



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of what has most certainly been a busy half term in school; the last two weeks being no exception!

Book Fair

Due to the fantastic support from our families at the Book Fair this week in buying so many books for your children, we have calculated that school has earned **£527.00** in rewards, which we can now spend on new books for our children. This is an amazing amount and we are extremely grateful to everyone who came along and bought a book! We are also very heartened by the number of children who attended the Book Fair and the teachers have commented on their enthusiasm to read and talk about their new books in class, which is the main reason we hold the Book Fair each year. A BIG 'WELL DONE' to the pupils whose creative efforts won them a £5 book token for their 'Love to Read' poster designs: Evie Orley (Y1), Benjamin Buttery (Y2), Jaye Cox (Y3), Freya Love (Y4), James O'Donovan (Y5) and Jay Weatherill (Y6).

Take Over Day

On Thursday 2nd February, we held a 'Takeover Day' event, which involved KS2 council members shadowing or working alongside adults around the school. The children enjoyed experiencing things from 'the other side!' 'Takeover Day' is a national event led by the Children's Commissioner for England. It offers children and young people the chance to work with adults and experience a snapshot of their roles. It also encourages them to get involved in decision-making. As part of this event, all of our school councillors were given the opportunity to meet with Councillor Stephen Thomas, from the Bruce Ward, to talk about his role in the community and focus on issues such as recycling. They were able to share their opinions and concerns regarding their community, which Councillor Thomas will look into. Four representatives will be attending a 'Takeover Day Evaluation' session later this week, to share their experiences.

Safer Internet Day

As you know, we take online pupil safety very seriously at Barnard Grove so this week we have been reminding the children of the key messages for staying safe online in assemblies and lessons. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we do have a dedicated email address for any E-safety questions or concerns: safety@barnardgroveschool.org.uk. If you'd like more information about Safer Internet Day please go to: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Y5/6 Girls' Football team who won all seven of their matches last week to win the League title! A special 'well done' to Demi-Leigh Fielding who was Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament. We also had a successful time at the Y3 tennis tournament, finishing a very good second after some tight games - a special mention to Serena Coull and Joel Vasey (MVPs).

Happy Half Term - we'll see you back in school on **Tuesday 21st February**.

Miss Thompson ☺

REMINDERS

- ★ Can we please politely remind parents and carers that pupils should not be on the yard until 8:30am each morning when our first members are there to look after them?
- ★ The first Monday back after half term is a PD day – we will see everyone on **Tuesday 21st February**.
- ★ Please ensure children have their reading books in school everyday so they are not losing any learning time during morning reading.

SPORTS STAR



Rhys Timlin, a budding footballer in Y3, was called up to the Hartlepool United U9s Academy team on Sunday 22nd Feb, against Bradford City and played the full game (on a very heavy pitch!). Rhys had a tremendous game scoring two goals and playing the full 80 minutes in a game against players almost two years older than him. Hartlepool won the match 10-3!

Thank you to his proud Grandad for sending us an email to let us know about his tremendous success 😊.

We always love hearing about the success of our children outside of school so please let us know of anything you'd like us to celebrate.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are in receipt of **UNIVERSAL CREDIT**, you can claim free school meals for your child.

If you think you may be entitled to this benefit, please pop into school or ring the school office (01429 230300).

Alternatively, you can telephone the Free School Meals department at the Benefits Office on 01429 284188 for more information.

ATTENDANCE

Our school target is **96%**

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks:

94.61%

That means our current cumulative figure is **94.40%**

We also monitor pupil punctuality and lateness very closely and will be sharing some data and information around that with you early next half term.

Every day (and minute!) counts.



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