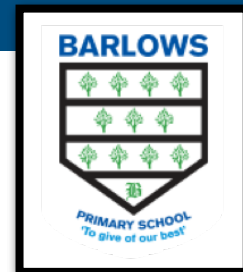


Barlows Primary School Newsletter



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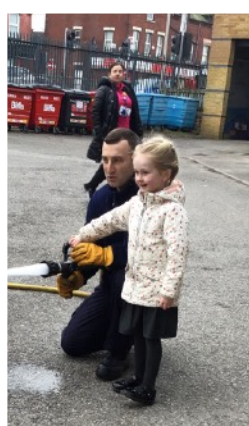
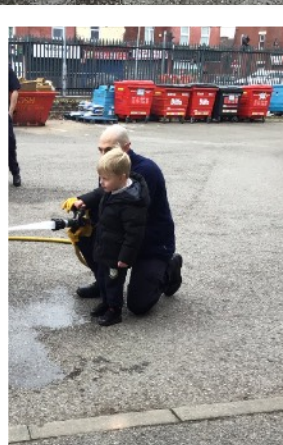
There has been plenty to celebrate across the curriculum this month! We enjoyed a fun filled day of number themed activities for Number Day, took part in Safer Internet Day and also enjoyed some yoga sessions as part of Children's Mental Health Week.

We hope you enjoy reading about our pupils' activities and success during the month of February.

People who help us - Fazakerley Fire Fighters with Reception and Nursery!

Our Early Years pupils were treated to a fantastic visit from the Fazakerley Firefighters. The children explored a real life fire engine, learnt about the protective equipment used, which included the special uniforms worn by Firefighters.

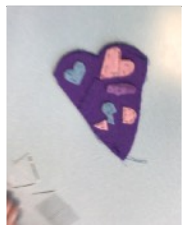
The children even had the opportunity to use the hose from the fire engine, aiming the powerful water jet at a cone!



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Cushion Designs in Design Technology with Year 4!

In Design Technology, Year 4 have been busy designing and making cushions. The children evaluated different designs, sewing techniques and decorations before beginning work on their prototypes.



Evaluating our work in PE - Year 4!

In PE, Year 4 have been evaluating their performances of their own versions of the Haka.

The children analysed their recordings, identifying improvements that could be made.



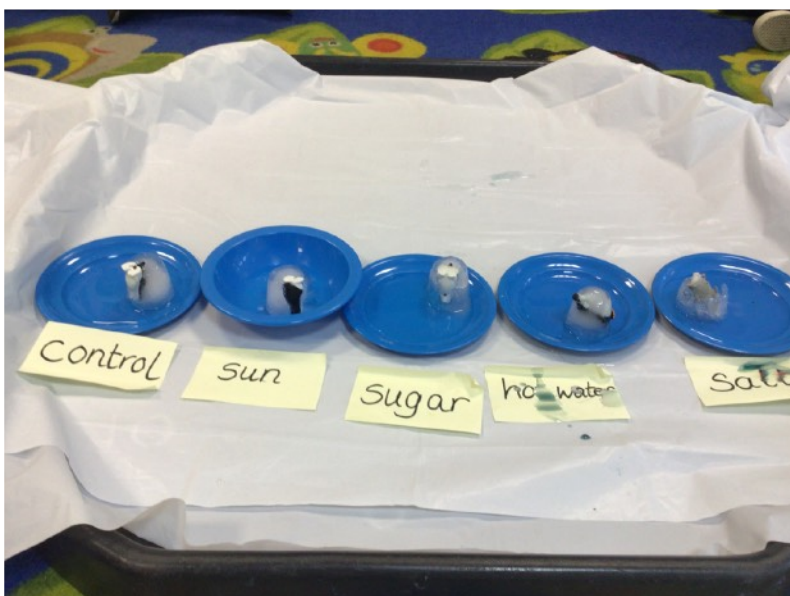
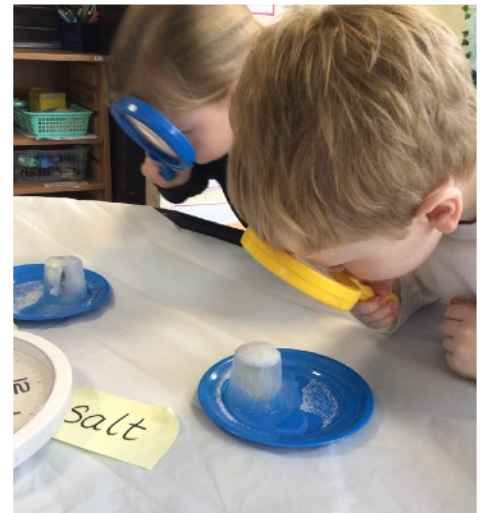
Save the penguins with Reception!

