



Welcome to our first, official, academy newsletter. We are delighted to be presenting ourselves as Barnburgh Primary Academy and it is a privilege and a pleasure to be part of Leger Education Trust. This newsletter will provide you with a snapshot of information from this half term as well as presenting important dates for upcoming events. For more information and photographs, please refer to our recently launched School Ping communication app. We also look forward to sharing information with you via our new website which will go live on Monday 30th November. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support during this transition period. I hope you are as excited as we are about the next chapter in Barnburgh Primary's journey.

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher

KEY DATES

- Monday 30th October – Halloween Disco
- Wednesday 1st November – KS2 Girl's Football Competition
- Wednesday 8th November – Y5/6 Netball Competition
- Friday 10th November – Individual and Sibling Photographs
- Wednesday 15th – 17th November – Y5/6 Residential at Kingswood
- Wednesday 15th November – Y3/4 Netball Competition
- Monday 27th November – Y1 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Tuesday 28th November – Y2 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Wednesday 29th November – Y6 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Wednesday 29th November – KS2 Athletics Competition
- Thursday 30th November – Y3 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Friday 1st December – Y4 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Friday 1st December – Y5 ASPIRE event at 13:45
- Tuesday 5th December – Flu Immunisations
- Wednesday 6th December – KS1 and KS2 Cheerleading Competition
- Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Multi-skills Festival
- Monday 18th December – Y5/6 Christmas Presentation at 9am and Y3/4 Christmas Presentation at 1:45pm
- Tuesday 19th December – KS1 Christmas Presentation at 1:45pm
- Wednesday 20th December – Nursery Christmas Activities at 10:30 and Reception Christmas Activities at 1:45pm

#TEAMBARNBURGH

Well done to our newly elected Junior Leaders for this year.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Einstein: Charlie and Emilia

Mandela: Denny and Olivia

Hawking: Hetty and Teddy

Teresa: Ellie and Perri

DIGITAL LEADERS:

Teddy, Hetty, Emilia, Gracie and Zac.

NEW LIBRARIANS:

Year 5: Austin, Jessica, Heidi, Rowan, Brogan, Lilia and Jessica

Year 6: Jessica

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:

Year 1: Moses and Jacob

Year 2: Jaxon R and Nell

Year 3: Isabel F and Bella N

Year 4: Olly and Eloise

Year 5: Matthew and Freya

Year 6: Zac and Gracie

Treasurer & Secretary: Annalise and Kia

Take a look at the fabulous photo below. Our wonderful photographer, Vicki Cairns from VC Photography very kindly offered to photograph our whole school to mark the opening of Barnburgh Primary Academy. I am sure you will agree that our children look really smart in their new uniforms. You will be pleased to know that this photo will be included in our school memory box. Vicki has very kindly gifted a copy of this photograph to any of our families who want one. A huge thank you to Vicki for this very generous offer.





ATTENDANCE:

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Being at school for 90% of the time may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 20 days of school during the school year – that is 4 school weeks! Attendance percentages can be misleading so please see the table below which indicates how the number of days absent relates to percentages.

Please also see the attendance figures for each class from 2nd September – 20th October 2023.

Attendance Ladder			OVERALL TOTAL	
0 days	100%	Perfect	F2	93.5%
4 days	98%	Impressive	Y1	97.4%
7 days	96%	Good	Y2	96.2%
9 days	95%	Nearly There	Y3	96.9%
11 days	94%	Needs to Improve	Y4	97%
20 days	90%	Concerns	Y5	98.5%
30 days	85%	Serious Concerns	Y6	97.1%
			WHOLE SCHOOL	96.6%

The school attendance from Wednesday 6th September to Friday 20th October is
96.6%

FLU IMMUNISATION

On Tuesday 5th December 2023, we will be welcoming the NHS school-based immunisation team into school to administer the annual flu vaccine to children from Reception to Year 6.

Previously, parents have completed paper consent forms and handed them into school for further handling by the nursing team. This year, and going forward, parental consent will be now be given directly online to the nursing team at rdash.nhs.uk by means of a QR code. By scanning the QR code below, this will enable you to access further information and complete your child's consent form. The nursing team encourage you to complete the online form **even if you do not wish your child to receive their flu spray**, this will avoid further communications from the service.



Governing Body: Have you ever thought of becoming a school Governor? Being a Governor can be an extremely rewarding experience and you will develop different transferrable skills which is great for your personal development. Please get in touch for more information.

Uniform Expectations: We will continue to uphold expectations for school uniform, including: A navy blue jumper or cardigan with or without the school logo; grey trousers, skirt or shorts; white or navy-blue polo shirt with or without the school logo; plain white, grey or black socks or plain grey tights; Plain black pumps, trainers or school shoes for inside the school building and a sensible shoe or boot of their choice to play outdoors in.

PE Kit should include: Plain navy-blue polo shirt with or without the school logo; plain black shorts, leggings or cycle shorts; plain black tracksuit bottoms; plain black tracksuit bottoms; plain navy-blue sweatshirt and plain black trainers that are suitable for outdoor sport.

A small plain watch may be worn in Key Stage 2 but this must be removed for PE sessions and play time sessions. Children will not be permitted to wear any watch that beeps or buzzes. Children are also not permitted to wear earrings.

Please ensure uniform is clearly marked with the pupil's name.