

# Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council



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## EYFS Newsletter

### May 2024

#### Our New Newsletters

Welcome to our fourth monthly newsletter of 2024, April marked the start of Summer Term for us and we all came back from our Easter break raring to go! We have all started new topics and welcomed new children.

#### April Update from FS1

We started our new term by welcoming some new starters into FS1. Our new children have all settled in brilliantly and we are very pleased to have them with us at Kings Oak. Those of us that were already here have been very kind, helpful and patient when helping our new ones settle in.

A new half term meant a new topic for us in FS1. This half term our topic is At the Bottom of the Garden, it is all about growing and minibeasts. We have been focusing on growing first and read the stories 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We have enjoyed exploring vegetables and soil in our water tray. We planted some peas to take home and some fruits and vegetables in our garden at school. We talked about what vegetables we like to eat and discovered chips are made from potatoes, we decided to make our own chips by scrubbing, peeling and cutting potatoes, they were so yummy! We also set up a compost bin and put our potato peel in and all of the leaf matter that we collected from around our outdoor area. We also did our bit for the environment by going on a sponsored litter pick in our forest area. At the end of the month it was Beep Beep Week, where we learned all about how to be safe crossing the road and also why it is important to wear a seatbelt when in the car. We played lots of games and had discussions linked to these and then practised crossing the road in our bike area.

In maths this month, we have been learning all about height and length and have been sequencing events. In phonics, we have been working on hearing the sounds in words and orally blending them together.

#### April Update from FS2

We have had an amazing start to the summer term in FS2. We kicked off the term by learning about some of the seasonal changes that have been happening in our environment. We discussed some of the different ways that we can care for it, by ensuring that we put our rubbish in the bins and recycle as much waste as we can. We also participated in the sponsored litter pick in Wombwell Park and we all did an amazing job of making it a much cleaner place to play.

We have also been learning about 'growing and planting' and we have read the stories 'Little Sunflower' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We have even planted some of our own sunflower seeds, which we will be taking home at the end of the half term. We have loved monitoring them each week to see who's has grown the tallest and have been taking it in turns to be the sunflower monitors.

Towards the end of the month we took part in 'Beep Beep Week,' where we learned all about being safe near the roads and the precautions we must take when crossing them. STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! We even went out into the community to practice the skills we had learned in class.

We have also started our daily handwriting sessions this month where we have been practicing the correct formation of the letters of the alphabet and writing simple sentences using our phonics knowledge in preparation for Year 1!



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### Reminders

- Please can we request that you check that there are names in all of your child's clothing, things do get mixed up or misplaced at times and if there are names in items it makes it much easier for us to return them to you!
- Could you please check at home to make sure you do not have any clothing that does not belong to your child, we have a few items of clothing missing at the moment that we think may have accidentally gone home in the wrong bag!
- As the weather begins to warm up, please ensure your child is wearing sun cream and brings a sunhat to school. We access our outdoor classroom every day and want our children to be able to enjoy their learning whilst also staying safe. Please be aware that we cannot apply sun cream on to your child.

### Transition

We appreciate that this time of year can be a nervous and exciting time, FS1 parents have just found out their child's Reception place and FS2 parents are looking on to Year 1. We appreciate there will be many questions and worries about these big events in your children's lives. Please rest assured that as a school we will provide your child with a robust transition into their next class. More information will follow on the details of this shortly.

### Litter Pick

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in sponsoring your children for their litter pick. The children worked very hard on the day and we were able to raise a good amount of money for our outdoor area. This money will be spent on new resources for the children to use in their outdoor play!

### Special Mentions

Our FS2 Stars of the Week in April were;

Hunter P, Adaline, Hudson, Sienna R and Ethan!

Our FS1 Stars of the Week in April were;

Jason, Nell, Leo, Ava and Colton

A huge well done to all of you, we are very proud of the hard work and effort you have been putting in to your learning at school!

### Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – FS1 Family Forest Day
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – FS2 Family Afternoon Tea
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Inset Day
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Inset Day
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – FS2 Sports Day
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – FS1 Sports Day