Which variable will melt the ice the quickest?

During their Understanding the World sessions in February, the Reception children became scientists! The small world penguins had been frozen in icebergs and the children needed to work out the best way to release them.

The children chose 4 different variables, made predictions and carried out a fair test. The children observed the icebergs for an hour during the afternoon and then discussed their findings.

Although they predicted the sun or hot water would melt the ice the quickest; the iceberg that melted the quickest was actually the one they added salt to! This prompted lots of discussion and prompted the children to want to know why!



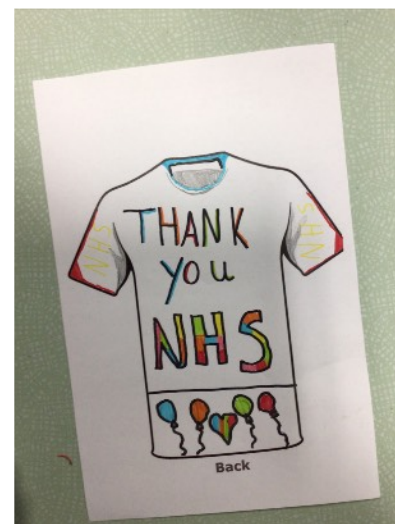
Developing our skills in Lacrosse - Year 6

Year 6 have been continuing to develop their knowledge and skills in PE as they learnt how to play Lacrosse. The children put their skills to the test in small game scenarios.



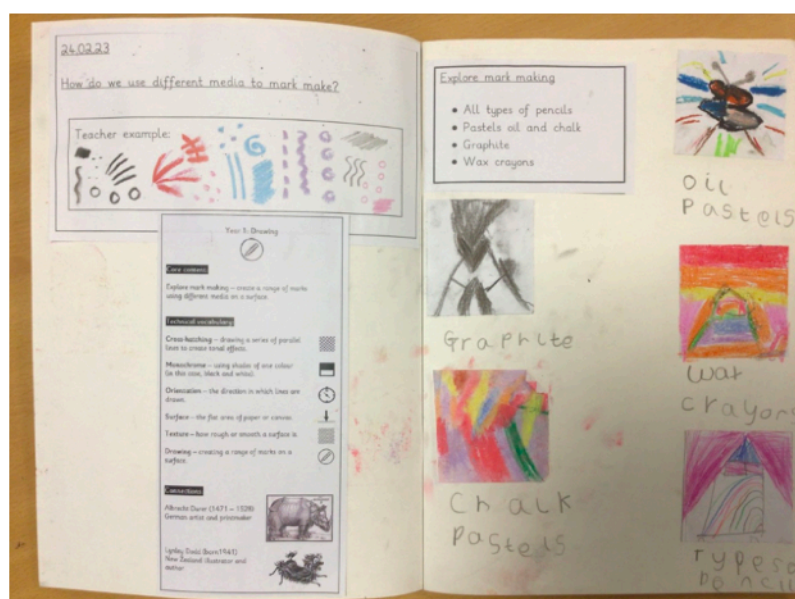
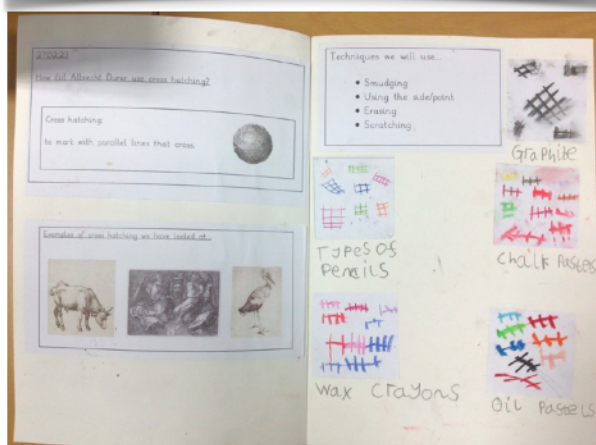
I Will Project with LFC Foundation - Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils have been working with Rob from the LFC Foundation on a special "I Will" project to promote awareness of a cause chosen by the children. After many suggestions, Year 5 agreed to choose a t-shirt design project encouraging others to celebrate the work of the wonderful NHS.



