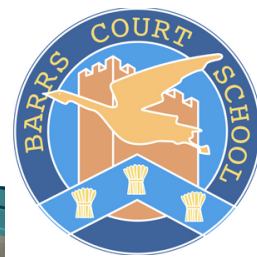


Barrs Court Primary Newsletter

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As we come to the end of the first full week of term 3, it's a delight to share with you some of the activities and learning that have brightened up the school. In assembly we discussed setting realistic and achievable goals for the New Year. Listening to the children's aspirations, both academic and personal, filled us with pride and excitement for the year ahead.

The classrooms have been filled with enthusiasm as children in all Areas plunged into their new Enquiries. Red Area has been a hub creativity, with children crafting their very own 'Supertato' and sampling an variety of soups in preparation for their own cooking later this term. Our Blue Area budding scientists have been unravelling the mysteries of electrical circuits, and the Green Area learners have been on a fascinating journey, tracing how food makes its way from farm to our plates and its significance in the broader economy. Amongst other things, Reception classes have been busy turning into little mathematicians, mastering the art of repeating patterns. To see more of the exciting learning and activities that have been going on this week, do visit our **Facebook page**.

It was a joy seeing so many children participate in our clubs this week. If your child is unable to attend a club they're enrolled in, kindly inform the office. This allows us to offer the opportunity to another child.

As we're all aware, the season's chill brings with it a flurry of winter bugs, impacting young and old alike. To help parents and carers, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has compiled a blog with essential advice. You can access this resource **here**.

Lastly, this week's newsletter has several updates including dates for this term, parents courses, bat boxes parking information, and the latest sports reports.



SPONSORSHIP



We are absolutely thrilled with the incredible response to our sponsorship appeal – your enthusiasm and support have been overwhelming! A heartfelt thank you to each one of you who has reached out so far. We will be sharing information on all the new sponsors soon. There's still a window of opportunity open! If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a sponsor, we warmly encourage you to get in touch.

At Barrs Court, we participate in a wide range of sports in all age groups. The children always show great pride when pulling on the school kit and this helps to create a sense of belonging.

As a result of taking part in so many fixtures, we do need a lot of kits to match up to the quick turnaround between fixtures. Our kits have served us well but we are at the stage where some of our kits need replacing after years of wear and tear.

Our first kit to replace is our school netball/ multi-sports kit. We have already raised some money for this through our "Kubb" competition in October and the PTFA have agreed to contribute to this too. We also have one final fundraiser in the pipeline to raise money towards a kit.

We are also looking to replace our three sets of rugby tops and one of our football kit sets. If there is anybody who would like to sponsor one of our new kits or works for a company who would be interested in sponsoring one of our new kits, please could you approach Mr Walker or contact the office to arrange an appointment to discuss this.

This is a chance to support children participate in sport both now and over the next 5+ years. Last year 65% of the school represents the school in some way. We would love to increase this percentage and give all children at whatever level opportunities to represent the school at something,

Many thanks if you are able to help.

Primary School Applications for September 2024.

Applications close on January 15th 2024

Please find the link to below to apply for a place at Barrs Court Primary School.

[South Gloucestershire Application Page](#)



Parking



Thank you to everyone who is utilising the free local parking options, including the spaces behind Mughal Palace and Asda. We appreciate your cooperation in making use of these areas. As our school has limited free street parking, we kindly ask you to park considerately when using the local roads. Parking near or on the corners of junctions creates hazardous conditions for our children crossing the streets, potentially leading to accidents. Let's work together to ensure their safety.

Starting Monday, you'll notice 'parking buddies' (see picture) placed over the driveways of the houses opposite our school. These are there to help manage parking more effectively and to keep access clear for our neighbours. Please do not move them.

Thank you once again for your understanding and support in maintaining a safe environment for our school community.

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South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) is the local parent carer forum working to represent and support parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in South Gloucestershire.



Our 360° Outreach Project supports schools and families working together to build a picture of the “whole child” and better understand the child’s needs, at home and at school.

- ✓ Free workshops for parents
- ✓ Helping you support your child’s needs
- ✓ Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to attend



Mon, 29 Jan 1:15pm

Book now
with this
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Coming up in Term 4

- A 360° Approach to Demand Avoidance with Claire Phillips
- A 360° Approach Neurodiversity Identity and Wellbeing with Dean Beadle



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Bio-Diversity Animal Boxes



This week, a group of children from Green Area had a fantastic hands-on learning experience. They collaborated with the Local Authorities' Common Connections Team to determine the optimal locations for a variety of animal boxes. This project included special habitat boxes for owls, bats, and small birds.

The children were actively involved in measuring trees, which was not only educational but also a lot of fun. They delved into understanding the flight paths of different bird species and used this knowledge to help them identify the best spots to place the boxes. The boxes are the next step in the schools commitment to improving the bio-diversity of the grounds.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 15th January and Tuesday 16th January - Jasper Parent Evening
- Friday 19th January - Storyteller in Reception
- Monday 22nd January and Tuesday 23rd January - Travelling Kitchen in Green Area
- Friday 2nd February - Green Area to Life Skills Centre
- Friday 2nd February - NSPCC Number Day
- Friday 2nd February - Quiz Night @ 6pm
- Monday 5th - Friday 9th - Year 6 Residential
- Tuesday 6th February - Safe Internet Day
- Friday 9th February - End of term 3
- Monday 19th February - First Day of Term 4
- Friday 23rd February - Road Safety Workshops (Yr 2 and 4)
- Wednesday 6th March - Red Area trip to SS Great Britain
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th - Parent/carer Evening
- Thursday 28th March - End of Term 4



Well done to all the children who have represented the school this week. We are proud of all of you. More details can be found on the [Facebook page](#)

**St Stephen's Juniors 1-2
Barrs Court Hurricanes**



CSET Football Festival

CSET Year 2/3 Multi-Sports Festival



**Barrs Court Titans 4-2 Park
Dynamos**

Wick Girls 0-2 Barrs Court Girls