

# Barrs Court Primary Newsletter

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Today is St David Day and officially the start of spring. A well known maxim in Wales is 'Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd' - 'Do the little things in life'. This is linked to the final words St David said and the students across Barrs Court are really thriving at doing the little things well at the moment.

This Monday, we were delighted to welcome members of the Cadbury Heath Ladies Club to our school for a special performance by our school choir. The choir delivered a stunning performance that moved many in the audience to tears. Impressed by the singing displayed, the Ladies Club has invited the choir to perform again at their hall in April. The event was made even more memorable with Mr. Walker's Nan in attendance. A big thank you to Miss Duce-Jones and to the Cadbury Heath Ladies Club for their generous donation to our school.

This week, our students have been eagerly diving into this terms learning. In Green Area, they've been exploring the work of Darwin and the fascinating world of microbes. Over in Red Area, students are learning about the SS Great Britain in anticipation of their upcoming trip, which is generating much excitement. Reception students have started discovering the facts about plant growth and their survival. Meanwhile, in Blue Area, archery lessons have seen arrows flying.

For those unaware, we're excited to announce that we'll be staging a show in Term 6. We aim to involve as many KS2 students as possible, offering a range of opportunities from acting on stage, baking snacks for the audience to designing flyers and advertising. There's sure to be an activity every child will enjoy. Further details will be provided soon. In the meantime, Mr. Balch has created an enticing trailer to whet your appetite – click [here](#) to watch.!



### PTFA THANKS

We wanted to express our sincere thanks to **Sam Jenkins**, **Gemma Parrett** and **Jodie Simms** for their valuable contributions within the PTFA. Your time and dedication have truly made a difference in our school community. Thank you from Gemma (The Chair), the PTFA members, Mr Webster and Barrs Court School.



### **Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancy**

**Are you passionate about working with children and are looking for an opportunity to gain experience?**

We are currently seeking a part-time Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team. This is a great opportunity to become a part of a fantastic, welcoming school whose priority is their pupils' happiness and wellbeing.

We require someone to work Monday – Friday, 11.50am – 1.105pm (6.25 hours per week), term time only.

If you are interested in applying for the position or would like to discuss the role further, please contact Karen Llewellyn, School Business Manager on 01454 867799 or email [enquiries@barrscourtps.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@barrscourtps.org.uk).

**Closing date for applications – Friday March 2024**

## **Mrs Llewellyn - Karen**

Some of you may have noticed that Mrs. Llewellyn has been absent from the office recently. Karen will be working from home for the rest of the term. She will be answering emails as usual, but the office will be staffed by Mrs. Hodges and Miss Hannabuss. This may mean that wait times could be a little longer than usual. We would appreciate your support and patience during this period.

## **Governor Open Morning**

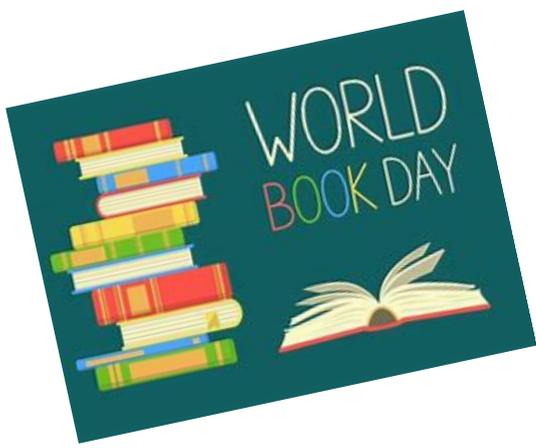
On Friday, 1st March, members of the Governing Body were in school to observe how the school operates. They spent time in classrooms across the school, observing various lessons including author studies, enquiry lessons, phonics, and mathematics.

They described the behaviour observed in all areas as exemplary. Children in all classes were engaged in their learning and eager to answer questions. The Governors commented on the confidence displayed by the children in answering questions, utilising knowledge they were able to recall from prior learning (some from the the pervious year)

They were impressed by the relationships that adults have built with the children, noting these relationships enable the adults to personalise the learning experience for the children by making small adjustments or providing targeted support where needed.

The Governors also acknowledged and praised the hard work of the school's staff in creating an environment where children thrive and enjoy learning. They asked me to pass on their thanks to the entire team.

