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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a busy week we're having! There's just so much exciting learning taking place in all of our classes alongside a fantastic range of additional opportunities. Just to give you a flavour and a snap shot, here's a few of the things that we've seen this week — Y4 headed off to Sky to learn about TV production, Y3 went to Stonehenge as part of their Stone Age topic, Y6 received a talk from a holocaust survivor as part of their History topic and Y3 pupils perform brilliantly at the Rosslyn Park rugby festival. What a rich menu of learning opportunities.

Thank you all very much for coming along to the Welcome BBQ. We loved hosting such a wonderful community event. Thanks as ever for your fantastic support.

Mark and Alastair

Assembly theme this week

Performance Poetry

We started the week with a launch assembly for our upcoming Performance Poetry competition. We shared some poems and enjoyed learning more about how to perform a poem.

Reading with Fluency

We followed up last week's assembly about reading with fluency with more stories and opportunities to read with intonation, pace, tone and character,

What's been happening this week?

Readathon : Do encourage your child to take part in the Readathon and get a few sponsors for our Reading challenge. We're hoping to raise enough money to fund broadening the range of books in our fantastic new Library.

School Library: Our school library furniture has now been fitted. The next step is to get all of our books logged on to our new system. This is happening on Friday. Thank you all so much for your engagement and support for this brilliant project.



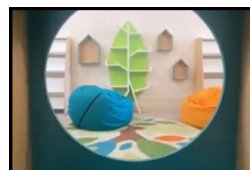
We thought you may be interested in this local event happening soon. Further details are available online.

Photos of the week

The welcome BBQ was great fun. Thanks to the PTA for organising a super event.



Our fantastic new library is taking shape. Check out our website for a short video tour.



Year 3 Rugby Team who played brilliantly at the Rosslyn Park Festival.



Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ Friday 30th September: The Y6 bake sale—the first fundraising cake sale of the year!
- ⇒ Friday 7th October Performance Poetry final
- ⇒ Monday 17th October and Tuesday 18th October Parents evening across the school

Don't forget!

We are trialling a new break time snack policy. This has been sent to you all via Parentmail. There are two simple additions (on a trial basis) to the allowed items. These are **plain breadsticks** and **plain rice cakes**. Other than those items children should only bring **fresh fruit or vegetables** for their break time snack (dried fruit is also ok)



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This week we went for a walk over to the allotment to see the chickens. We counted 7 chickens and saw 1 brown egg. We had a little look around the allotment at the vegetables and fruit trees that are there. We are growing onions, pak choi and there are also apple and plum trees.

On our way back to the Nursery we watched some of the big children doing some number work on the giant 100 square outside.

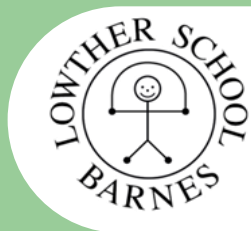


This week we have been finishing our 'On entry assessments. We did some very messy sensory play using liquid cornflour. It is lots of fun to touch and to scoop up using a spoon.

Next week we will be going on a listening walk around the school grounds. Listening is the first key component of early phonics. Being able to discriminate between different sounds in the environment. For instance, is it 'keys jangling or bells ringing', can you hear a 'bus or a car'. We will be doing a game at Nursery using matching sounds. One set of objects will be hidden and the children have to guess the matching sound from a second set of objects on the floor.

Eggs from the school chickens are available to buy from the school office . £2.50 for 6.





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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The week got off to a flying start with our very own Bear Hunt! We swish-swashed through the grass, squelch-squerched through the mud and found the bear in a cave on the allotment! Thank you also to all those who were able to attend our Curriculum Forecast Meeting on Wednesday. We hope that you found it informative! If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to be sent through the information please do let one of us know as we would be more than happy to send it through. Have a wonderful weekend when it arrives.

Mrs Hammant, Miss Tittle and Mrs Blaxland

Photos of the Week!



Learning to use a hammer safely in the woodwork area.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt.



This week we have been learning...

- Phonics—this week we learnt the phonemes i, n, m, d and the HRS words 'a', 'I', 'the' and 'no'.
- Bears—we learnt the difference between fiction and non-fiction, shared what we knew about bears and learnt to ask questions. We also created collages to represent each setting of the bear hunt story.
- Maths—using the language more, fewer, same, different and comparison to compare sets of objects and numbers.

Next week we will be learning...

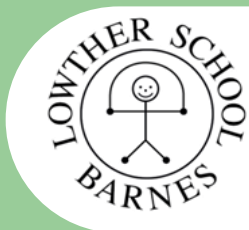
- Phonics—g, o, c and the HRS words 'put', 'of' and 'is'.
- How to Find a Fruit Bat—is our class text for the next two weeks. We will be talking about jungle animals, drawing maps and building boats.
- Maths—comparing size mass and capacity.

Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ Monday 26th Sept-3rd October-Readathon don't forget! Please keep reading! All sponsorship money should be brought in by Friday 7th October please.
- ⇒ Tuesday 11th October-Flu jab. You have received a ParentMail with a QR code. If you would like your child to have the flu vaccine you must opt in. Any questions ask the office.
- ⇒ Wednesday 12th October-Hearing test. Letters will be in book bags today.