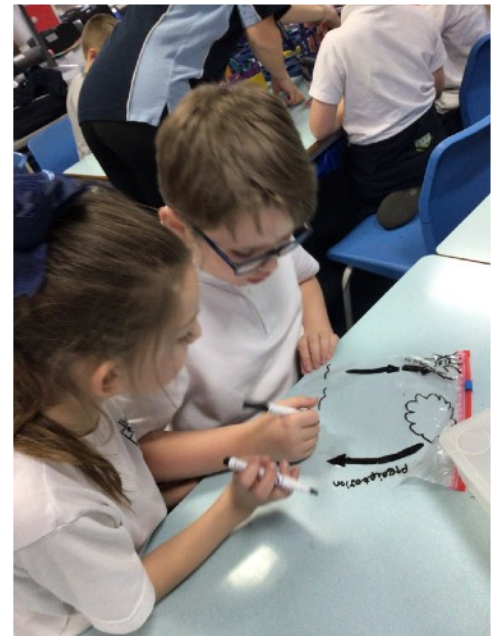
Exploring media in art - Year 1!

Our Year 1 pupils have been exploring different media in Art and Design. They explored and discussed different textures and marks made using different media.



We are Scientists - Year 4!

Our Year 4 pupils have been busy developing their knowledge of condensation and evaporation in Science. They applied their knowledge when creating water cycle models to demonstrate condensation, evaporation and precipitation.



Netball with Year 4!

Year 4 have been busy developing their netball skills in PE this month. The children developed their knowledge of different passing techniques, spending time perfecting the chest pass.

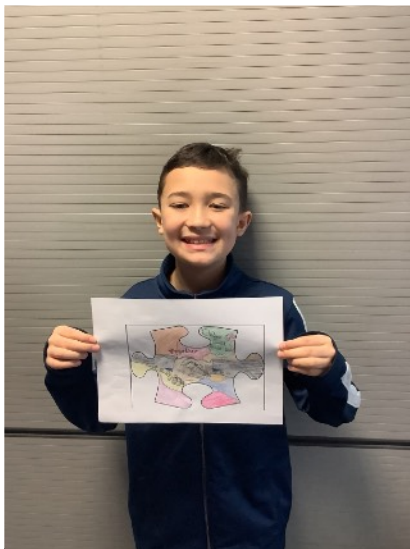


Children's Mental Health Week!

Barlows Primary School Takes Up Yoga!

During Children's Mental Health Week, our pupils had the opportunity to develop their yoga skills using a series of Yoga sessions together.

They also enjoyed practicing breathing and meditation techniques before exploring this year's theme, "Let's Connect", designing jigsaw pieces to create connections throughout the school.



Children's Mental Health Week!



More Yoga in Reception!

The children in Reception also enjoyed taking part in a yoga session for Children's Mental Health Week. The session was linked to the well know story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. The children listened well and followed the different positions and movements with care. One child stated 'that made me feel calm and green!' (This links back to the story 'The Colour Monster', which they read earlier in the year).

Celebrating Number Day!

Number Day!

On Friday 3rd February 2023, the whole school enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities led by our deputy Head, Mrs Kirby-Foy, to celebrate Number Day.

The children were given the challenge of completing a Maths trail, with the opportunity to win Maths themed board games!

Later in the day the children went head-to-head with their class teachers in a special 'Beat the Teacher' number quiz.



Celebrating Success!

First Place in Martial Arts!

It has been a successful term in Martial Arts for one of our Year 5 pupils. This amazing pupil came first in a recent competition!

Well done - fantastic news!



First Place Dancer!

Another of our Year 5 pupils enjoyed celebrating their first place trophy in dance.

What a wonderful achievement! Well done!

Dates for the diary!

Easter Break



Easter break begins on Monday 03/04/23 - Friday 14/04/23

Pupils return to school on Monday 17/04/23.

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023

Coronation of His Majesty King Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May 2023

Comic Relief!



Comic Relief takes place on Friday 17th March 2023. School Council will be organising an own clothes and crazy hair day to raise funds for this important charity.

Further details will follow in due course.

