



Weekly Newsletter – Summer Term 2023, Week 5 (19.5.23)



Dear parents and carers,

This week has been an incredibly busy week in school. Our younger children in Year 2 have been showing amazing confidence and strength as they have been completing their Year 2 Sats papers. We are very proud of them.

School has been full of activities with people from tag rugby, Totally Runnable and Bruce Dyer in supporting the children and the list of volunteers continues to grow.

Free School Meals

We want to remind all our families that we are here to support them if they need any help finding out if they are entitled for free school meals. We appreciate that in this current climate, people's situations are changing all the time. Mrs Maree, PSA, and I, are here if you need any support into seeing if you are eligible to apply. Please come and see us.

Mrs Raistrick

Mrs Raistrick will be leaving us at half term to start a new adventure in her career. We will miss her very much and wish her all the best in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over the years and commitment to the school. Mrs Smith, who has been working with us in school will continue to support the pupils, in the near future, along with the class teacher.

Bright Lights

Can we please ask that parents and carers ensure that they book their places with Bright Lights in advance please. We are starting to notice a lot of pupils who are attending who have not been previously booked on through the Parent Pay system. For our own staffing purposes, we need to know in advance of the day, where possible, who is attending.

For the purposes of parents needing to contact the Bright Lights staff whilst their child is booked into a session, we have provided the following mobile number 07841395893. Please make a note of this number but only use it when the school is closed and you wish to contact a member of the Bright Lights staff.

Playground Equipment

At the beginning and the end of the day, we have a lot of children playing on the outside equipment during the pick-up and drop off window of time and afterwards as families make their way home. Can we ask that children do not play on the equipment during these times as accidents have happened and we do not have staff to support at this time. Thank you in advance for your support.

Special visitor – Sports for Schools event

On Thursday 25 May 2023 at 9am the children will be showed a video revealing the athlete who is to visit them in school on Thursday 8 June at 1pm. This is an opportunity for your child to be inspired by the athlete and participate in circuits in the school hall during the morning. Your child will be able to get sponsorship for the circuits and raise money for sports and PE equipment for the school. Look out for sponsorship forms and a link to the online sponsorship page.

Pizza Experience

On Thursday 25th May our children in school will be invited to take part in a pizza tasting experience during the morning. To link the work that the catering team do with the pupils and our central MAT team, we have a company coming in to prepare pizzas with the pupils and allow them to taste the different bases and toppings. I am sure they will enjoy this experience.

Tuck shop Friday

On Friday 26th May, the Friends of Dodworth PTA will be organising a tuck shop for the end of the school day for pupils to purchase some drinks and treats to take home for the weekend. All proceeds will be used to fund future events and treats for the pupils. Pupils will need between 50p - £1 for the stall if you wish them to buy something. The tables and treats will be set out on the playground at the end of the day.

Key Dates

School is finalising some key dates in the diary for the rest of this year, and we will make sure that these are available to you all by the end of next week. This will include the summer fayre, sports day, transition days and leavers presentations etc.

Extreme Reading Challenge 2023



We are inviting all our children to join in our 'Extreme Reading challenge 2023.

We would like children to get a photo of themselves reading their books in unusual and out-of-the-ordinary places. An example could be up a climbing frame or on a trampoline (children have been asked to be mindful of being safe and to check with an adult first). The more creative – the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in.

Children can email a copy of their photo into dsja@smat.org.uk

All the pictures will be added to what we hope will be a fantastic display of our children reading in a whole host of weird and wonderful places. We will also pick some of the most unusual reading places to be put onto canvases to go up in our newly refurbished library.

Can all photos be in for Wednesday 24th May

Have fun!

Fun Activities To Do During The Half Term

Barnsley Museum are offering a few activities for the half term holidays. The majority of these are free and are free to enter. Look at what you could be joining in over the half term.



