



BARROW 1618

A Church of England Free School

We've been enjoying a 'Write Inspired Week' this week in our

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classes. All the children have been writing a piece of fiction that will combine to create an anthology of their work to mark the 400th anniversary of our school in Barrow, next year. From visions of a distant-future Barrow, with hover-cars and virtual teachers to dinosaurs loose in the playground, to diary accounts of evacuees at the school during the second world war, the writing across the school this week has been truly wonderful to see... I can't wait for you to read some of our children's writing.



Reception and Key Stage 1 hosted a cross-country event

here at Barrow, involving six other local schools. It was a glorious day of sun, smiles and winning determination. Well done to all involved!



Also in sporting news, we're thrilled to be partnering with Willey Cricket Club for an 'All Stars Cricket' initiative involving many of our 5-8 year old pupils. The children are taking part in coaching at the club after school each week and, if the first session is a flavour of what's to come, it looks like it will be a great success.



Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 11th July, between 3:40pm and 5:30pm, for Elm, Ash and Oak Parents and Carers and on Wednesday 12th July, between 4:00pm and 6:00pm for all classes, including Yew Tree Class. As usual, the booking forms will be available from Monday morning on the playground for you to book your preferred slots. Please email or call if you can't make it into school to book. Annual reports to parents will go out week commencing 3rd July, for you to refer to and discuss. Many thanks.



The Friends of Barrow 1618 Family Fun Day is fast approaching—on Saturday 24th June—and we are still in need of willing volunteers who can spare an hour or more both on the day and in preparing the site on the build up. If you are able to offer some support, please see Lucy Morgan (Sam's mum) on the playground or let us know and we can put you in touch. Many thanks!

The School Photographer will be visiting us to take class and whole-school photos on Friday 16th June. I hope to have a full house for the photographs and would appreciate your continued efforts to ensure our children are in full school uniform, including their jumper or cardigan.



If you have a minute, National Book Tokens are running a draw for a school to win £5000 worth of books for their classes. If you follow the link below and nominate the school, every nomination will be entered into the draw. The more nominations, the more chances of being picked!

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WTaEWuvuUk>

The school was recently visited by Kirsty Foulkes on behalf of Shropshire LA to carry out moderation of our assessments of EYFS pupils' outcomes. This is a statutory inspection, designed to ensure the assessment framework is applied consistently across the country. I am pleased, though not surprised, to inform you that all our school's judgments were found to be accurate. Our moderator commented on the uncommon depth of knowledge our staff have of all the children in our care. Brilliant.

Rehearsals have begun for our Summer Production of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits', led by Oak Class but involving every child in some capacity. As in previous years, our first performance will be in the early evening (of Tuesday 18th July) and we'd like to request that children remain on site between the end of the school day and the start of the performance. Please let me know if your child won't be able to participate so we can make substitutions. Also, if you have any clothing, props etc. which you feel might be particularly appropriate, we'd be grateful to borrow them—nothing too precious though!