

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

# The Weekly Bulletin

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## SATs Results Update 2022

This week saw primary schools across the country receive the results of the Key Stage 2 SATS tests completed in May. This was of course, the first time children in Year 6 at Barrow Primary School have taken these statutory tests (which are completed under exam conditions and externally marked) and the first time they have been completed nationally since 2019.

You may have already seen in the news that the picture nationally saw a fall in attainment this year, compared to pre-covid, for the proportion of children meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. We are delighted to say, however, that the results for Barrow were well above the national average in all subjects and indeed also above pre-pandemic averages. Particularly impressive was the number of children who scored at a higher level in all areas - again significantly above the national average.

This strong performance was also reflected in the end of Key Stage 1 outcomes for our Year 2 children, where the number of pupils meeting the expected standard was also well above the national average in reading, writing and maths. We are also delighted to see that the number of children who met the expected standard for phonics at the end of Year 1 was also significantly above the national benchmark. Similarly, the percentage of children who achieved a 'good level of development' at the end of Reception was also well above the national average.

## Year 5 Activities Week

Year 5 have had an incredible week of activities including a local day trek, 442 fun with Mr Miller, a trip to the Science Museum and theatre in London and a fabulous summer camp-over at school. Check out their camp fire video on our school Twitter account....



## Careers Week 2022

**Next week will see our first Careers Week at Barrow School!** Career-related learning begins at a very early age; children absorb ideas about careers from many sources including the work that they see in the home, the stories they read and the games that they play. Primary schools have a key role in ensuring that the more formal aspects of this learning provide opportunities for personal growth, enjoyment and challenge.



The idea of career development in primary schools is easily misunderstood, especially when looked at through the lens of secondary school careers education programmes. Learning for career development in primary schools is an essential foundation for what happens later! Learners in secondary education need to make important choices of where, how and what to learn as they take tentative steps to enter adult work roles and realise their career ambitions. Primary school learners are finding out who they are, who they possibly could become and where they might fit in the world!

Launching on our Transition Day on Monday, we're looking forward to lots of different sessions next week geared to broadening the children's horizons, challenging stereotypes and helping them develop the skills and sense of self that will enable them to reach their full potential - now and in the future! Look out for further information on Google Classroom next week.

## Year 6 Hen Party

After weeks of top-secret planning, Mrs Pearce and Year 6 surprised their beloved Miss Burchell with a class Hen Party this week! Miss Burchell is getting married over the summer holidays and the children were keen to be part of the celebrations with party food, games, a Mr & Mrs quiz and a very special poem written and performed by the whole class.



## Dogs Trust Workshops

The whole school enjoyed having Darcy from the Dogs Trust in this week leading an assembly and workshops in all year groups to promote positive attitudes and safe behaviours towards dogs. Our



school therapy dog, Jacob, also came along to help everyone practice the new knowledge and advice that had been shared.

## Japanese Day

On Thursday of this week, we had a whole school Japanese Day with Williams Sensei! We enjoyed greeting one another in Japanese as well as learning the 'Radio Taiso' which is an exercise routine that has been practiced for nearly 100 years in Japan. At school in Japan, the whole-school gather together and perform this exercise before school. As part of the routine, we needed to learn to count to 4 in Japanese too. Each year group then had a session with Williams Sensei where they learnt about 'Tanabata' which is a summer festival based on a traditional Japanese story. The characters in the story represent two stars, Vega and Altair, and so it is also known as the 'Star Festival'. Tanabata is famous for its large and colourful decorations so we all made our own decoration called a tanzaku where the children wrote a wish which was then hung on our wish tree. We all enjoyed eating watermelon as it is considered a luxury in Japan. We had a really wonderful day learning about and celebrating another culture and learning another language.

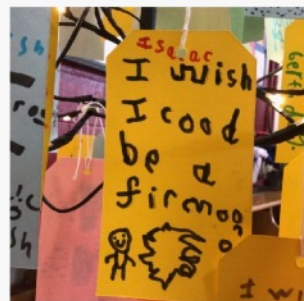


## Musical Medley Success

This talented group took part in the Music Medley Showstoppers show last weekend. Here they are ready to perform their first song!



For most of them, it was their first time on stage and they did their families, the school and most importantly, themselves, proud.



# Transition Day Arrangements Reminder

On the morning of Transition Day, please drop your children off with their **new teacher** as detailed in the table below. They will then be directed to their classrooms for the day. Should you have any queries regarding these arrangements, please speak to your child's current class teacher. |

Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Outgoing Year 6
Drop off	With Mrs Rance on the playground near to the courtyard	With Mrs Dean on the main playground	With Miss Baker on the main playground	With Mr Keefe on the main playground	With Mr Hale at current classroom entrance in new block	With Miss Burchell at current classroom entrance in new block	With Mrs Pearce at the hall doors

## Dates for Your Diary - July

W/c 11<sup>th</sup> - Careers Week

11<sup>th</sup> - Whole school transition day

12<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Farm Trip

15<sup>th</sup> - FoBs School Disco & Non-uniform day

18<sup>th</sup> Felixstowe Trip

19<sup>th</sup> Barrow's Got Talent

20<sup>th</sup> - End of Term Church Service at 9.30am

21<sup>st</sup> - Leavers Assembly for Y6 families at 1.15pm

## Uniform for September

Parents may already be thinking about purchasing new school uniform for the start of term in September. **We can confirm that arrangements for wearing PE uniform to school will remain the same for the new academic year as they have done this year.**

This means that children will be expected to attend school in their PE uniform on two days each week so that they are ready for PE lessons - please see the school website for details of our uniform requirements.

Please note - that headbands and hair accessories worn in school should be an appropriate size and colour in keeping with our uniform. Thank you.

## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge launches across Suffolk's libraries soon and we're hoping to mark our ten-year anniversary with the biggest ever Summer Reading Challenge.

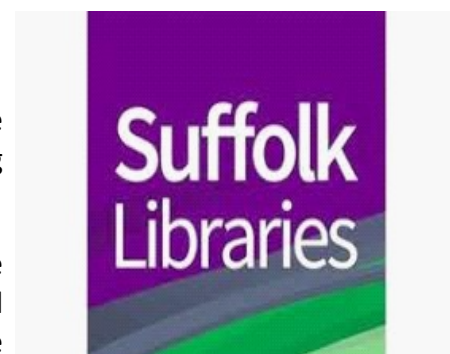
Suffolk Libraries was launched as a charity on 1 August 2012. Since that time there have been nearly 70,000 sign-ups to the annual Suffolk Reading Challenge. It would be great if we could smash the Suffolk record of 8,300 children taking part over the summer.

We'd love it if all primary schools could let children and parents know about the challenge. You can get more information at [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/src](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/src) and sign up for email updates. We've also sent all primary schools a supply of bookmarks and posters to help you promote it.

Any children aged under 12 can sign up for the challenge for free in any of our 44 libraries from Saturday 16 July.

The Summer Reading Challenge is the country's largest annual literacy campaign. It's organised by The Reading Agency and run in libraries across the country.

Children are challenged to read six books over the summer holidays and in return they receive stickers, rewards and a certificate for completing the challenge. The challenge runs from July to September. This year's theme is Gadgeteers, which focuses on scientific innovation and creative thinking. Libraries will also be organising lots of fun activities during the summer.



**FoBS Non Uniform Day**

**WEAR YOUR BEACH  
PARTY CLOTHES TO  
SCHOOL**

**15TH JULY**