Have a CREATIVE half term @ BARNLSLEY MUSEUMS

Cool Culture
Tuesday 30 May
The world is made of squares & circles & triangles. It's time to get creative with the shapes of the world of geometry. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece.

Free, but places must be booked via Eventbrite. Check website for details. Opened and runs in the school gardens. 10am-12 noon in School (Age 9+)

Sensational
Tuesday 30 May
It's time to get creative with the world of sound. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece. The world is made of squares & circles & triangles. It's time to get creative with the shapes of the world of geometry. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece.

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Related Openings
Tuesday 30 May
Lunchtime at the museum or in the school garden. Details on the website.

Uppercycle Your Tee Workshop
Wednesday 21 May
Have fun upcycling your old t-shirts into new t-shirts. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece. The world is made of squares & circles & triangles. It's time to get creative with the shapes of the world of geometry. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece.

The Marvelous McIntock Mouse trail
Thursday 22 May
Join us for a fun-filled day of exploring the world of the mouse. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece. The world is made of squares & circles & triangles. It's time to get creative with the shapes of the world of geometry. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece.



Elsiecar Comic-Con
Sunday 21 May
Having more guests to be announced. There'll be a range of activities, including a quiz, a raffle, and a chance to win a prize. Details on the website.

Marvelous Reaches Trail
Saturday 27 May - Sunday 4 June
Join us for a fun-filled day of exploring the world of the mouse. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece. The world is made of squares & circles & triangles. It's time to get creative with the shapes of the world of geometry. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece.

Collect your trail at the Visitor Centre. Free. School parties welcome. Check website for details.

Brilliant Beasts Trail
Saturday 27 May
Saturday 1 June
Join us for a fun-filled day of exploring the world of the mouse. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece. The world is made of squares & circles & triangles. It's time to get creative with the shapes of the world of geometry. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece.

Beast Trail
From Sat 27 May
(throughout summer)
Join us for a fun-filled day of exploring the world of the mouse. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece. The world is made of squares & circles & triangles. It's time to get creative with the shapes of the world of geometry. We'll be using paper, glue, scissors & markers to create a masterpiece.

For more details on activities visit www.barnsley-museums.com or check out our social media @BarnsleyMuseums



F&2

- Nancy Super attitude to learning and always with a smile!
- Wyatt Brilliant progress in phonics, reading and maths. Well done Wyatt!
- Aaron Brilliant reading and writing and is always ready to learn.

Year 1

- Lotibea For doing excellent reading this week
- Isabel For fabulous reading this week

Year 2

- Delta Great attitude towards her assessments this week
- Olly Confident contributions towards class discussions
- Theo Always supporting his friends and doing the right thing

Year 3

- Flossy Always being kind and a lovely member of the class and always willing to help others
- Emmie Working really hard in maths when solving money problems and for showing resilience and never giving up

Year 4

- Brodie Having a fantastic week in all aspects of learning
- Bronte Super group work creating a piece of art that represented how Christians feel during the holy week
- Daniel Super group work creating a piece of art that represented how Christians feel during the holy week
- Francesca Super group work creating a piece of art that represented how Christians feel during the holy week

Year 5

Molly M For being such a hardworking and conscientious student, and for engaging in all lessons so much more. Keep up the great work Molly - you are flying!

Johnny For his continued outstanding work in Maths, and for some impressive musicianship skills that are shining through. Great work Johnny!

Year 6

Dylan For contributing more in class discussions

Jude For being polite, thoughtful, working well and getting on with his work. Trying hard in maths

School Holidays and Inset Days - 2023/2024

BARNESLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (20 Days)							October (17 Days)							November (22 Days)						
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June (20 Days)							July (16 Days)							August						
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 Denotes Bank Holidays

195 days - including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

 Denotes School Holidays

 Denotes Trust/school inset days

Wishing all our pupils and their families a fabulous weekend.

Tamara Gulliver

Acting Head Teacher and CEO of St Mary's Academy Trust