

Barton Newsletter

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CHINA WEEK AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we have won a national competition run by the British Council with our "Jingwei Filling Up the Sea" project. The British Council challenged schools to work with their partner school in China to produce a short film of a Chinese traditional story. We emailed our friends at Huayu Experimental School in Chongqing and they sent us the wonderful story of Jingwei, which instantly captured our imagination. We had already found out a lot about China during our "Taste of China" project last year, so we asked the children to use these skills, knowledge and understanding to retell the story of Jingwei in a creative and innovative way. As always, they came up with masses of interesting ideas, which we used as starting points for the next Chinese culture week in March. The children worked in mixed age/class groups on various different aspects of the story: we had the embroidery mountains group, the Great Wall of China building group, the sea martial arts group, the paper/folding people and boats group, the sea moving puppet birds group and the wind dragon kites group. Each group worked on their chosen theme for the week and produced something for us to use in the story. Then, on the Friday, we shared all our work in a big retelling of the story on our outdoor theatre, complete with Chinese subtitles, which was watched and enjoyed by many family and friends. Finally, we took a group of Key Stage One children on location to Gurnard Beach to create a shorter version of the story using all the ideas from the different groups, with the sound of the wind, waves and seagulls in the background (fabulous!). This unique and beautiful version of the story we entered into the competition along with a project book showing all the wonderful work the children had done. We will soon be receiving a cash prize of £3000 and a certificate to reward our efforts. So well done to all the staff, children, friends and families who worked together to create this wonderful award-winning project!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th May - KS2 Sports Hall Athletics
27th May - School Group Photograph
31st May - 4th June - Half Term
7th June - SATS for 3 weeks
8th, 15th & 29th June - Transition taster days Nursery to Reception.
14th June - Development Day for Barton School, Barton Nursery & First Steps
16th June - Country Dancing Festival
17th June - Spring Fare
22nd June - KS1 Bembridge Beach Trip & Barton Nursery Paultons Park Trip (Barton Nursery closed).
24th June - KS2 Kwik Cricket
26th June - Island Primary Games
28th June - Newport Primaries Cricket Cup
1st July - Sports Day
8th July - Cycling & OAA festival
9th July - Captain Carrot Healthy Eating Show.
13th July - Reception to Year 1 transition meeting
14th July - Reports out
16th July - Family picnic
22nd July - School Breaks Up for Summer Holidays
6th Sept - Development Day Barton School & Barton Nursery
7th Sept - Development Day Barton School, Barton Nursery & First Steps
8th Sept - School re-opens for Autumn Term
22nd Oct - Development Day
25th-29th Oct - Half Term



Key Stage 1 Visit to Bembridge Beach

We are planning a visit to Bembridge to help us in our learning through our topic "At the Seaside." We will be looking around the coastline for places that different creatures like to live. We will be meeting an expert from Coastal Visitors Centre to help us identify our discoveries! Our trip is planned for Tuesday 22nd June. We will be leaving school at 9.30a.m. and returning about 2.15p.m. Your child will need old play clothes and trainers/plimsolls (which may get wet) and a packed lunch. We will send more details nearer the time. We need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child for the trip to go ahead. We would be grateful if you would send this in as soon as possible to help us pay for the coach and an expert from the Coastal Visitors Centre. Thank you! Key Stage 1 staff: Miss Bowman, Ms Russell & Mrs Webb.



Science Week

Every afternoon the children have been taking part in activities within their classes and learning about science as part of our Science week. This afternoon each class will share what they have learnt with the school in assembly. As part of Science week we have had a visit from Amazon World, where they bought an eagle owl and a boa-constrictor to talk and explain to us about the differences and their senses. We also had the Eco-van visit on Thursday, where some children were able to learn about renewable energy and look at moths under a microscope.

STAR READERS

Eden Webb and Rhianne Russell – Well done to you both!

Walk The Wight – Sunday 16th May – Information

Please park in the field on the left hand side of the road before Alum Bay. Parking is available from 8.30a.m. The Shuttle Bus will commence at 9.00a.m to take you through to Freshwater Bay. You will be allowed to start walking from Freshwater Bay between 9.00 and 11.00a.m. After you have completed the walk you must walk on the designated path from the Needles Park to the field car park. Only children with a walker's number on will receive a medal at the end of the walk. Children that are not taking part on Sunday, but are registered and have been building up their miles before hand will have their medal presented to them at a school assembly. If you would like to join us on the walk this Sunday, we are planning to leave Freshwater Bay at 10 o'clock. Let's hope the weather is kind to us and we raise lots of money for this very worthwhile cause.



Holiday Club

Our Sunny Smiles Holiday Club will be running from Tuesday 1st June through to Friday 4th June inclusive. Bookings are now being taken at the school office and are filling up extremely fast. **Bookings can only be taken along with a 25% deposit.** Sessions run from 8.00a.m-1.00p.m and 1.00p.m to 5.30p.m. Each session costs £8.50. During some of the sessions, children will be going out on trips and on other days activities will be based in the Sunny Smiles room. There will be no additional costs for any trips.



Sharing Assembly - Friday 21st May

Our next sharing assembly will take place on Friday 21st May. Parents/Carers of children from Reception through to Year 4 are invited to our sharing assembly from 1.15-1.45p.m if your child has a birthday between Saturday 15th May and Friday 21st May. Sharing Assembly takes place in the Friday afternoon and parents/carers are invited in during their child's birthday week. They may then stay and help with Golden Time if they wish before taking their child home at 2.50p.m.

Free Entry

This Saturday the 15th May there is Free entry into Newport Roman Villa And Museum of Island History at the Guildhall, Newport.



BARTON NURSERY

Barton Nursery will be shut on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 due to the Paultons Park trip.

Zumba

A new fun way to exercise. Starting Thursday 20th May 6.30-7.30p.m in the Barton school hall. Cost £2.50. For more information, please see Mrs McGregor.

First Steps Nursery

First Steps would welcome a donation of a cot in good condition along with cot sheets, blankets etc. All donations of items in good condition greatly received. Please could you take items directly to the Nursery. Many thanks.

TUMMY BUGS

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they must stay off of school for 48 hours after the last bout.

MILK

Please remember to send your child in with 20p if they wish to purchase milk at break time. Only children in reception receive free milk.