Parental Feedback

As a school we really value your feedback in helping us continue to implement an exciting learning experience for all of your children. Last year we implemented two different parent surveys - our annual survey and our questionnaire on developing a school App. You will be pleased to know that we are in the process of designing the App which will be launched in January – all information provided on the App links directly to the feedback you have provided so thank you. With regards to the annual survey please take a look at our website: https://www.baronscourt.southend.sch.uk/views-of-our-school/ this provides an overview of all of your feedback and what we are doing in response. We would also like to ask that you complete your views on Ofsted Parentview the link is also located on our website or can be found at: https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views We look forward to working in partnership with you again this year and look forward to receiving your feedback to ensure we continue to provide the best possible experience for all of your children.

Feedback from The Governing Body - 20th September 2019

The main focus of the first meeting of the year was to consider the membership of the Governing Body and to ensure that all roles and responsibilities of committees were approved. Governors were appointed to be responsible for: GDPR; Emotional Well-Being, Mental Health and Community; Inclusion; Health and Safety; Safeguarding; Curriculum and Training.

The School Development Plan was received and agreed and there will be a focus on maths and curriculum development over the year. School performance was also reviewed for the academic year 2018-2019 and showed that all pupils achieved strong outcomes during the year. A range of survey analysis was also shared and reviewed and feedback from Year 6 Pupil surveys, Year 6 Parent surveys, the Annual Parent Survey, the KS2 pupil E-Safety survey and the Summer CLIC Reading Project Survey was positive in all cases and has helped inform the school planning for this year. Current policies were received and reviewed and Governors signed to say they had read the Keeping Children Safe in Education Part 1 Sept 2019 and the School's Safeguarding Policy. Governors also received an update on the Teaching School Alliance strategic plan for 2019-2020. The governors thanked the staff and Headteacher for all their hard work in the previous year which ensured that all children at our school continue to receive an exciting curriculum and enjoy all the learning experiences on offer. It’s going to be another exciting year ahead and we look forward to working in partnership with you. Jan Grover, Governor

Key Dates for your Diary

All of our school events for the year have been published on our school calendar. Below are a few of the exciting events we are looking forward to over the next few weeks:

Wednesday 16th October - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Thursday 17th October - Flu Immunisation Day

Friday 18th October - BCF Family Quiz Night

Monday 21st October - Year 5 Council Chamber visit

Thursday 24th October - PLT are holding a monster cake sale. Everyone is invited to make, bake and design their own monster themed cakes.

Monday 28th October - Half Term

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR OUR CHRISTINGLE TO: TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 2.00pm.

Please remember that pupils cannot walk home from school after half term without an adult.

We look forward to sharing more events with you over the coming weeks. Don’t forget you can access the newsletter, see all the letters that have been sent out with your child and access the Phase page to see what you child’s phase are doing via the school website: www.baronscourt.southend.sch.uk

Year 6 Parents

Please remember that the secondary school application round for Year 6 pupils is now open with the deadline for all applications 31st October 2019. If you need any further help or guidance with this process please speak with Jo over the next few weeks or contact Southend-on-Sea Admissions team on www.southend.gov.uk/admissions
Phase 1
Last week our story focus was The Gingerbread Man. We learnt about the phoneme ‘m’ and had a brilliant time making gingerbread men for special snack. This week our story focus is Little Red Riding Hood and we will focus on ‘r’. We will begin practising writing the numbers 1-5 in lots of different ways e.g. in salt, sand, with chunky crayons as well as pencils.

Phase 2
Year 1 had a wonderful day at Belfairs Woods, we made friendship bracelets and crowns, hunted for bugs and measured the circumference of trees. The children made dens, carrying the long sticks safely as a team. We enjoyed lunch outdoors and then completed a scavenger hunt, pressed natural objects into clay to make prints and identified leaves. The children behaved and worked sensibly and safely all day.

Reception are learning more sounds and enjoying their phonics sessions, this week they will begin to build simple words using magnetic letters. Please continue to practise name writing with your child, they are practising this at school too.

Phase 3
We have been continuing our learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age over the last few weeks. We have focused on comparing and describing clothing, hunting, animals and ways of life. We have particularly enjoyed dressing up in Iron Age clothing and designing our own tools to make out of dough. In English we have looked at using various pieces of punctuation for effect. This week year 3 have used inverted commas to record speech and year 2 have been looking at using commas in a list of adjectives. In Maths we have been exploring how to measure. Year 3 took on a great investigation and solved the mystery of who stole “Marvin the Maths Monkey” by measuring the staff's shoes. What great detectives they make! We have also loved learning new creative skills. Year 3 have learnt some great new moves in their Street Dance sessions and year 2 have begun to learn how to play new tunes on the recorder. In phase assembly we have celebrated many children who have been kind throughout the week to the people in the phase. We love celebrating so many of our successes.

