

Welcome back to school following half term last week. I hope you all managed to have a lovely break and family time. The children have returned to school happy and full of excitement for the second part of the summer term and Enrichment Week.

ENRICHMENT WEEK

This week; all week, each class have been exploring and learning about a country. This is something that I have wanted to do for a long time and with the help of Miss Cook, we planned a fabulous journey through the world for all of the children. I hope that the children have talked to you about their learning and discoveries this week. It has been truly wonderful. During the week, the children have had the opportunity to learn about the culture, geography, capital city, music, the arts, food, traditions, famous people and famous landmarks of their allocated country. The countries studied have been India, China, Peru, Ghana, Jamaica, Spain and Australia. The children have had the chance to cook and taste authentic food, have learnt about the music from Mr Servant and have experienced the dance culture with Mrs Barlow. The children were also joined by Poonam Bhatia, when Elm class learnt about India, and Gloria and Stephen Quao who helped Ash class learn about Ghana. Thank you for bringing in the traditional clothes and for the food for the children to try. It was so kind of you to give up your time. I would also like to say thank you to all of the teachers who took our ideas and planned wonderful activities for all of the children.

WELCOME BABY BELLA

I wanted to let you know that a few weeks ago, Mrs Byng who is one of our teaching assistants, had a very healthy baby girl named Bella. She is a beautiful addition to the Byng family and Mum and baby are doing really well. Many congratulations to Michelle and Michael, Charlotte and April. She is gorgeous!

FACE COVERINGS

Please can I remind all parents and carers, who come onto the school site, that we still require you to wear a face covering. Guidance for schools from the Department for Education and our own Covid Risk Assessment remains the same and hasn't changed therefore please support us on this. Naturally, we all hope that the easing of the national restrictions will come soon when it is the right time and as soon as there are any changes then we will let you know. For schools, this may not be until September.

FUNDRAISER FOR LEO

Thank you to you all for supporting our fundraiser for Leo. On our non-uniform fundraiser day, our final total was £565. This was such a great effort from the whole school and community and I can't thank you enough. I know that this amount of money will really help the family and support Leo's future needs. Thank you Team Bartons!

BIRTHDAY SURPRISES



On Thursday, it was my birthday and having thought I would keep it quiet (because it was a milestone),

I was very surprised with lots of lovely cards and generous gifts from families, staff and Governors. There were surprises throughout the day and I felt a very lucky girl. Thank you for your good wishes and I was bowled over by the generosity of so many staff and parents. So many parents gave me flowers, plants, smellies, chocolates and wine. I was really touched by your kindness. 50 isn't so bad after all! Thank you to Mrs A. Powell who I know had a big hand in the celebrations and all I'll say is some people need to watch out for when it is their birthday! *Have a great weekend! Kate Powell*