



Barton Clough Primary School

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Autumn 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this first half-term, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continuous support and collaboration. It has been a great start to the school year, and your involvement and support has been fantastic.

We were thrilled to see the overwhelming positive response to our movie night last night. It was a joy to see so many of our pupils come together, relax and enjoy themselves. Many thanks to the Friends of Barton Clough for supporting us with this event, and raising over £160 to support the school.

I'd also like to address the issues we've had with the flooded path this half-term. We recognise the inconvenience and concerns it has posed for many of you. I'd like to assure you that extensive drainage works are scheduled to take place during the half-term break. Our goal is to provide a safe and accessible path for everyone, come rain or shine.

Thank you once again for your patience, feedback, and unwavering commitment to Barton Clough Primary School. We look forward to welcoming our students back after the break, ready to start on the exciting journey the next half-term promises to bring.

Warm regards,

Mr. Foster-Carr

Head of School



Reception

A huge warm welcome to our new Reception cohort who have amazed Miss Hulme and Mrs Gledhill with how quickly they have settled into school and learnt our rules and routines. We have made a fantastic start with our learning and made some beautiful friendships. Our focus in Topic has been "All About Me" where we discussed our favourite things, created our own self-portraits using pencils and natural materials, learnt about each other families and focused upon our local community, Stretford, creating maps and our local landmarks. It's been a superb very first half-term of school! Stay tuned to see how our learning progresses!

Miss Hulme and Mrs Gledhill



Year 1

In year 1 we have really enjoyed our recent science topic of plants. We have been out in the school grounds looking closely at the plants we have growing there. We have designed our own gardens, naming some of the plants we would like to see growing there. We have learned the names of many types of weeds which we now regularly point out at break time and lunch. We can tell you the names of parts of a tree and leaf. We have extended our learning by making and labelling gardens, plants and trees in our continuous provision. We are looking forward to seeing what happens to these plants as we move through Autumn into Winter and begin our next topic on seasons.

Mrs Bennion, Mrs Crouch, Mrs Cooney and Mrs Phoenix



Year 2

Year 2 have started learning the recorder with a recorder teacher this half term. We have started every lesson with some singing to warm up. We sing a Spanish song called 'Chocolate Monilero' and a song called 'Tree in the Wood', and we have started adding actions whilst we sing. We have learned to play the A and B notes on the recorder and we play them to the song 'Glory B'. We have even started to learn the note C! We can't wait for our performance to parents next half term!

Miss Downie



Year 3

Year 3 have been busy learning how to play the flute this half-term and this will continue in next half-term too! We are being taught by a specialist from Trafford Music Service, who has been very patient with us. Although learning a new instrument has been a great challenge for us, we have shown incredible enthusiasm and resilience every week. Some of us, have even been taking the flutes home to practice in front of our grown-ups. We will be participating in our very own concert in late November so keep your eyes peeled for details!



Miss Kennedy and Miss Wright



Acorn

This half term, Acorn have enjoyed spending lots of time as a whole group at Forest School. We have focused on building new relationships and working on our communication and language skills. Being in nature helps us to feel free and build our independence skills. I am very proud that we all now sit around the fire pit to listen to Mr Gibson about how to stay safe whilst we are there; well done Acorn! 🙌😊

Miss Law, Mrs Bessassi, Miss Scott and Miss Tatti

Oak

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Oak class wrote and performed a poem promoting our new school core values. We worked together to think about how we show that we are brave, determined and positive everyday whilst we are at school. We also thought about how we thrive at school and what this might look like. We worked together to think of rhyming words and how we can include our ideas to share more about our school core values. We rehearsed saying our lines in front of the camera. We are very proud of ourselves for showing true bravery when reading from memory in front of others. Scan the QR code to watch our performance 😊



Miss Higgins, Miss Scott and Mrs Unsworth



Year 4

In science we have been learning all about sound. We worked scientifically to make string telephones, predicting what will happen when our partner talks into their cup! We found that when one person speaks into their cup, the other person could hear what they were saying through their other cup. This was due to our voices sending sound waves inside the cup, vibrating the bottom. This then sent vibrations across the string and into the bottom of the other cup!

