



Barley Mow Primary School

Achieving Bright Futures Together

Newsletter Friday 22nd November

The weather has certainly got a lot colder this week, definitely winter coat time now!

We have welcomed Miss Young, social work student to school this week. Miss Young is going to be with us until March and working within classes.

Christmas Raffle

We sent out a letter last week asking if anyone would kindly send in any donations for our Christmas Hampers. All donations should be in school by Monday 2nd December. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from 9.12.24 and will be on sale at all of our Christmas Productions. All the money raised goes towards buying extra experiences for the children. Thank you as ever for your support.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 10th December. If your child usually has packed lunch but would like to stay for Christmas Lunch that day please let us know by Wednesday 27th November. The cost of the dinner is £3.00.

Birtley Community Pool

Just a reminder that the Birtley Community Pool is now open!
Year 4 are loving their weekly swimming lessons at the pool and fabulous to have these facilities re-opened in our local community. Find out what the pool has to offer at www.birtleycommunitypool.org.uk

Star Awards

Well done to the following children who were chosen to receive the Star Award this week:

Year Group	Name of child	Reason for award
Nursery	Mani Eesa	Working super hard to give meaning to his mark making. For always working hard to follow the rules in Nursery.
Reception	Sarah Lara	Always trying hard in phonics. Working really hard with her spelling.
Year 1	Frankie- Jack Kara- Leigh	For giving 100% effort in everything at school. Excellent subtraction work in maths.
Year 2	Freya Rihan	For wonderful contributions in reading practice. For excellent behaviour and attitude to learning and school.

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Year 3	Lincoln Whinter	For beautiful handwriting and taking care with his presentation in his workbooks. For an excellent attitude to learning and being a caring friend to others.
Year 4	Connie Abdullah	For working hard to build up her resilience in maths lessons. For making fantastic progress in TTRS.
Year 5	Lawson Jessica	For an excellent effort in science when designing and building gliders. For being a tremendous help both in the classroom and around school.
Year 6	Logan Oliver Elvin	For being a great role model to others. For excellent attendance at school. For always trying hard in lessons.
Sporting Award	Hannah T	For her achievements in football.

Attendance

The class attendances were as follows:

Nursery: 93.4%

Reception: 84.7%

Year 1: 95.2%

Year 2: 84.4 %

Year 3: 98 %

Year 4: 92.6%

Year 5: 97.6 %

Year 6: 85%

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 for achieving above our school target of 96%.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 25th November- Wednesday 27th November- Book Fair

Friday 6th December- Reception Christmas Crafts Stay and Play for parents/carers 2.15pm more details to follow

Monday 9th December Year 2 Christmas Story Visit to Birtley Methodist Church

Tuesday 10th December- Nursery Christmas Stay and Play 9.30am- more details to follow

Tuesday 10th December- Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 11th December -Year 1,2 and 3 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm

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Thursday 12th December – Year 4,5 and 6 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm

Friday 13th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance at 9.30am

Monday 16th December- Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party in the afternoon

Tuesday 17th December -Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party in the afternoon

Tuesday 17th December- Mini Police session for Year 6 Group 3.20pm-4.20pm

Wednesday 18th December – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party in the afternoon

Thursday 19th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Party in the afternoon

Our last day of the autumn term will be on Friday 20th December and school will re-open for children on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Safeguarding

Just to remind you this is a Safeguarding school, and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services. Our designated Safeguarding leads are -Mrs Watson, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Raine. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Watson
Head Teacher