Year 6 Parents' Evenings



Year 6 Parents' Evenings will take place on Wednesday 1st March and Thursday 6th March 2023. Appointments are available to book with your child's class teacher via ParentMail. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Nursery - Year 5 Parents' Evenings



Nursery - Year 5 Parents' Evenings will take place as follows:

Monday 20/03/23 (4:00pm-7:30pm) and Tuesday 21/03/23 (4:00pm- 5:40pm) for Y5 Wilberforce, Y4 Newton, Y3 Gaudi, Y2 Dahl, Y1 Carle, Reception McKee.

Wednesday 22/03/23 (4:00pm- 7:30pm) and Thursday 23/03/23 (4:00pm-5:40pm) for Y5 Parks, Y4 Curie, Y3 Monet, Y2 Potter, Y1 Kerr, Reception Donaldson, Nursery Rosen.

Appointments are available to book with your child's class teacher via ParentMail. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Reminder - Update on Key Stage 2 SATs Dates



Gov.uk have confirmed that an additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023.

As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, gov.uk have confirmed that a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

The new KS2 SATs schedule will be:

Tuesday 9 May:	EGPS papers 1 (questions) & 2 (spelling)
Wednesday 10 May:	English Reading paper
Thursday 11 May:	Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
Friday 12 May:	Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

How can you help?

Join our PTA

Joining the PTA is an excellent way to bring together parents, teachers and your local community to raise money and to support the school. It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together towards a common goal. All parents, teachers and school staff can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available.

What does a PTA do?

PTA activity can vary from school to school. Here at Barlows, the PTA have helped raise funds for a range of school items, from Reception outdoor equipment, to Y6 leaver's gifts, as well as raising money through cake sales and stalls as the Fun Day. These funds benefit all children in the school and are used for the following purposes:

- to help the school provide resources and extras for the pupils
- to run social events for parents and children
- to provide support for school trips and outings and other special events
- to run after school clubs

If you feel that you have some time (no matter how little) and would like to join the PTA, please contact the school office or email us at: barlows.PTA@barlows.liverpool.sch.uk

Extended family and friends of the school are also very welcome to join our PTA.



Do you work for a company the has spare mannequins?

Do you work for a company or know someone who has spare mannequins they would be willing to donate to our Design Technology department?

If so, please contact the school office - we'd love to hear from you!

Preloved Uniform

If you have any clean preloved uniform in good condition that you would like to donate to the school preloved uniform shop, please pass it in to the school office.



A Few Reminders

Attendance - Holidays in Term Time



Attendance for all pupils remains a high priority. Please note, we are unable to authorise holidays in term time.

Holidays taken in term time will be marked as unauthorised absence and may incur a penalty notice issued by the Local Authority.

Punctuality



Doors open at 8:45am with lessons starting promptly at 9:00am. Registers close at 9:00am.

Please ensure your child arrives at school in time to be through the door **before 9:00am**, to ensure they are in class on time.

Doors must close at 9:00am prompt to enable support staff to arrive to lessons on time.

Pupils entering through the main entrance from 9:00am will be marked late. Any late pupils must be escorted to the main entrance by their adult, in order to ensure they arrive safely and have their attendance registered.

PE Kit

Please remember to send your child into school in their PE Kit on PE days.
A reminder of the school PE kit is detailed below.

PE Kit

On the day that your child has PE, please send them into school already wearing their PE kit. They will remain in their PE kit for the duration of the day. The PE Kit for Barlows is as follows:

- Navy blue Barlows school jumper or cardigan
- Plain white T-shirt (plain or with Barlows logo. Logo optional)
- Plain navy blue jogging bottoms and/or navy blue shorts (plain or with Barlows logo. Logo optional)
- Trainers suitable for sports activities.
- **Not permitted** - Football kits, gym leggings, gym tops, hoodies, tracksuit tops or other branded clothing are not permitted.

All clothes should be plain and free from large brand logos to avoid brand competition and peer pressure amongst children.

Parking

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have supported us in trying to keep our school car park safe, by not using it at all for parking.

Unfortunately, we still have a small number of parents/carers who continue to try to use the school car park for their own purposes.

This is not permitted - by doing so you are risking the safety of others.

The car park is for staff only and drop off for breakfast club, until 8:30am.

Please do not attempt to use the car park, as doing so causes unnecessary danger to others - including the children of Barlows Primary School.

Thank you for your support with this important matter.