



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of yet another very busy year at our school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, once again, for your continued support and share with you some of our school achievements; challenges we've faced as well as outline some of the developmental priorities for our school, in the next academic year.

As a Church of England Primary School, we have continued to evaluate our provision in accordance with the national curriculum-available to Year 1-6; refining the learning opportunities available to all our pupils so that we can continue to assess the progress and attainment of our children against the new standards.

As a result of our continued hard work and commitment to 'strive for excellence' our pupils continue to 'shine.' It is easy to take for granted the academic standards of our pupils, the school's published results as well as the school's aspirations. After a while, it becomes 'normality' and we forget just what a special place our school is.

Our children have excelled themselves this year. This is easier to see when we compare our academic standards with the Local Authority and the rest of the country and look at the percentage of children who:

- are working at a Good Level of Development, by the end of Reception;
- meet the expected standard, in Phonics, by the end of Year 1;
- are working at, or above the expected standard, in Year 1, 3, 4 and 5, as measured by Teacher Assessment; and
- those who are working at or above the expected standard, in Year 2 and Year 6, as measured by Teacher Assessment and the Statutory Assessments Test (SATs).

Unfortunately, we need to wait until the Autumn term until we can publish our data but it's worth the wait. Please visit the [National Assessments](#) section of our school website, in the Autumn term, for further details on the children's academic performance, this year.

As a '[Platinum SingUp!](#)' and 'Artsmark' school, we continue to celebrate and enjoy the arts, in all its forms.

- we have organised and arranged 59 extra-curricular related extra-curricular clubs for our pupils to enjoy covering a range of arts activities including dance, drama and song; with participation being:
- Girls: 86 girls (70.5%) participated in a variety of extra-curricular arts activity.
- Boys: 51 boys (51.5%) participated in a variety of extra-curricular arts activity.

This can be broken down:

Performing Arts:

- our Key Stage 1 and 2 Choirs, our Y3-4 & Y5-6 Choral Speaking groups, our Y5 & 6 Recorder group, our Dance group, our Drama Group and our School Orchestra enjoyed tremendous success at the Colsterworth Performing Arts Festival, yet again;
- our Year 4 class enjoyed a whole terms worth of instrumental tuition, learning to play the Ukulele;
- we enjoyed an array of performances which have included: class assemblies, the Reception Christmas Assembly, Key Stage 1 Nativity, various community events, Easter Praise, the Bi-annual Christmas Fair and our Leaver's Production, 'Goodbye My Friend.'

Visual Arts-working with professionals:

- our Year 3 class enjoyed working with a Polymer Clay artist; our Year 5 class enjoyed creating sculptural forms, while working with a 3D artist as well as working with a specialist LED Light artist.



Yet again, we have excelled at promoting active and healthy lifestyles. As a school we continue to value physical activity and recognise the benefits on staff and pupils alike. This year:

- Gold School Games Mark-3rd consecutive year;
- Gold Youth Sport Trust Quality Mark-pending validation visit;
- all pupils receive 2 hours of curricular PE including swimming so that 100% of our Year 6 pupils leave school with 25metres;
- 100% participation in 10 intra-school competitions organised by our Sport's Committee;
- 65% of pupils represented the school in 18 inter-school sport competitions;
- 7 of our school teams were ranked in the top 3 in district level competition and 1 school team ranked 2nd at County level;
- we have organised and arranged 41 sport related extra-curricular clubs for our pupils to enjoy covering a range of sporting activities;
- 91% uptake of pupils access from an array of 41 extra-curricular sport clubs;
- 42% of pupils have acted as Playground Leaders, in KS2 and help to facilitate an extensive range of activities during lunchtime;
- 30% of pupils have acted as Club Leaders;
- increased levels of physical activity from vulnerable and targeted groups;
- we employ 9 specialist coaches to work alongside staff providing further support with their professional development in identified areas as well as 2 dinner supervisors to promote active and healthy lifestyles with over 45 identified in-active pupils; and
- staff groups partake in various sporting competitions and act as positive role models for pupils and other adults e.g. Race for Life, Sponsored Cycle Ride.

The continued success of our school can only be achieved and sustained by the whole school community working together and relies heavily on parental support. I would particularly like to thank all school staff; both those who have been with us for many years, and those who have joined us more recently, for their hard work, commitment, and dedication throughout the past year. I would also like to thank our Governors, for their commitment to our school, and, our parents, especially the parental volunteers who have given their time freely, each week as well as [FOBS](#) for their continued enthusiasm and support and, of course, our children.

Earlier this year, we established a 'Working Party' comprised of pupils, staff, parents and Governors-working together. The aim of this group was to evaluate the current layout of our school grounds and identify ways in which this could be enhanced. I am delighted to announce that in the Autumn term:

- 'free climbing posts' will be installed in to the school grounds, providing opportunities for our children to traverse from one end to another, either independently or working as a group;
- 'Leap Frog Posts', 'Balance Beams', 'Stepping Stones', 'Up and Over Hurdles' will also be installed in to the school grounds providing further opportunities for our pupils to be physically active;
- a Cooking Area/Camp fire will be created providing a super opportunity for our pupils-cooking outdoors!

Our thanks must go to our current Year 6 for their contribution towards school life, fulfilling a range of responsibilities such as Librarians; Sport's Committee; Fundraising Committee; Lunchtime Buddies; Playground Leaders and by being exemplary role models for our younger children. This year, funds raised for their 'Legacy Gift:' outdoor gymn equipment are in excess of £1,300 and will hopefully be installed next year.

Well done guys and thank you to our Year 6 children for their hard work and effort this year. Good luck to all of you, as you continue on your educational journey, at your Secondary School.

Next year, we welcome 34 Reception pupils and their families. This continues to be a very exciting time for our school. Our commitment to develop further our school remains high. As we look ahead, we are committed to ensuring the school continues to meet the needs of all its pupils.

Moving forward we look to reorganise the curricular and assessment opportunities, available to the children:

- in line with the new National Curriculum, adopt shared topics/themes for pupils working in Reception, Year 1 and 2; Year 3 & 4 and pupils in Year 5 & 6-encouraging a rich, broad and balanced curriculum; so that



- all our pupils are supported, so that they achieve their potential;
- provide further opportunities for our pupils, within the arts, working alongside artists and instrumental specialists;
- continue to develop sport skills through the use of coaches, through a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities, as well as sustaining the increased amount of competitive sport; and
- continue to support our children, to develop further their understanding of the multi-cultural world, in which they live.

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we will continue to 'strive for excellence' in everything that we do, and, with your support, trust and understanding continue to provide the very best education for all our children.

Enjoy your summer holidays and I look forward to working with you, next year.

Yours sincerely



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