

DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar.

Wednesday 27th September
Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event

Thursday 28th September
Miss Sugden's class to Pizza Express

Thursday 28th September
Y6 London Residential Meeting
5.00pm - 6.00pm



Friday 29th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning
9.00– 10.00am

Tuesday 3rd October
Parent Workshops Including
Reception Curriculum Meeting
3.45—5.00pm

Thursday 5th October
Mrs Tinkley's class to visit Pizza
Express

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October
Year 4 PGL Visit



Thursday 12th October
Harvest Festival, All Saints Church
2.15– 3.00pm
Refreshments supplied by FOBs



Thursday 12th October
High 5 Netball Festival

Wednesday 18th October
School Individual Photographs

Friday 20th October
Year 4 Class Assembly

Friday 20th October
School finishes for Autumn half term



To see the latest Fobs minutes
please click [here](#).

FoBS AGM Friday 13th October 2017
2.00 pm
All Welcome



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

22 September 2017

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you Matthew 7:7

Dear Parent/Carers

What another great week we have all enjoyed, here at Barrowby CE Primary School. School life is in full swing, with all pupils working hard and enjoying a vast range of extra-curricular opportunities: a staggering 30 clubs-this term. Our older children have also had the opportunity to 'stand' for some of our elected Pupil Leadership posts, including: House Captain (Year 6) and Bronze Sports Ambassadors (Year 5), more next week on the results.

I continue to be delighted by all our hard work, from school staff to our pupils, and of course our parents. Today, I can reveal that Barrowby CE primary School has successfully renewed: the Basic Skills Mark, for the 4th consecutive time-spanning 12years; the Gold Sports Game Mark, for the 2nd consecutive year and has been shortlisted (1 of 3 schools, in Lincolnshire) for the 'Active Primary School of the Year Award.' I hope you equally feel as proud of our achievements, as together we can 'do more.' I hope you enjoy finding out more about school life and these recent achievements. Happy reading. Good luck to those children sitting the 11+ on Saturday.

Len Batey-Headteacher

Events

Basic Skills Mark

You may recall that, on Monday 10th July, a Basic Skills assessor visited school to carry out an audit and decide our eligibility to be awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the fourth consecutive term.



The assessor, Elizabeth Neal, spent a morning in school visiting all classrooms, speaking to members of staff and Governors as well as pupils from each year group. By the end of the morning she was delighted to announce that we once again had been awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark and that we were 'Outstanding'.

She commented that the school had an atmosphere of 'tranquillity with a buzz for learning.' She also said that the school had built in capacity for improvement and that Mr Batey was 'inspirational.'

Such an award reflects the hard work and commitment of staff, children and Governors and we are all delighted to have achieved this accreditation once again. Well done team! Thanks go to Miss Sugden for her hard work in this area. Watch out for the 10 year logo on our letter footer!



Active and Healthy Lifestyles

At our school we pride ourselves on our extensive PE curriculum and extra-curricular provision, including play-encouraging all of our pupils to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

As a result of this provision, we have been identified as one of the top performing schools, in Lincolnshire for developing active lifestyles with our children and have been short listed (1 of 3) for the 'Active Primary School of the year Award.' Later this term, Mr Batey and Mrs Banfield will attend the Awards Ceremony-where we will find out which of the three will gain the award. We would like to wish the other 2 schools, short-listed, good luck. A well-deserved accolade, recognising all our hard-work in this key area. Well done everyone!

Going for Gold—School Games Mark

On Wednesday 20th September, Mr Batey and Mrs Banfield met with Lee Edmondson (SIRC verifier), Terry Plumb, Lincolnshire School Games Mark Co-ordinator and Sharon Bray (member of the School Games Organising Committee) to validate our application for the Gold School Games Mark which recognises and celebrates the quality and range of competitive and extra-curricular sport, available, at our school, for all our children.



We believed 2016-2017 had been another 'golden year' for us. Our school's Sport's Committee organised, with the support of Mrs Banfield, 9 intra-school competitions (1 more than last year). These opportunities encourage all our children, irrespective of age or gender to engage and compete in a range of fun and active competitions-giving all our children the opportunity to take part in competitive sport.

