



Barton Clough Primary School

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Summer 1 Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to share with you some exciting updates regarding the ongoing renovations at Barton Clough. Our first phase of building works has been successfully completed, bringing a fresh and vibrant look to our beloved school with new render, windows and a new roof.

As we move forward, I am excited to share that our next phase of renovations will focus on redecorating and refurbishing our school hall; redecorating the corridors; and refreshing several of the office spaces.

I would like to express my appreciation to the dedicated staff, parents, and students for their support and patience during these construction projects.

In addition to our building improvements, I would like to highlight the recent success of our Outdoor Classroom Day. The event was a tremendous triumph, as our students and teachers fully embraced the opportunity to learn in an outdoor setting. It was fantastic to witness their enthusiasm while engaging in various activities amidst nature.

There have been so many exciting opportunities to celebrate this half-term: Year 4's trip to the recycling centre; cycling in Reception, Year 1, Year 5, 6 and Oak; our Coronation celebrations; and of course, Year 2 and 6 making us incredibly proud with their efforts in the SATs.

Best wishes, as always,

Mr Foster-Carr

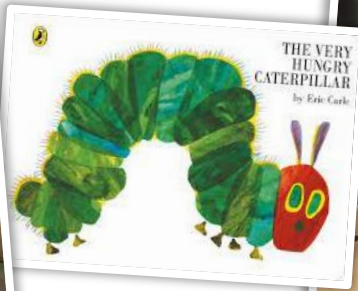


Reception

This half term Reception have had special little visitors...caterpillars! They were very small when they arrived, and we have been fascinated to watch them grow ginormous and then turn into chrysalises. We are eagerly waiting for them to emerge out of their chrysalises and turn to butterflies. Stay tuned on our class Twitter page @BartonCloughR to see our butterfly release!

Following with our interest of the caterpillars, we read the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*; we also used this as our focus story in English. We also learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and drew these. It has been a lovely start to the summer term with lots of learning, awe and wonder!

Miss Hulme, Mrs Cooney and Mrs Gledhil



Year 1

This term we attended an exciting multi-skills festival at Stretford Leisure Centre. We completed a range of sporting activities from games to balancing skills! Our favourite activity was the games with the parachute! We loved attending the event and learnt lots of new skills!

Miss Ball and Miss Johnson

Year 2

In English, we have been exploring stories from other cultures, in particular, the tale of Anansi the Spider. We also looked at a range of poetry, and wrote our own poems, which we performed to Year 4. In maths, we have been learning to recognise and find a half, a third and a quarter of an amount. In science, we have been learning about the life cycle of a plant as well as the process of germination. At the start of the term, the children conducted a cress experiment to identify the best conditions to for a plant to grow. The children then had the opportunity by plant their own seeds to take home! In Geography we have been learning about the climate in Pakistan, India, Iceland and Antarctica. The children have really enjoyed using the atlases to locate the countries and sharing their own travel experiences with the class.

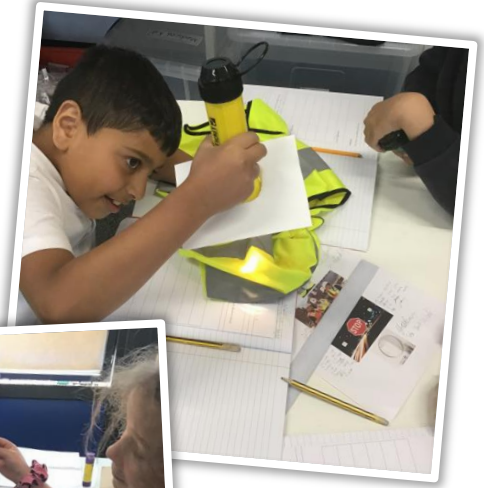
Mrs Crouch, Mr Dickinson and Mrs Bennion



Year 3

In science this half term we have been learning about light. When learning about reflective materials, we made our own reflector testers using flashlights and card to test how reflective different materials are. We found that mirrors were the best material to reflect light, which is what predicted would happen. We found it so interesting using the detectors!