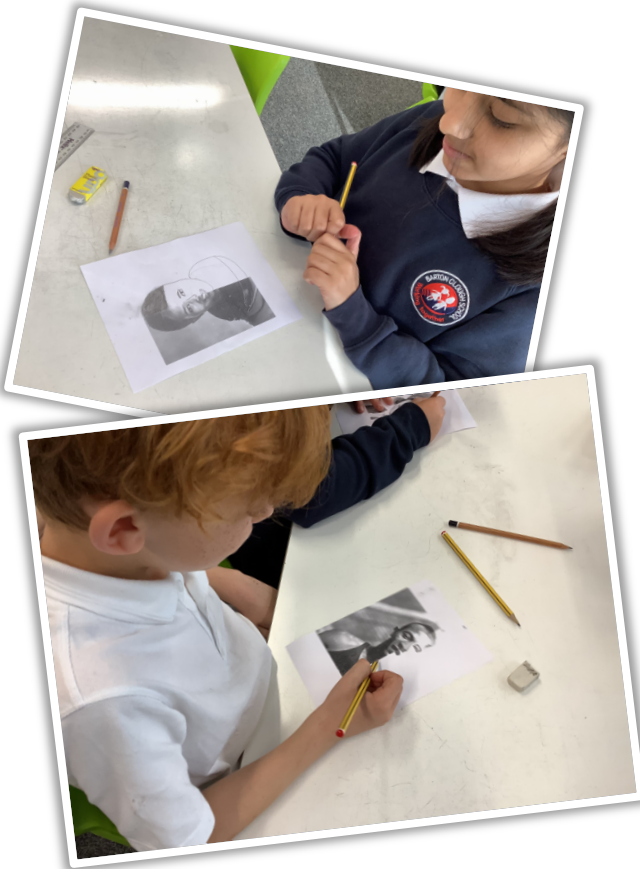
Miss Ball



Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have studied various people from the text "Young, Gifted and Black". We were able to look closely at the achievements and life events of significant people and began to make links between real life stories and historical fiction. We then focussed our learning on the life of Matthew Henson and have thoroughly enjoyed reading Race to the Frozen North and all the writing opportunities that have come with it. In the pictures you can see some fantastic examples of art and writing that were created based on this topic.

Miss Evans and Mr Stanley



Year 6

Year 6 have worked really hard on improving their health and fitness this half term. We have completed lots of different circuit training activities in PE lessons to target our physical fitness, including taking part in a fitness test to see if we have improved over the past 7 weeks. We also love a bit of yoga to cool down and increase our flexibility afterwards. Alongside this, we have learnt about healthy eating and diet in PSHE lessons to ensure we have a healthy lifestyle. We are now all aiming to achieve 60 active minutes every day alongside eating a balanced diet.

Miss Kucharski and Mrs Johnson

Breakfast Club

We have had a great start to the school year at Breakfast Club.

This has involved more and more children accessing the provision as the term has progressed.

We have happily tried new choices including, bagels, yoghurts, fruit and cereal to get us ready for the day as well as toast.

We also enjoyed celebrating World Languages Day with French brioche, croissants and pain au chocolat.

We have our own Breakfast Club Notice Board where we have enjoyed displaying our art and thoughts about club.

We play a variety of games, including Top Trumps and Uno to keep us entertained.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the new term and any new faces who want to join us.

Remember it's completely free and runs from 8am every morning.

Mrs Phoenix



The School Day

Timings for the school day:

Breakfast Club – 8:00am-8:30am

Gates Open – 8:30am

Gates Close – 8:45am (**children arriving after this time will be marked late**)

Gates Open for Pickup – 3:10pm

Children Dismissed – 3:15pm

Autumn 1 Attendance

Reception	92.2%
Year 1	92.4%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	95.9%
Acorn	93.4%
Oak	88.2%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	91.2%
Year 6	92.1%

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.

Jewellery (except 1 pair of small, stud earrings) and makeup should not be worn.

Our uniform policy is available on the school website.

Autumn 2 Upcoming Events

Start of Term for Pupils	Monday 30 th October
School Photos	Thursday 2 nd November
Anti-bullying Week	13 th -17 th November
Reception Open Day for Next Year	Wednesday 15 th November
Trip to Aviva Studios for 100 Waving Kites art project – Y4, 6 and Oak	Wednesday 15 th November
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair	Friday 8 th December
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 13 th December
KS1 Nativity	Friday 15 th December
Carols in the Cold	Monday 18 th December
Break up for Christmas	Wednesday 20 th December