Don't forget!

- Coats and wellies! We are very happy for these items to stay at school.
- We kindly request for a **voluntary** donation of £10 per term to help cover the cost of cooking and messy play ingredients. This can be handed to a member of the Reception team when you drop your child off in the morning/pick up.
- **Christmas cards!** Bring back completed forms by Friday 30th October.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It's been another busy week in Year 2 as the children continue to impress us with their focus and hard work. This week we have been working on some performance poetry (you may have spotted a poem come home in their book bag!). We have loved hearing the children practise, using such amazing expression and actions! We will be choosing the finalists on Monday so please try to go over these poems at home with the children (more details about this have been sent via Parentmail.)

Thank you as always for all of your support! Have a great weekend!

Miss Newton, Mrs Tucker and Ms Rogan
CLASS TEACHERS

Picture of the Week!



Monkeying around in the last of the summer sunshine!

This week we have been learning...

English - In English we have taken a brief break from "Katie in London" to look at performance poetry.

Maths - In Maths we have begun work on number lines, first consolidating understanding around number order and counting in both 10's and 1's, and then moving on to look at *estimating* where numbers might be placed on an unlabelled number line.

Science - Exploring different materials—this week we started to look at different properties of certain materials (eg. Wood is hard and rough where cotton is soft and malleable [bendable])

History - Understanding the impact of the destruction caused by the Great Fire of London.

Art - Identifying and experimenting with complementary colours.

R.E. - Looking at the importance of signs and symbols in both day to day and religious life.

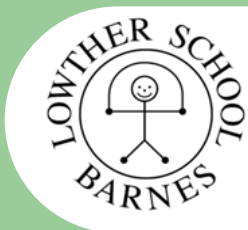
P.E. - Ball skills (Attack /Defend/ Shoot) and Real Runners Session 3 with professional marathon runner and coach, Josh Grace

Upcoming events and diary dates

- Readathon -
Monday 26th — Monday 3rd October
- Year 2 Boat Trip on the River Thames-
Thursday 6th October
- Performance Poetry Assembly -
Friday 7th October
- Year 2 Scooter Safety Training -
Friday 14th October

Don't forget!

- **Guided Reading Books**—please ensure that these live in the children's school bags as we need the books for their guided reading sessions in school.
- **Reading Records** -please sign these each time your child reads to you. They need to have read **5 times** each week.
- **Spelling Homework Books**—please ensure that these come in on a **Friday** as we need to give children their new spellings for the next week.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a week! We were so pleased with Y3's engagement and enthusiasm on our trip to Stonehenge on Wednesday. The pupils loved it and their behaviour was excellent throughout the day, despite the long journey. This week, Performance Poetry Week was introduced to the children and you undoubtedly hear your child practising their poems at home, in preparation for their performances next week. Thank you for your efforts on Roald Dahl day. The children who dressed up looked fabulous, and those that didn't still had a wonderful day.

Mr Picken and Ms Palmer

Gentle reminder:

Your Year 3 teachers are kindly asking that parents who wish to speak to their class teacher at the end of the day, please wait until the teacher has dismissed all children. This is for safety reasons.
Thank you.

This week we have been learning:

English- Poetry- performance poetry- Children are learning about what is performance poetry and will continue to develop their understanding and ability to use their voice, facial expression and body movements to bring poems to life.

Maths- Place value- ordering numbers up to 1000

Science- comparing, contrasting and investigating different rock types

History- investigating clues left from the Stone Age. The Stonehenge trip provided a great opportunity to ask questions and begin investigating HOW we know about the Stone Age and the people who lived during this period.

Outdoor PE- Netball

Indoor PE: Dance (song: Ku lo sa by Oxlade)

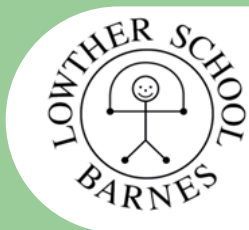
Scan this QRCode to view our Stonehenge trip:



Don't forget!

Every day— Reading Records
Mondays- PE Kit
Tuesdays—Homework books

Thursdays- Homework will be sent home



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I think we may have already had one of the highlights of the year... our trip to Sky Studios! We had a brilliant time on Tuesday and the children were excellent ambassadors for the school. They worked really well together in four studio teams to produce a news report about the benefits of exercise for young people, with a particular focus on the daily mile, which is so important to us in Year 4 and all across the Lowther Family. The children were presenters, producers, reporters, editors and camera operators. They loved visiting the Sky campus and even saw some live broadcasting in action.

Mr Thomas

This week's home learning

Please practise your chosen poem for the poetry performance and one activity from the homework grid. Children should be reading every day for at least 10 minutes and recording this in their reading journal. A reminder that 'Lowther's Readathon 2022' runs until Monday 3rd October. Please keep reading! All sponsorship money should be brought in by Friday 7th October please.

This week we have been learning...