Miss Downie



Acorn

This term, Acorn have each completed a beautiful piece of writing. Our writing was a diary entry based on Spring. This links to our Science topic and the story 'Pip and Posy - The Friendly Snail.' In the story, the children find a snail in the garden, so we looked at different minibeasts and chose one to write about ourselves. We were so proud of our writing that we wanted to show it off, so we went into Oak class and bravely read out our diary entries. We even achieved learners of the week and received the certificate! Also, some of us took part in something new- cycling! We had lots of fun!

Miss Law, Mrs Bessassi, and Miss Scott

Oak

Oak class have loved every minute of their weekly cycling sessions this half term. We worked with Craig from the British Cycling Foundation to strengthen our riding skills with a focus on the basics - being able to ride a bike confidently and safely. At the start of our training sessions there were 5 pupils in Oak who had never used a bike before and there were many of us who were frightened about riding without adult support. After weeks of hard work and practice, we are now so proud to share that EVERY member of Oak class can ride a bike without any support and with absolute confidence. Go team Oak!

Miss Higgins, Miss Scott
and Mrs Unsworth



Year 4

This half-term we visited the Recycle for Greater Manchester centre, where we saw how recycling is sorted and separated from over a million homes. We walked the grounds and saw how plastic bottles are sorted using near infra-red lasers, found out how glass bottles and jars are given a clean using cyclones and watched them transform aluminium cans into new things!

Miss Kennedy and Miss Banerjee



Year 5

We have been enjoying lots of sporting activities this half term. We always look forward to our Tuesday swimming lessons and it has been amazing see everyone progress so quickly. Our confidence and determination in the swimming pool has grown and we are all very supportive of one another. Every child has now been in the deep end and there's not an arm band in sight!

In school, our weekly PE lessons have focussed around Parkour, athletics and cycling. Parkour was great fun and taught us how to move safely using the equipment, helping us overcome our fears and build resilience. We enjoy learning new skills alongside our friends and have been making the most of the spring weather by moving our PE lessons outside. It's been great fun learning to cycle around the playground and we've been doing a variety of athletics activities outside too. Our foam javelin throwing is really impressive - we may have some future athletes in Year 5, watch this space!

Miss Kucharski, Miss Wright and Mr Holt

Year 6

Year 6 love being outside. Outdoor learning day was our ideal day! We did a full timetable of outdoor pursuits, we gathered together to complete a piece of artwork that demonstrated our appreciation of nature, including all the final details. Coming together to create one collective piece was so therapeutic and the end result was fantastic.

Miss Evans and Mr Stanley



Outdoor Classroom Day

On Outdoor Classroom Day, we did lots of fun activities and got lots of fresh air: leaf printing; capture the flag; a river crossing team building task; scavenger hunts; and rock painting. We even had our lunch out on the field.

We stayed active for the whole day.

It was really fun, and helped us to feel more connected to nature.

Everyone from across the school was included in the day and no one was left out of the activities.

Outdoor Classroom Day was a fun way to meet some of the staff who we might not have met before, and we might work with them again in the future so it was good to socialise with them.

By Scarlett, Karamraj and Sukhveer (Y6)



Summer 1 Attendance

Reception	96.7%
Year 1	94.9%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	93.2%
Acorn	93.6%
Oak	94.4%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	94.9%

Summer 2 Upcoming Events

Healthy Eating Week	12 th – 16 th June
Sports Day	26 th June
Bright Futures' Sports Day	29 th June
Transition Week	3 rd -7 th July
Summer Fair	6 th July
Year 6 Performance	12 th July
Year 6 Robinwood Trip	17 th -19 th July
Finish for Summer	21 st July

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform each day:

- A white polo shirt
- A navy-blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- Black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Sensible black shoes
- A school tie and V-neck jumper in Year 6.

Hoodies or other jumpers should **not** be worn.

Our uniform policy is available [here](#).

