

Newsletter



Term 3 Week 3

Friday 22nd January 2022

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It has been quite the week in the school! Lots of staff absence has meant that the team has really stepped up to ensure that children's learning has not been affected. Thank you to the whole team!

Those of you that follow us on Facebook will have seen the amazing food Green Area cooked up as part of their Enquiry 'Where does our food really come from?'. The staff from Travelling Kitchen said the children were an absolute pleasure to work with. Blue Area have been busy being Scientists investigating the changing states of water and the different melting points of other things. Red area was full of engineers this week. They have been designing and building the perfect reading corner.

These activities are all part of the new curriculum at Barrs Court. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend the presentation on Thursday – I will be running termly meetings to keep you all updated on the progress. I have summarised the meeting on the next page.

Current Isolation rule and guidance

How five-day isolation rule works in England



If you a member of your family test positive on a LTF the latest guidance can be found on the gov.uk website. The office team are more than happy to answer any questions if you need some clarification.

Updating the school Curriculum

The vision for the new curriculum at Barrs Court is to provide all our young people with the knowledge, skills and curiosity that they will need to thrive, not just in their local community but in the wider world as it really is, not as it once was. We aim to create great citizens ready for the next in their learning journey.

The Curriculum will....

- Will be outward looking
- Will create a sense of belonging to all students
- Will develop 'soft' skills like Oracy, problem-solving and teamwork
- Will put equal value on all subjects
- Will get the children out into the community
- Will have regular trips and visitors to enhance the learning
- Will celebrate children of all ability

The main changes you will notice.

1. Topics have been replaced by questions.

Up until Christmas as a school we organised our curriculum into topics - The Romans, World War 1 and 2, Volcanoes etc.... These have been replaced by **Big Questions** like 'Where does our food really come from?' or 'What is underneath our feet?'. I will publish the full list of questions at a later date.

2. Each Enquiry will finish with a challenge

The purpose is to guide learners through a scaffolded process, where they engage, immerse, practice and finally challenge themselves to answer the big question with a piece of writing, performance or animation, for example.

3. States of Being



We will be changing the language around subjects. Instead of doing science we will be being scientists, instead of doing maths we will be being mathematicians – see the list below. You may see your child come home with a sticker telling you what they have been today. Please ask them to explain what they have been doing.

Football Match Report

Spring League fixture 20/1/2022

Barrs Court 8 – 0 St. Barnabas

Player of the match: Finley

The first match of the new season was a cold affair but at least we finished with some light left for the first time in months! The team started brightly and soon took the lead through a calm finish from open play followed by a goal from the penalty spot. Throughout the match, the team remained calm and focussed and the Barrs Court goal was threatened only on very rare occasions. Well done for a great team performance and we look forward to our next matches.

Nasal Flu Vaccine - Reminder

The flu vaccination is being offered to all pupils in school on Friday 28th January. Please ensure you have completed the econsent form, indicating whether or not you wish your child to have the vaccine or to confirm if your child has already been vaccinated elsewhere.

The consent system will be closed 2 days before the session.

Contact the school office if you have any questions.

