



Barton Clough Primary School

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Newsletter

Autumn 2

We would like to introduce you to our new **Ambassadors** and **School Council**.



School Council



Art Ambassadors



Writing Ambassadors



Reading Ambassadors



Eco Committee

Achievements

School Games Mark

Barton Clough are extremely proud of achieving the Silver School Games Mark last year for our efforts in promoting PE and Sports throughout the school. We have taken part in a variety of sports clubs, competitions and challenges in order to achieve this feat. Our superb Year 5 sports leaders have also been incremental in us achieving this, through their excellent leadership in pupil-led playground activities and competitions. They have recently designed and launched a whole-school World Cup competition and are keen to encourage children to participate in a variety of other sports throughout the rest of the school year.



Music Mark

We are really excited to announce that we are now a Music Mark school! To do this we have shown we are willing to engage in whole school developments around music teaching, we provide high-quality music lessons to our pupils and we are committed to providing extra musical opportunities within school which all children can access. This term we enjoyed a woodwind instrument demonstration run by Trafford Music Service and have been so inspired that our children are signing up for group lesson which will start over the next few weeks.



Curriculum

Forest School:

Year 6 are currently studying the changes in warfare throughout British History. We have been lucky enough to carry out some of our investigations using Forest School sessions. We have covered themes such as changes in communication, camouflage and weaponry. This week we researched life in the trenches and then got to build a smaller version of how the trenches were connected and why. We will now compare this to how castles were used, linking to strategy and how armies used landmass to support their battle decisions.



Parent Events

This half term we have launched the Friends of Barton Clough. If you would like to join our enthusiastic volunteers supporting events and raising money for school please let the office know.



School Refurbishment

The school refurbishment is now well under way. Look out for the banners going up soon.

We're having an upgrade!

We're so excited about the new building developments here at Barton Clough!

We can't wait to see the finished refurbishments which will include new classrooms, new roofing & render and a brand-new play area!

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday 8th December – Christmas Fair
- Friday 9th December – Christmas jumper day
- Tuesday 13th December – The KS1 Nativity
- Wednesday 14th December – Christmas lunch and visiting pantomime
- Friday 16th December – Carols in the cold

Attendance

Can we please remind parents and carers of the importance of attendance. During COVID there was an acceptance that pupils would be absent for periods of time. This is no longer the case. Please ensure that children are in school as much as possible to maximise their learning time. If your child is absent due to illness or medical appointment, please remember to phone the School office before 9.00am on the day of their absence. The office will make contact with you to discuss this if we do not receive a call.

Parking and Traffic

Could we please remind parents to where possible walk to school to avoid congestion. If you do have to drive can we ask you to turn off engines rather than keep them running to minimise air pollution. We wish to inform parents and carers that the small car park belongs to Urmston Town Football club and planning has been given to place a barrier across the entrance, this would reduce traffic on our road and may encourage more parents to walk or park at a short distance and walk. May we also remind parents and carers for the safety of the children, parents and staff at Barton Clough NO unauthorised vehicles should be driving up the school driveway to the main building unless you have spoken to the office in advance. The new gates are nearly finished and moving forwards parents / carers will need a card from the school office to pass through them.