



# BARNARD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER  
(8)

W/E 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Dear Parents/Carers,

The new half term has started with a bang this week with the start of our new topics:

**Reception** are learning all about **Autumn** and the changes it brings to nature so they spent Monday morning in Ward Jackson Park observing the colours and collecting leaves for display and to stimulate some of their work back in school.

**Year 1 - Dinosaur Planet** - The Y1s had a great start this week, going on a Dinosaur Egg Hunt around the school! They found eggs from lots of different dinosaurs, which they examined back in the classroom.

**Year 2 - Muck, Mess and Mixtures** - The children had a sensory morning, investigating different materials such as jelly, foam and play dough in different forms and mixtures for the start of their Science-based topic.

**Year 3 - Tribal Tales** - The Y3s had a head start to their topic as their fantastic start was before the holidays. The children spent the day handling artefacts and learning all about life during the Stone Age and Iron Age with Tanya Bentham from Bringing History Alive.

**Year 4 - I am Warrior!** - During the morning the children learnt a little bit about Roman soldiers and Celtic warriors, creating shields and discussing tactics to use in their own battle (on the playground!). They will be attending a Roman workshop at the Historic Quay next week.

**Year 5 - Stargazers** - The Y5 children took part in astronaut training for the day: researching, questions and physical training to prepare them for the rest of their journey...

**Year 6 - A Child's War** - Drama company, One Day, spent the day working with Y6 pupils creating a timeline of WWII and dramatising life as an evacuee.

As you'll see, we put a lot of effort into making sure the children have an engaging start to their topics so that they will be keen, inquisitive and eager to learn more about it during the rest of the half term.

It makes a HUGE difference when parents show an interest in what the children are learning about at school so we hope as many KS1/2 parents as possible will be able to come along next Friday afternoon (1:15pm-2:45pm) to see what is going on in the classrooms and get some ideas of how you can get involved with your child's topic at home. Parents of Reception children will also have this opportunity during their open mornings over the coming weeks.

Miss Thompson  
Deputy Headteacher

### Key Diary Dates for Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 11 Nov - Parent Open Afternoon
- 18 Nov - Children in Need (information to follow next week)
- 5 Dec - Christmas Pantomime (in school)
- 6 Dec - Christmas Shopping Evening
- 7 Dec - Pupils' Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 8 Dec - Glee Club carol singing for residential care homes
- 8 Dec - KS1 Nativity (1:30pm)
- 9 Dec - KS1 Nativity (9:30am)
- 12 Dec - Christmas Discos (times TBC)
- 13 Dec - Reception Crafts and Carols (afternoon)
- 14 Dec - Nursery Crafts and Carols (morning and afternoon sessions)
- 15 Dec - Christmas Fair (afternoon)
- 16 Dec - Break up for Christmas Holiday
- 3 Jan - Return to school for Spring Term

We will also be having Christmas assemblies for Y3/4/5/6 during the last week - dates to be confirmed in next week's newsletter.

### Next Week's Events

Here is a snapshot of what is going on in school next week...

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 Recorder Lesson - Tees Valley Music
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 9 trip - Historic Quay Class 11 Swimming lesson Y6 Robinwood Presentation (5pm) Y5 Robinwood Information Meeting (6pm)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 10 trip - Historic Quay B&C Tag Rugby Festival (pm)
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS1 and KS2 Open Afternoon (1:15pm-1:45pm)

### Attendance Information

We had 164 children with 100% attendance during Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> - WOW!

These children are on-track for the fantastic 100% attendance trip at the end of the year.

Well done everyone 😊

'Every day counts'



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