



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest newsletter and the last half-term of this academic year. We hope you all enjoyed your break and festivities that were taking place during the holiday.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Token winners

Gibberd were our house winners last term. They will be celebrating with a party which will be scheduled one day next week.

Platinum Award

We are thrilled to announce that we have achieved the Platinum award for the school games this year. We have achieved this through:

- Aiming for every child to attend a festival
- Coming third in the Year 3 & 4 swimming gala
- Coming second place in Cross country in Harlow and 22nd in the county competing against over 1000 other competitors
- Competing in the biggest range of events this year and still growing
- Inclusive sporting opportunities to ensure all children can take part in events
- Daily mile initiative working well

As always, this is not possible without everyone's support so thank you to all the volunteers who help us along with parents for supporting at events, transporting, cheering and supporting our school run events.

Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Chris Cooper our Catering Manager at the end of this week as she is leaving for pastures new. We would like to thank her for her 26 years of service with us and her contributions to our school meals, especially the themed days and providing special cakes for our dietary needs. We all wish her well for the future.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sports Day

Our sports day is scheduled to take place on Friday 17 June 2022 weather permitting. This will start at 9:30 am for EYFS, Year 1 and 2 classes and then continue with Years 3-6 later in the morning or after lunch, depending on how the races progress.

Parents are invited to stay for a picnic lunch with their children from 12:00-12:45. You can bring along your picnic blankets for this. For children in KS1 and FSM entitlements in KS2, you may order your child a chilled option from our school menu for collection on the day, alternatively please provide sandwiches from home for all the family.

Once our afternoon registration has been completed, we will continue with the Year 3-6 events. There may be an early finish which depends on how the races progress for those with parents still at the school.

REMINDERS

Lost Property

We have collected a vast amount of lost property over the past months and this will be available in our main playground each morning and evening for retrieving anything lost. Anything left at the end of this week will be forwarded to the Friends for their pre-loved sales.

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Gardening club: May'22

In October 2021 the club was started with strawberry plants and sweetpeas seeds being planted. During alternate weeks challenges and fun games were organised. January saw KS1's 6 raised beds having primroses, daffodil bulbs, grape hyacinths and snowdrops planted.



The front of school was decorated with donations of polyanthus, snowdrops (around the spruce tree) and saxifrage.



The lunchtime sitting area was weeded and planted with bluebells, heathers, primulas and chrysanthemums



In February 2022 the meadow garden / plot was started with the construction of the fence (half term) by my wife and me. During the next 2 months they continued to develop the plot with the help of parents Ken and Andy. Raised beds were built and put in place.



A miniature greenhouse was constructed and 2 water butts were put in place as well as a seed planting table.

During an assembly the children voted for the meadow plot to be named the "Rainbow Garden" to help them commemorate their times through the COVID pandemic.

During April and May the soil was treated to farmyard manure which was followed the fruit planting of a strawberry tub and raspberry canes.

Ground planting of vegetables followed with potatoes and onions followed by climbing french beans, dwarf french beams, broad beans, spinach, beetroot, tomatoes, kale and broccoli. Pumpkin and courgette seeds were pot planted.

Finally, flowers including sweetpeas (seed potted in the winter term) were planted and along a fence side.

Sunflowers and cornflowers were seed potted. Chrysanthemums were planted



The children would like to thank the Friends who supported their garden.

Also, Mrs Collins who has been with us throughout along with some volunteer parents

The Rainbow Garden as it is now.

We are looking forward to eating our own grown produce before the school year finishes

By Roger Nuttall

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Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8 June 2022	Friends selling Father's Day gifts—more information to follow This event will also take place on 15 June for Year 6 only
8-10 June 2022	Y6 Residential
Future events:	
17 June 2022	Sports Day from 9:30 am
24 June 2022	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
28 June 2022	Whole School Photograph
29 June 2022	Reserve Sports Day
13 July 2022	Music concert for parents—children who take up individual music tuition
14 July 2022	Friends Summer BBQ
19 July 2022	Year 6 performance for Y6 families only (6:30 pm)
21 July 2022	Y6 Leavers' assembly (Y6 parents only) 9:15 am