See letter for details



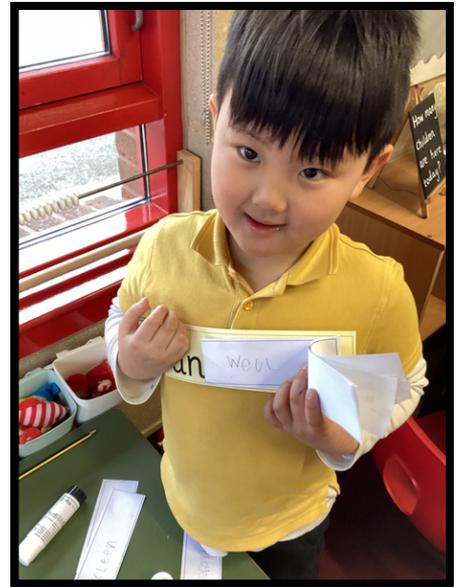
All children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas on **Thursday 7th March**. This could include dressing gowns and onesies, but please ensure appropriate footwear is worn rather than slippers. We would also like to encourage all children to bring in their favourite book (please make sure this is named so that we can ensure no books get separated from their owners). Every child will have the chance to share their favourite story with somebody else in the school as part of the day's activities.

### **Building Work Update**

This week, our building project has made significant progress, with the installation of new radiators in the Blue Area now complete. We're proud to note that students throughout the school have adapted to the temporary disruptions with remarkable ease. Next week, the focus shifts to the Red Area. Fortunately, the impact on classes will be minimal, as only two classes will be affected, with the scheduled trip to the SS Great Britain on Wednesday.

We are currently experiencing high traffic and limited parking availability around the school. We kindly request that everyone utilise the parking spaces available behind the curry house or at Asda. Should you need to park on the street, we urge you to do so with consideration for our neighbours' access and convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to improve our school facilities.



BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S:  
**FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024**



RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2: 4:00 - 5:00 PM  
YEARS 3 - 6: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

**@ Barrs Court Primary School**

TICKET: £3 PER CHILD

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS VIA BOPP BY SCANNING THE QR  
CODES BELOW OR CLICKING THE LINKS IN THE FB POST/EMAIL

**RECEPTION, YR 1 & 2:**

**YEARS 3 - 6:**



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE INSIDE THE SCHOOL DISCO  
DROP OFF AND COLLECTION DETAILS TO FOLLOW

# PTFA EVENTS

BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S

## UPCOMING

# events

# 2024

FEB/  
MARCH

### MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

DETAILS ARE OUT  
NOW

5  
JULY

### END OF YEAR DISCO & FAMILY BBQ/INFLATABLES

Further details TBC

15  
MARCH

### SCHOOL DISCO

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 &  
YEAR 2: 4:00-5:00  
YEARS 3-6: 5:00-6:00  
TICKETS GO ON SALE  
SOON.

18  
OCT

### HALLOWEEN DISCO

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS  
DISCO  
RECEPTION: 3:30 - 4:00  
YEARS 1 & 2: 4:00 - 5:00  
YEARS 3 - 6: 5:00 - 6:00

26  
APRIL

### CRAZY HAIR DAY

Date and further details  
TBC

30  
NOV

### WINTER FAIR

Further details TBC

17  
MAY

### FAMILY BINGO

Date and further details  
TBC

22  
FEB

### PTFA MEETING

17:30 - 18:30/18:45

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

JUNE

### FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

Further details TBC

18  
APRIL

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BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL STEPHENS DRIVE, LONGWELL  
GREEN BS30 7JB

EMAIL: [PTFA@BARRSCOURTPS.ORG.UK](mailto:PTFA@BARRSCOURTPS.ORG.UK)

# Parent and Carer Courses

Click [here](#) for other courses

## Bookable Events

Online and In-person workshops

SGPC produce and host a range of workshops and information sessions to help support local Parents and Carers navigate the complexities of SEND parenting. Check out what we have available for you currently.

[Read More](#)



## Drop In Support

Support Groups for Parent Carers

Our support sessions are a haven for Parents and Carers to take time for themselves, gain information and chat to others who are on similar journeys. Come along for a cuppa, chat and face to face support at our community base in Kingswood or attend one of our evening support sessions.

[Read More](#)



## Little Treasures

Stay and Play Groups

Weekly stay and play sessions for families of Early Years children (0-5).

[Read More](#)





Girls  
Football

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 4th March - Year 4 residential meeting @ 4pm
- Wednesday 6th March - Red Area trip to SS Great Britain
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (Wear PJs)
- Thursday 7th March @ 5pm - Bedtime Stores and coco
- Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th - Parent/carer Evening
- Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day - Non Uniform
- Friday 15th March - School Disco
- Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th March - School Book Fair
- Thursday 28th March - End of Term 4
- Wednesday 17th April to Friday 19th - Year 4 Residential
- Wednesday 24th April - Coffee Morning - Anxiety speaker
- Friday 26th April - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday 26th April - Race Night (adults only)
- Tuesday 15th May - Thursday 16th - Year 6 SATs

Coffee morning for parents and carers with a speaker about  
childhood anxiety - 24th April @ 9:30am  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**HAVE A  
GREAT  
WEEKEND**