Phase 4
This week in Phase 4 we have been continuing our aviation project and have looked at the life of the Wright Brothers who made the first manned powered flight, we have been writing about them in English. Our planes are coming together nicely, this week we have been making our wing sections and are looking forward to putting a skin of tracing paper over them next week, will they actually fly? We’ve seen some great sporting performances in gymnastics, the vault is always a challenge and in tag rugby where we’ve seen great progress in our passing accuracy. Next week we’re looking forward to more exciting science experiments and continuing our writing about the Wright brothers.

A Goodbye.....
This week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Poole within our school office. We would like to thank Mrs Poole for all of her hard work over the past 8 years especially in organising all of our school trips and visits. We wish her all the best in her new job. Thank you Mrs Poole.
Friday 27th September - Year 3 Residential

Year 3 really enjoyed their overnight residential at the school last week. They played games, made dinner and sat around the camp fire enjoying a hot chocolate and a sing-along. Arianna said "I really enjoyed the camp fire and singing along." Francesca said it was good fun because we did lots of activities and made pizza and dessert for our dinner." Jenson said "My favourite part was making my own jar night light." Mrs Robinson said that "The children behaved wonderfully and we had a great time, I really enjoyed the camp fire songs. I can’t wait till next year!"

Wednesday 2nd October - Key Stage 2 Cross Country

Our Key Stage 2 team enjoyed the cross country tournament at Garons Park last week. They all ran exceptionally well over a very long distance! The children reported that it was fun, however it was tiring at the same time. Mr Thornton reported that he was really proud of all of the children taking part, everyone worked really hard and represented the school to the highest level and that their sportsmanship was outstanding. Well done team, we are very proud of you.

Jackson said "It was fun and exhilarating."

Kitty said "I really enjoyed it and had lots of fun."

Charlie said "It was great fun, but it was very tiring at the same time!"

Monday 7th October - Year 1 visit to Belfairs Woods

On Monday our Year 1 children really enjoyed searching for different leaves and looking at all the nature in the woods. We looked, but we didn’t find The Gruffalo this time. Maybe when we visit later in the year we will be able to locate The Gruffalo. Eliot said "I found some bugs. There were some spiders that had claws!" Faith told us how much fun she had.

Mrs Dane said "It was so nice for Year 1 pupils to use the woods as their classroom for the day, we had a great day and all came back to school a little exhausted and a little muddy, but full of excitement!"

Wednesday 9th October - Harvest Assembly

This week HARP came into school and told the children about the work they do to help the homeless around Southend. We collected items of food and donated these to help HARP with all the good work they do. As a school we are proud of all of our achievements in helping organise the collection of the food and want to say thank you to everyone for donating so much.

Gabriele said - “It is so important that we help people who need our help.”

Curriculum Work

We have really enjoyed writing with the children and they’ve been using description words from Year 3.
**Golden Leaves**

Over the last two weeks golden leaves have been presented to children who demonstrate our core values of caring, sharing, achieving and respect.

Golden leaves were presented in assembly to: Alisa, Charisse, Nina, Olive, Ihsan, Vivien, Katerina, Olivia, Howie, Milly-Mae, Charlie, Gracie, Allia, Lottie, Frankie, Emma, Alex, Skye, Christian, Tommy, Sophia and Abbie.

**Out of School Achievements**

We have celebrated with:

- Dolce and Lilly who completed their first dance competition and won trophies for first place.
- Lucas who shared with us his swimming certificate.
- Amber who shared with us her Brownie badge.

*Well done everyone!*  

**Attendance**

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Congratulations to the children in Year 4 who have the highest attendance for the last two weeks at 99.4% Well Done!

Congratulations to Tristan and Abdul who were the 100% attendance and punctuality winners.

**The Importance of Attendance**

At Barons Court we work in partnership with children and their families to support good attendance.

A good education gives a child the best possible start in life. To achieve this it is important that each child attends school regularly and punctually. When a child does not attend school regularly and on time they will have difficulty keeping up with their work and will therefore underachieve.

The school recognises that parents have a vital role to play in supporting and encouraging good attendance and punctuality. By accepting responsibility in partnership with the school, we can work together to ensure the children’s right to a full education, as well as enabling parents to fulfil their legal responsibility.

Usually, the only acceptable reason for a pupil to miss a day of school is if they are too ill to attend. If this is the case, you should ring the school office by 9.00am.

Pupils are only in school for 190 days each year so there are 175 other days for holidays and other activities. The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time.

For your information and to help when booking days out and holidays, all term dates for the academic year can be found on the school website. Go to the Menu, click on the Parents tab and you will find all the information under the Attendance tab:

[www.baronscourt.southend.sch.uk](http://www.baronscourt.southend.sch.uk)

Please note we have the following three Non-pupil days remaining for the rest of the academic year:

- **Friday 14th February**
- **Monday 24th February**
- **Monday 15th June**
Our Next Week Orchard Bistro Menu

Week 3 and Week 1

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Our CLIC timetable for the next two weeks is highlighted below. Please ensure you have spoken to Jo to book a course for the half term and to receive information on the start dates for each course. Please book your course as soon as possible as many are proving to be very popular.

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Monster Cake Sale
24th October 3.00pm

Come and join the fun
From 3:00pm till 3:45pm!