



Barrow Hall Community Primary School

I am here to feel secure, to be valued, and to learn
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School Web Site: www.barrowhall.co.uk

Sponsored Readathon

Many thanks to all of you who supported the recent 'Readathon'. We have yet to count all the money that has arrived in school but it is over £1000! Special thanks also go to one of our parents, Mrs Hughes, for organising this event and the recent Book Fairs which will enable us to purchase more reading materials for our children. If you have ordered books, they will be in school after the Easter break.

Gymnastics

A group of our children competed in a local gymnastics competition for their club last weekend. They have proudly shared their achievements at school. Well done to them all!

Athletics

Our Athletics Team took part in the Regional Finals in Ellesmere Port on 24th March after winning through to represent the town. The school came fourth in the completion which included all of the local finalists from across the north west. Well done to all of the children involved for competing so well.

Tag Rugby

A group of children from Y3/4 have attended a Tag Rugby festival at Great Sankey High School earlier this week. Thanks go to all of the children and to Miss Lees and Mr Dunleavy for arranging this at short notice.

Schools' National Funding Formula

I would also like to thank all parents who have supported Barrow Hall and all of the schools in Warrington with the campaign to review the schools' National Funding Formula. I have received copies of responses from our MP which indicate that he is very much in support of this. We believe that government is reviewing its position. I will, of course, keep parents informed.

Bike Right

Our Y5 children are now well into their Bike Right programme (some may remember this as 'Cycling Proficiency'). I have, as always, received glowing reports from the instructors about the behaviour of our children during this.

Parking in Disabled Bays

I would like to thank all parents who have supported the systems in place for the use of the school staff/disabled car park at the peak time. This is helping to keep that area of the school as safe as possible for our children. I would like to remind parents that the spaces marked for disabled visitors in the 'overflow' car park are designated for holders of 'blue badges' only.

E-Safety information provided by PC Liz Stanton MBE, Lead Youth Engagement Officer, Safer Schools and Young Persons Partnership

Do you know the recommended ages for Kik, Snapchat and ooVoo? Visit NSPCC NetAware to stay up to date with these and other social networking apps.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Summer Term Key Dates

Below are a few of the key dates for the next term:

May 3-5 Y4 Residential visit to the Conway Centre

May 8-12 KS2 SATs

June 12-16 Y1 Phonics Screen Assessments

June 19-21st and 23-24th Y2 Residential visit to Burwardsley

July 3-7 Transition Week

July 25th Leavers' Assembly/Last day of school year.

Video is a great way to stay in contact with family, talk to multiple friends at once or just get creative. Sites and apps like Skype, Omegle and Musical.ly allow children to do just that. Using a webcam, tablet or smartphone, users can share videos and have live, face-to-face conversations with other people online. But there are risks too, including talking to strangers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/video-chat-video-sharing/>

Easter Break

School closes today for the Easter Break. We reopen at the usual time on Monday 24th April.