In **maths** we have continued our learning about place value by comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000. In **English**, the children have written lovely thank you letters to the amazing staff at Sky Studios for a wonderful day. We have also been looking at poetry ahead of the performance assembly next week. The children have also started an eight week programme of **music** lessons to learn to play the flute. They thoroughly enjoyed the first session. In **science**, we learnt about different groups in the animal kingdom and classified them according to common characteristics.

Our visit to Sky Studios

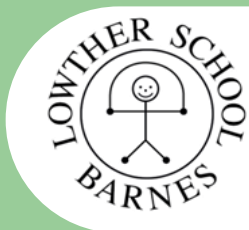


Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ 26.09.22 - 03.10.22 Readathon
I hope the readathon is going well! Please keep up the great work.
- ⇒ 05.10.22 Girls' friendly football festival
- ⇒ 12.10.22 (6pm) PGL Meeting
There will be an opportunity to find out about our residential trip next April.

Don't forget!

- ⇒ PE kits to be brought into school on **Monday** and they should remain in school for the week and be taken home on Friday.
- ⇒ Homework will be sent home on **Thursdays** and is due back on **Tuesdays**.
- ⇒ Reading Journals to be in **every day**.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It's been another busy week in Year 5 as the children continue to impress us with their focus and hard work. This week we have been working on some performance poetry. We have loved hearing the children practise, using such amazing expression and actions! The children have continued to be hard-working, enthusiastic and curious about their learning. Thank you and have an amazing weekend!

Mr Nelson and Mr Harrison

This weeks home learning:

MyMaths activity and one activity from the grid.

Optional reading task at the back of their reading journals, to be completed in reading journals.

This week we have been learning

English– Greek Myths and Legends– We are continuing our learning in Greek Myths and Legends, studying a variety of stories and understanding the key features of a Greek Myth.

Maths– Place value, addition and subtraction—Studying the column method for addition and subtraction.

Science– Introduction into space and looking at the Earth, Moon and Sun.

Computers—Studying coding and learning about Lost in Space through scratch.

PE– Netball and Gymnastics

History– Learning about the different Gods and Goddesses

Upcoming events and diary dates

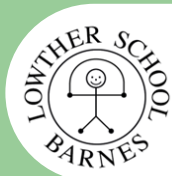
03/09/22—Launch of the Performance Poetry Week.

14/10/22—Trip to the Science Museum

17/10/22 & 18/10/22—Parents Evening

Don't forget!

- ⇒ PE kits to be brought into school on Monday for the week ahead.
- ⇒ Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back on Tuesdays.
- ⇒ Reading Journals and spelling folders to be in every day.



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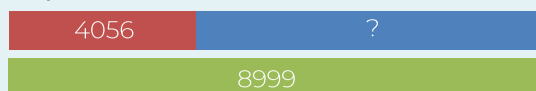
A great time was had by both children and teachers alike on our two trips last week! The air-raid shelter in Sheen was a wonderful primary source which gave the children a real insight into London life during the early 1940s. On Tuesday, we were honoured to have a guest speaker - a grandparent from the class - who spoke movingly about his war time experiences in Hungary under Nazi rule while we also learnt much about the Enigma machine at the Polish Centre in Hammersmith, and how cracking its code helped the allies win the war (we have included a QR code below for you to practise making your own codes!).

Ms Chalbot and Mr Ripley

Home learning from this week's topics

Bar Modelling: This week, we would like you to answer the questions in your books, drawing out a bar model as we have looked at in Maths. We know you will be able to answer some of these questions in your head or by using other methods, however, bar models are an interesting way of visualising maths questions, helping to understand how to solve in a problem with missing information, and importantly, how to use the correct operation (+ - x ÷). We can then apply this method to trickier questions that would otherwise need to be solved algebraically. Please see an example below.

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Timetable practice has been set for all on MyMaths and we ask for everyone's support in ensuring that ALL homework is FULLY completed.

When setting paper-based Maths, your work should be presented neatly, completed in pencil and using a ruler when necessary.

Please continue to send in your topic homework contributions - we have seen some wonderful models and poems towards our theme of World War 2. Spelling sheets will be given out each Monday and should go in the spelling folders. Again, please look after these and complete with a sense of pride.

Upcoming events and diary dates

Evacuation Themed day:

Friday 30th September (Tomorrow!)

To support our writing and to gain a better understanding of what life as an evacuee would have been like for children during the war, we would like the children to dress up this Friday as an evacuee: teddies, gas masks and luggage labels aho!

National Army Museum

Thursday 6th October

The National Army Museum is a leading authority on the British Army and its impact on society past and present. As part of our learning about World War II, we will be visiting this important museum and partaking in a fabulous **free** workshop. In *Body Builders*, we will learn about the possibilities of prosthetic limbs for injured soldiers and get hands-on with robotic arms, using our computing, science and engineering skills.



Don't forget!

- PE Kits back in Monday mornings (going home on Fridays)
- Regular times table practice: 1-12 & 15 times tables
- Spelling test practice for Friday with spelling folders due each Monday
- Reading Records in daily; completed by pupils and signed by parents

Key Vocabulary

More vocabulary choices to support our learning on World War 2.

