

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.3%

[Winter Menu Week 2 this week](#)

No 20 February 2nd 2018

Star of the Week Hall of Fame



6MS Bella Dunbar
6C Matthew Watts
6S Thomas Colley
5M Anusreya Kar
5V Connor O'Callaghan
5C Ruben Seels
4P Toby Hart
4S Amy Copping
4CK James Finlay
3SG Isabella Coles
3HM Lucia Johnson
3B Zachary Gooch
Mid-day Star – Ruby Hillman

Key Dates

Thurs 8th Feb 5M class assembly
12/2/18-16/2/18 Half term
Mon 19th Feb Non-pupil Day 4
Tues 20th Feb Chinese New Year activity week
Mon 26th Feb Free online safety workshop 2-3pm
Thurs 1st Mar World Book day/4CK class assembly
Thurs 8th Mar Visit from Vicky Ford MP
Thurs 15th Mar 3HM class assembly
Weds 28th Mar Y5-led Easter Concert at Church of Our Saviour
Thurs 29th Mar Last day of Spring Term
Mon 16th Apr First day of Summer term
Mon 7th May Bank Holiday Monday
Tues 8th May Y3-Y5 assessment week
Mon 14th May KS2 SATs week
21st-23rd May Y5 Mersea visit

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is a nationwide date which helps children and parents focus on how to remain safe when using the internet and playing on internet-enabled devices. This takes place next week on Tuesday 6th February and all classes will participate in a related lesson either on that day or during the week. Miss Stanley and some pupils from 4S led a whole-school assembly on Monday which introduced this day and reminded all pupils about the key elements of online safety. This assembly presentation is available to view on our website in:

Teaching and Learning > Keeping children safe at BFJS > Keeping safe online > Safer Internet Day 2018 assembly presentation

There is a wealth of other information and guidance in this section of our website for both parents and pupils, which supplements and reinforces our regular teaching about online safety in school.

Free online safety workshop for parents and carers

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult - build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

The workshop will take place on **Monday 26th February from 2-3pm in the school hall or in the Barn**. This is a great opportunity for any parents/carers who can attend at this time that the NSPCC have offered. The organisers would like to know about attendance in advance of the workshop so please RSVP to the letter that will be sent out tomorrow.

School games update

CAT project

A group of our Year 5/6 girls participated in a show at Hylands Secondary School this week, performing a dance routine they had learnt in weekly sessions with Fireplace Dance Theatre since the start of term. They were commended for conducting themselves throughout the project with maturity and for working hard, and their performance was well-executed and full of joy.

Football Fun Weeks at Moulsham High School

Attached to the newsletter email is a flyer sent out by the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership regarding some football course being run in the Easter and Summer holidays at Moulsham High School.

Swimming gala



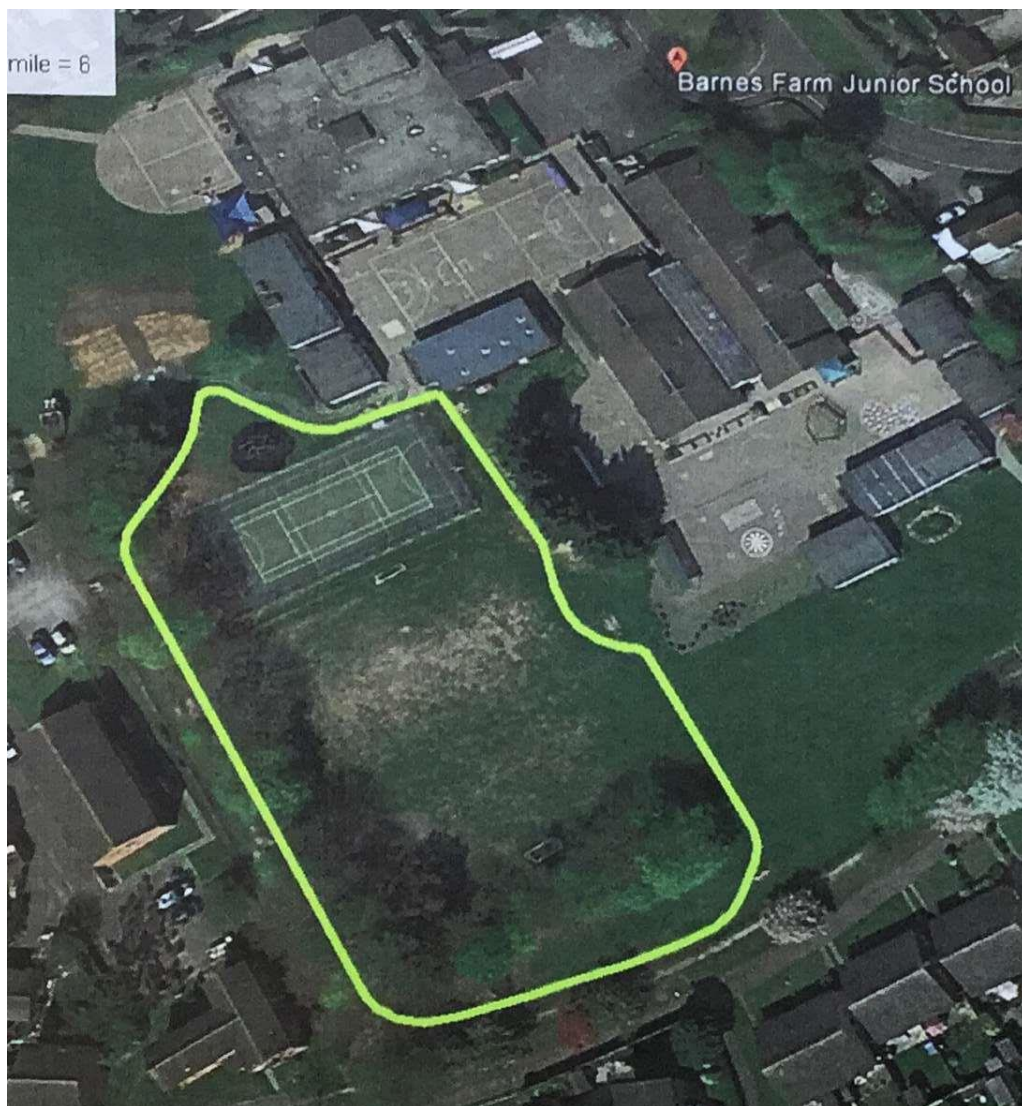
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We took a Y5/6 swimming team to Boswells school to take part in a gala last Wednesday 24th January. They competed in individual races as well as relays. The team were a credit to the school and their families and achieved a well-deserved 3rd place overall.

New 'Mile-a-day' running track

We are pleased to announce the addition of a wonderful new resource for our school grounds that will help complement our extensive outdoor learning environment. Funded by the school sports premium, a 1.2m wide 'Mile-a-day' track will be installed after February Half-Term which will provide a dedicated route on which pupils can run, jog and walk in order to achieve a mile travelled by foot whilst at school (several laps required!). Many of our classes already participate in this initiative regularly throughout the week using our playgrounds or field, but this will be a purpose-built track that can be used in all weathers. See below for the location it will take on our grounds:



Big Garden Birdwatch

The gardening club participated in the RSPB bird watch survey this week, looking out and cataloguing birds they saw and reporting back to the RSPB. The club encourages everyone else to participate in this nationwide appeal in their own gardens by 18th February. Details are available at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Office Chair Offer



We have recently upgraded our seating in the ICT Suite but still have a number of good quality, fabric, junior-sized, height-adjustable office chairs available. Local schools do not need these so we are offering them out to parents in return for a small donation. If you are interested, please contact the school office.