We also participated in 13 inter-school competitions (an increase of 2 from last year), where many of our children represented our school, in various teams competing with other children from the local or the regional area. This covered a wide range of sport competitions including Athletics, Badminton, Football, Gymnastics, Netball, Rounders, Swimming, Trampoline and the annual Mini-Olympics event.

Through an extensive program of activities, available both within and outside of our curriculum, we continued to be committed to encouraging our pupils to lead healthy and active lives.

Last year, we employed 9 sport coaches across a range of sporting activities who worked alongside our pupils, supporting them to develop their skills and fostering further 'their love of sport.' As well as this, we organised 29 sport related extra-curricular clubs or activities, across the year for our children to enjoy and encouraged our Pupil Leadership initiative which has continued to be a priority, so that more pupils can 'take the lead,' sharing their passion and skills, inspiring others in a range of sport: 23% of pupils have acted as a Club Leader and led sport related activities/clubs; 49% of pupils acted as Playground Leaders and led Sport related activities/clubs; and 57% of pupils have acted as a Playground Leader and Club Leader and led sport related activities/clubs, across the whole year.

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we are firmly committed to encouraging all our pupils to lead full and active lives, both within school and beyond and are delighted to announce that we have successfully been awarded Gold, in the School Games Mark for a 2nd year.

After the visit, Lee Edmondson wrote:

"Barrowby is easily in the top 5 schools I have visited over the last few years, unbelievable levels of leadership!"

"The school showed an excellent level of commitment to PE and school sport and should continue to build on their success so far moving forward. Well done on your award, and good luck planning and delivering 2017-18."

Terry Plumb wrote:

"Many thanks for hosting the Schools Games Mark verification visit yesterday and congratulations on achieving the Gold standard. I was very impressed with the organisation of your evidence and the quality of work that Barrowby Primary School is producing regarding School Sport.."



The report is a delight to read and fully reflects our dedication and commitment to this area. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the report.

Thank you to everyone: school staff-especially Mrs Banfield for her expertise in this area, our pupil and playground leaders, specialist sport coaches and parents for guiding, supporting and inspiring all our children to shine!

2nd Cross Country Running Event

Well done to the Cross Country team who took part in the second Primary Schools Y5 & 6 Mike Bundy Cross Country League, on Wednesday 20th September, at the Grantham Meres site.

The two races went without a hitch and the children yet again showed grit and determination to complete the course; never giving up and all ending with a sprint finish! A large majority of children improved on their position from last week, well done! It is a great event ending with the final race, next Wednesday, after which we will find out the result of the boys' team, the girls' team and the whole team together. Good Luck for Wednesday everyone!



Mrs Watson

Last Friday, we said 'au revoir' to Mrs Jen Watson, who has started her maternity leave, for her second baby.

We are very much looking forward to seeing her again soon, with the new addition to the family. We all send our best wishes to her and her family.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Please join us between 9.00am-10.00am on Friday 29 September, in the school hall, for a Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.



We would also be very grateful for any kind donations of cakes or biscuits for this very worthwhile event. Please send donations in by Thursday 28 September.

With an array of cakes on offer and even a raffle, let's see if we can raise even more, this year, for this worthwhile cause. We look forward to seeing you there!



FOBs AGM

All parents are very welcome to attend the FoBS AGM on Friday 13th October at 2.00 pm.

Come along for a 'cuppa,' meet new people and find out ways in which you can help support FoBS.

Gardening Club

If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and is interested in joining Mrs Walton's gardening club on a Wednesday after school until 4.00 pm (they will need wellies!), then please contact the school office to register interest.

Christmas Fair

This year we are having our bi-annual Christmas Fair in school, on Thursday 14th December, from 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm. This is a fantastic festive event and a perfect opportunity to buy beautiful Christmas gifts for your nearest and dearest.

If you are interested in having a stall at this event then please contact the school office for more information.



Eco Greenhouse

Please can you help us to collect enough clear 2 litre plastic bottles to build a recycled greenhouse? We urgently require 1500 clear 2 litre plastic bottles as in the images. If you have any of these bottles at home ready for recycling, we would be very grateful if you could bring them into school.



Please could the labels be removed from the bottles before bringing them in.

*We want our pupils to leave our school as well educated,
self confident and caring members of society.*