day, singing their hearts out with pure joy and exhilaration on their faces. Miss Rudkin and I watched the concert from the side of the stage and found it rather emotional at one or two points, we couldn't help but sing along too! I had chosen two year 6 girls to be soloists at the start of the concert and they bravely stood on stage with other soloists in front of the curtain to sing the opening section of one of the classical pieces, before the curtain was raised to reveal the choir of joint schools waiting behind. Natalie was a charismatic and talented conductor, as well as compere for the evening. She had the audience in the palm of her hand from the beginning and lots of fun ensued. There was a solo cellist who played during the concert to give the children a break so they had another experience there that they might not have heard and probably not experienced 'live' before.

The choir are a small but varied group of children, and I was so pleased with their performance on the day which only goes to highlight what a brilliant uniting force music is. It's accessible to everyone. The children have understandably been tired today but were full of the joy and desperate to share their experiences with their class teachers, friends and at our choir practise today. I have had lots of lovely feedback from parents who were in the audience. I hope this now marks a return to many more musical experiences for children at Barnes Farm.

Mrs Fung - Y4 Teacher and Choir Lead



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